The Israeli Smart Transportation Research Center

ISTRC Annual Call for Research 2020-2021

Q&A

1. **Who can submit proposal as PI (Principal Investigator)?**

   Only faculty members in an academic institute in Israel, since the funding comes from The Planning and Budgeting Committee of the Council for Higher Education (ות"ת / מל"ג).

2. **Can a retired faculty member serve as a PI?**

   It depends on the institute regulation (in the Technion for example, Prof. Emeritus can serve as PI).

3. **Can PI submit several proposals?**

   Yes, but if several proposals win, he can act as PI only for one research, the best of all his submissions. Larger proposal will have priority over smaller ones.

4. **Can researcher participate in several proposals submitted by different teams?**

   Yes. Researcher can take part in several proposals and participate as partner in several winning researches. The limitation of having only one active research refers only to the PI. Unlike ISF, only one researcher can be a PI in each proposal. Additional faculty members can be considered Additional Investigator.

5. **Who can be a Co-PI ?**

   There can be only one PI or 'primary PI'. The 'primary PI' must be from

the academia, while the budget must go to its academic institution. There can be as many other Co-PI's as wanted, from any sector.

6. **Who will own the rights of IP in case of a joint collaboration between the academic institute and industry?**

IP & rights are according to the agreement between the company and the Academic institution. It can be differ according to policy of each academic institute,

7. **Are the research team limited to protect IP only in Israel or can they file also in the US?**

They are not limited to protect IP only in Israel, they can file also in the US.

8. **Does collaboration between researchers from different academic institutes is considering adequate for applying for the "Large research track (up to 500,000 NIS)"?**

The review committee will assess all applications according to the assessment criteria. Proposals with high collaboration degree (interdisciplinary, inter-institutional and/ or inter-sectoral) will have advantage, especially on the "Large research track".

9. **When is the notification time for the Call's winners?**

Notification for winners is planned for the beginning of April.

> **Call publication: 15.10. 2020**
> **Registration note: 22.11.2020**
> **Final submission: 27.12.2020**