



## University of Haifa and University of Connecticut Joint Research Fund - 2026 Call for Proposals

Guidelines for Applicants  
Deadline: Wednesday April 15, 2026

### Overview

The University of Haifa (UH) and The University of Connecticut (UConn) are pleased to announce the launch of a new research fund to support collaborative research initiatives between the two institutions.

The purpose of the Joint Research Fund is to initiate and develop new research partnerships that can demonstrate potential to result in significant research outputs. Preference will be given to projects which encourage the building of networks of researchers and have clearly defined plans for applying for future funding.

Projects can include:

- Joint research activities: scoping, feasibility, proof of concept;
- Working on joint research programs aimed at joint publications;
- Making joint funding applications

The Fund is open to applications from all research areas, and we encourage applicants from any discipline to submit proposals.

Proposals will be assessed and recommended for selection by a panel composed of staff from both universities. Important evaluation criteria will include a deep collaboration, whereby each side provides unique value from their home institution, and ability to demonstrate potential to receive external grant funding and produce joint publications.

### Projects

- To be eligible, a proposal must include a PI from UH and a PI from UConn.
- The funding envelope comprises up to \$10,000 from UH and \$10,000 from UConn. We expect to support up to 2 projects in this round for a funding period of 18 months.
- The fund is open to proposals across all research areas.
- Projects will be funded for a period of 18 months starting from June 2026 onwards. There is flexibility on start dates, but all projects must be underway by August 2026 at the latest.
- Proposals demonstrating strong relevance to strategic priorities at the participating institutions and with the potential for sustainability beyond the initial funding period are encouraged.
- Mutual external collaborators (including researchers from other universities internationally, or those working in non-academic contexts such as industry or government) cannot lead an

application but can be involved in the proposed activities at their own expense, where the benefit of their involvement to the collaboration is justified in the proposal.

### **Costs and proposal**

- Proposals may include workshops, symposia, research seminars, development of a collaborative network, research activity and pilot or feasibility research activities (such as experiments, surveys, etc.).
- Cost of travel between the universities is not eligible.
- Each institution will pay funds directly to its researchers. Approval of expenditure will be governed by each university for the portion of funding provided.

We encourage you to access both organizations' websites for full information on research areas and faculty bios. You can either contact potential collaborators directly through the website or contact the coordinators listed below who can assist in connecting you to researchers at each institution in your area of interest. University of Haifa Contact: Tsameret Einav, [tzohar1@univ.haifa.ac.il](mailto:tzohar1@univ.haifa.ac.il) University of Connecticut Contact: Stacy Webb, [stacy.webb@uconn.edu](mailto:stacy.webb@uconn.edu)