

FAQs: HUJI - U OF T JOINT CALL FOR PROPOSALS

1. What length should the proposal be?

The proposal should not be more than 10 pages excluding a short CV for each PI.

2. What should be in the proposal?

The proposal should contain the following:

- **Proposed project title**
- **Information on applicants:** Names of the participating PIs, department/institute/faculty affiliation, SGS membership status (U of T PIs). Preference will be given to proposals that include a minimum of 6 PIs, with 3 from each institution. The lead PIs from each institution should be clearly identified. All 6+ participating PIs should include a short CV (2-3 pages each)
- **Academic case, synergy and overall project scope:** The team will articulate an academic rationale and scope of research for the collaboration, and describe anticipated research outcomes, planned deliverables and timelines, as well as area(s) of complementary research strength. Further, the team will identify which strengths reside at each institution, and the advantages of working together within a single research cluster. The team will discuss how these strengths result in an alliance that is more than the sum of its parts. Any existing ties between the PIs at U of T and HUJI on which the collaboration will be built should be enumerated.
- **Implementation plan** including addressing the following considerations:
 - How will U of T and HUJI PIs raise awareness of, and participation in, the alliance amongst students?
 - How will U of T and HUJI PIs jointly recruit a PDF to the alliance?
 - How will PIs jointly utilize the alliance to recruit new doctoral students into the program, benefiting each of the collaborating institutions?
 - How will the co-PIs ensure ongoing collaboration?
 - How will the PIs train undergraduate, graduate & PDF students? Please see response to question #4.
 - PIs should share a mobility plan for graduate students and/or PIs for this alliance.
- **Milestones & Path to Sustainability:** The proposal will include key milestones at the 2, 3, and final year anniversaries including demonstrating a path to building a sustained funded partnerships (research grants, corporate funding and or philanthropic sources) that leverage the initial funding

3. What are the eligible expenses?

Each approved project is eligible to receive up to 150,000 CAD/year in total from both institutions. Up to 50,000 CAD/year could be used from this award for a postdoctoral fellowship (PDF).

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The remaining 100,000 CAD/year awarded by both universities should be dedicated to costs related to funding travel for the exchange of researchers (undergraduate and graduate students, PDFs, research associates and/or PIs) between the institutions; costs associated with collaborative workshops/symposia; and minor research costs associated with the projects.

Applicants may invest additional funding from other sources to cover any eligible expenses that exceed the 150,000 CAD/year in joint funding or other expenses that are not deemed eligible under this program for the collaborative project.

4. This is not enough money to fund 6 graduate students and a pdf. How can we have such a large-scope partnership on this budget?

The annual budget of \$150,000 CAD is meant to supplement graduate student and academic research base funding in order to enable face-to-face collaboration through travel expenses in addition to providing the base salary for one shared PDF.

Base funding for graduate student salaries and other research-related expenses can be provided by the participating PIs through external or internal grants.

5. Are there other internal funds that I can use to supplement and strengthen my application?

Collaborative teams are encouraged to connect with their home departments/faculties to see if there are any internal matching opportunities. If a department/faculty commits to co-funding the alliance proposal, please include that letter of support with your application, quantifying each division's committed contributions.

6. I'm used to having 1:1 collaborations with colleagues at other universities. How can I manage a 3:3 collaboration (or greater)?

The alliance between U of T and HUJI aims to tackle problems that exceed the expertise of a single collaborative pair of PIs. When putting forward a proposal, consider a problem space within your domain that can be subdivided into several smaller collaborative efforts, but which, when taken together, represent the potential for transformative impact in the field.

7. Is prior demonstrated collaboration (through co-publications or co-application to external funding) with my collaborative counterpart necessary?

Having some established working relationship with your collaborative counterparts is considered desirable, but is not necessary. It would be highly unlikely that all 6 PIs have a demonstrated track record of collaboration.

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8. There are 6 PIs and only 1 PDF. How is that PDF's time allocated?

The PDF will be co-supervised by the lead PIs at each institution. The PDF's research and project management duties will be determined by those two supervisors in consultation with the PDF including how much time is spent on each of the constituent sub-projects.

9. I have forgotten where the original call for proposals was posted. Can you please re-post it here?

The original call for proposals can be found at the following [link](#). Full details are available for download at this [further link](#).

10. I have a question that was not addressed in this FAQ. Who can I ask for guidance?

U of T inquiries can be sent to illan.kramer@utoronto.ca and HUJI inquiries can be sent to janet@savion.huji.ac.il.