

THE 4TH CALL FOR SPARK TEL AVIV MENTORING PROGRAM PROPOSALS 2022-2023

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Enhance Translation of Academic Discoveries to Novel Therapeutics

SPARK TEL AVIV is a mentoring program created to accelerate scientific discoveries by bridging the gap between academic research and the healthcare industry. Our mission is to help researchers from TAU and affiliated hospitals overcome the obstacles involved in moving their early discoveries from bench to bedside by directing and facilitating their translational research.

This call is open for two arms:

1. Development of **NOVEL THERAPEUTICS** (small molecule or biologics), **MEDICAL DEVICES**, and **DIAGNOSTICS** for **UNMET MEDICAL NEEDS**
2. **REPURPOSING OF EXISTING DRUGS** for new indications and development of **TECHNOLOGIES** for **VULNERABLE** and **DISABLED COMMUNITIES**

Invited applications are for projects in the pre-translational phase, where proof of concept has already been established, and implementation is possible within 1-2 years. The program will support expenses needed for taking the project toward implementation, including market survey, regulatory consultancy, medicinal chemistry support, product design, and engineering efforts required for reaching commercial quality and clinical readiness.

YOUR BENEFITS:

- Project management support and mentorship
- Funds to support and de-risk your project, up to a maximum of \$100,000 per project/year, for a maximum of 2 years
- Advice from industry leaders
- Education on drug development, medical devices, and diagnostics
- Participation in a community of inventors and entrepreneurs
- Access to investors and experts with commercialization experience
- Membership in the international SPARK network
- Support for bringing your invention to the clinic

ELIGIBILITY AND PRIORITY:

- Applications will be accepted from regular full time TAU researchers (not emeritus)
- Priority will be given to teams that include a collaboration of TAU researchers and physicians from TAU affiliated hospitals.

CRITERIA

- Scope of UNMET CLINICAL NEED
- NOVELTY of approach
- TEAM suitability
- Quality of DATA
- Probability of COMMERCIALIZATION
- FEASIBILITY (Budget and time)

HOW TO APPLY?

Use the application form at the SPARK TEL AVIV website <https://spark-telaviv.tau.ac.il/call-cubes-lobby-2022-2023>
Deadline: November 22, 2022

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