

## A joint research fund between BGU- Cincinnati Children's hospital

We are pleased to announce that Cincinnati Children's and Ben Gurion University have partnered to launch a joint research fund focused on collaborative research that applies advanced technology to improve healthcare. Through a joint investment by both institutions, 2 collaborative research grants (\$50,000 each) will be awarded. Grants will be focused on the application of advanced technology to research. Priority will be given to research whose impact can be translational for child health and applications in areas of genomics, informatics, nanotechnology and other advanced technologies are encouraged. In addition to the grant, awardees will be supported by the Cincinnati Children's Israel Exchange Program which provides support for clinical, research, technology and educational exchange with Israel.

**The call for proposals will be announced June 1<sup>st</sup>, 2017**, but we wanted to inform you by email now so that you have time to identify potential collaborators overseas. 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.

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BGU Website: <http://in.bgu.ac.il/en/vpdrd/Pages/units.aspx>

CCHMC Website: <https://www.cincinnatichildrens.org/research/divisions/view-all>

Researchers applying for the grants must be faculty members in either Cincinnati Children's or Ben Gurion University and the applications will be evaluated by a joint committee made up of representatives from each institution as well as an external reviewer. Process for applying, timelines, criteria and scoring used to evaluate proposals will be explained in detail in the upcoming RFP in June. Important factors will include the research collaboration's potential to receive external grant funding, such as Europe's Framework Programme of Research, NIH and US/Israel Bi-National Science Foundation, demonstration of application of advanced technology and a deep collaboration, whereby each side provides unique value from their home country and institution.

Good Luck

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