

## **LMU-TAU Research Cooperation Program 2026 Calls for Applications**

The “LMU-TAU Research Cooperation Program” aims to enhance research collaboration between Tel Aviv University (TAU) and Ludwig-Maximilians-Universität München (LMU) through joint research projects, scientific workshops, and exchange of researchers.

For 2026, researchers can apply for funding in the following collaboration categories:

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### **Joint Research Projects**

#### **Introduction and Purpose**

The “LMU-TAU Research Cooperation Program” aims to foster joint research projects carried out by researchers at Tel Aviv University (TAU) and Ludwig-Maximilians-Universität München (LMU). Researchers affiliated with each institution [Principal Investigators (“PIs”)] are invited to jointly submit research proposals for the development of collaborative research projects and the exchange of researchers between TAU and LMU (a “Project”) under the terms and conditions described below.

#### **Scope of Projects**

- **Number of Awards:** Up to four (4) joint projects will be selected by means of a call for applications issued jointly by the two institutions.
- **Eligibility:**
  - Each proposal must include research team participants from both institutions.
  - Principal Investigators (PIs) must meet the eligibility criteria of their respective institutions.
  - Proposals must be submitted jointly by one PI from TAU and one PI from LMU, with each submitting the same application to their own institution.
  - Proposals must be written in English and follow a standardized format agreed upon by both institutions, including a project abstract, detailed budget, and CVs of the respective PIs.
- **Selection Process:** All proposals will be reviewed by a joint selection committee composed of representatives from TAU and LMU, following jointly defined evaluation criteria.
- **Project Duration:** Each project will have a standard duration of one (1) fiscal year (January until December), unless otherwise agreed by the institutions.
- **Eligible Costs:** Funding may be used to cover the following:
  - Travel and accommodation costs for visits between Munich and Tel Aviv
  - Event organization (e.g. catering, dissemination materials)
  - Research assistance (e.g. student assistants; at LMU this category exclusively and excluding E 13 TV-L personnel)
  - Publication costs
  - Reasonable consumables and material expenses directly related to the project (max. 50% of the project costs)

#### **Funding and Budget**

Each approved joint project will receive a maximum total of €46,250, split evenly between the institutions. TAU will provide up to €23,125 euros, and LMU will up to €23,125; each in support of their respective researchers.

#### **Applicant Eligibility**

- TAU: Faculty members
- LMU: Professors and postdocs employed at LMU on a fixed-hours basis
- Collaborators from outside TAU and LMU may participate in projects but will not be eligible for financial support under this program.

## Intellectual Property

### I. Definitions:

- a. "Intellectual Property" (IP): includes technical information, know-how, models, drawings, specifications, prototypes, inventions, and software.
- b. "Background Intellectual Property": IP of a party that is proprietary to that party and was conceived, created, or developed prior to the execution of this agreement, or will be conceived, created or developed following execution of this agreement independent of any research performed pursuant to or related to this agreement or a project hereunder; and in each case, that is necessary for the performance of a project.
- c. "Foreground Intellectual Property": IP that is discovered, created or reduced to practice in the performance of a project.

### II. Ownership

- a. Background IP of a party shall remain the exclusive property of said party.
- b. LMU shall own all Foreground IP created solely by LMU's personnel.
- c. TAU shall own all Foreground IP created solely by TAU's personnel.
- d. Commercialization of Joint IP: Both parties will agree to negotiate in good faith the terms of an inter-institutional agreement through which the Joint IP may be commercialized.

TAU and LMU agree that each party has its own pre-existing proprietary rights which are not affected by this Call for Applications. If TAU personnel and LMU personnel are co-inventors of any result or invention, the parties will negotiate in good faith and enter into an inter-institutional agreement relating to the protection, use and commercialization of such joint result or invention.

## Timeline

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| Call for Applications announced on TAU and LMU websites and/or distributed by email                                                                                   | 3 September 2025                |
| Closing date for submission of proposals                                                                                                                              | 3 November 2025                 |
| Project adjudication: Projects will be reviewed by the TAU and LMU committee members, which will reach a mutual decision based on all votes of the committee members. |                                 |
| Notification of results                                                                                                                                               | 18 December 2025                |
| Funding period                                                                                                                                                        | 1 January –<br>31 December 2026 |

## Proposal Requirements

Proposals must be submitted separately to TAU and LMU using the standard internal grant application format required by each institution. Submissions must fully comply with the guidelines outlined in this Call for Applications and must include the following components:

- Project Title and Description (max. pages), including
  - Expected Outcomes
  - An outline of the longer-term benefits to both institutions
- Curriculum vitae (CV) of the cooperating partners at LMU and TAU
  - Max. 2 pages per CV
  - Up to 5 relevant publications
- Planned timeline
- List of planned project participants
  - Names and institutional roles of all involved researchers

- Indicate clearly those for whom travel, or accommodation expenses are requested
- Detailed LMU and TAU budget, including other sources of funding
- Planned further grant applications and publications (if applicable)

### **Application Deadline**

Applications are prepared and submitted jointly. Each application must be submitted on or before **2 November 2025** to both TAU and LMU by the respective PIs. Applications submitted after the deadline will not be considered. No amendments or supplementary materials will be accepted after submission, unless specifically and formally requested by either TAU or LMU.

### **Review Process**

All submitted proposals will first undergo an administrative review to ensure they meet eligibility and compliance requirements. Eligible proposals will then be evaluated through a competitive peer-review process, based on the following criteria:

- Scientific and scholarly merits of the project
- Academic excellence of the applicants
- Relevance to ongoing research
- Strategic value and benefit to both institutions

Proposals that do not comply with the requirements outlined in this Call for Applications will be deemed ineligible and disqualified from further consideration.

### **Evaluation Committee and Selection**

- An ad hoc joint committee, composed of faculty members from both TAU and LMU, will be convened by the TAU Vice President International and the LMU program coordinator, or their delegates.
- This committee will review, assess, and rank all eligible proposals submitted to their respective institutions.
- Up to four (4) joint proposals will be selected for funding.
- Funding decisions will be made jointly and require the mutual agreement of both TAU and LMU.
- Final funding decisions will be communicated by email to the respective applicants.

### **Grant Cancellation**

TAU and LMU reserve the right to cancel funding at any time during the award period if circumstances arise that, in the judgment of the TAU Vice President for International Affairs or the LMU program coordinator, are deemed sufficiently serious to warrant termination of the grant.

### **To Apply:**

- Each application must be submitted to both TAU and LMU by the respective PIs.
- TAU scholars must apply using the [TAU joint projects](#) online submission form
- LMU scholars must apply using the [LMU joint research online submission form](#)

## **LMU-TAU Research Cooperation Program 2026 Call for Applications**

### **Workshops**

As part of the LMU-TAU Research Cooperation Program, Ludwig-Maximilians-Universität München (LMU) and Tel Aviv University (TAU) support workshops conducted jointly by researchers from both universities.

#### **Eligibility**

LMU and TAU faculty members are eligible to submit applications (at LMU: Professors and postdocs employed at LMU on a fixed-hours basis). Collaborators from other institutions besides TAU and LMU can participate in the workshops but are not eligible for any financial support from TAU or LMU.

#### **Funding**

Successful joint proposals will receive up to a maximum of 15,000 euros overall. TAU will provide each approved project up to 7,500 euros, and LMU will provide each approved project up to 7,500 euros, each in support of their respective researchers. Funding may include the following:

- Travel and accommodation costs for visits between Munich and Tel Aviv
- Expenses for event organization (e.g. catering, dissemination material)
- Research assistance (e.g. student assistants; at LMU this category exclusively and excluding E13 TV-L personnel)
- Publication costs

The costs of travel and accommodation as well as daily allowance will be reimbursed by both universities in accordance with their own regulations.

#### **Application Documents**

- Workshop title and description (max. 2 pages), including the expected outcome and outline of the longer-term benefits to both institutions
- Curriculum vitae (CV) of the cooperating partners at LMU and TAU (max. 2 pages per CV; up to 5 relevant publications)
- Planned timeline
- List of planned workshop participants
  - Names and institutional roles of all involved researchers
  - Indicate clearly those for whom travel, or accommodation expenses are requested
- Detailed LMU and TAU budget, including other sources of funding
- List of planned further grant applications and planned publications (if applicable)

#### **Application Deadline**

Applications are prepared and submitted jointly. Each application must be submitted on or before **3 November 2025** to both TAU and LMU by the respective PIs.

Applications submitted after the deadline will not be considered. No amendments or supplementary materials will be accepted after submission, unless specifically and formally requested by either TAU or LMU.

**To Apply:** Joint applications must be submitted to both institutions by the respective PI.

TAU scholars must apply using the [TAU workshop](#)

LMU scholars must apply using the [LMU online submission form](#).

## **LMU-TAU Research Cooperation Program 2026 Call for Applications**

### **Visiting Professorships at LMU Munich**

As part of the Research Cooperation Program with Tel Aviv University (TAU), Ludwig-Maximilians-Universität München (LMU) invites applications for visiting professorships for TAU faculty members.

#### **Eligibility and Scope**

The program is open to tenured and tenure-track faculty at TAU whose research fields are represented at LMU. The duration of the visiting professorship is flexible, ranging from 3 to 12 months, depending on individual availability and academic goals.

#### **Academic Activities and Responsibilities**

Visiting professors will have the opportunity to pursue their own research projects, as well as collaborative research with LMU colleagues. They will present their current research as part of the LMU-TAU Lecture Series in Munich.

In addition, depending on the duration of stay, visiting professors are encouraged to contribute to academic life at LMU through one or more of the following:

- Teaching or co-teaching a graduate or postgraduate course
- Participating in an LMU–TAU workshop
- Giving a public lecture

#### **Funding and Support**

LMU will cover:

- The fellowship for the visiting professor
- Travel expenses
- Research-related costs, which may include:
  - Hospitality expenses for academic events (e.g., conferences)
  - Employment of student assistants to support research activities

All funded activities must contribute to the development of the joint research cooperation between LMU and TAU.

#### **Application**

Required application materials

- Proof of contact with LMU research partner
- Letter of invitation from the relevant LMU department chair
- Project and course description (2-3 pages)
- Curriculum vitae and list of relevant publications
- Preferred period of stay in 2026 (you may list multiple options)
- Preference regarding contribution to LMU academic life (seminar, workshop, or lecture at LMU).

#### **Selection Process**

Applications will be evaluated by a selection committee at LMU. Priority will be given to:

- Faculty who demonstrates the relevance of LMU to their research
- Applicants with established or emerging collaborations with LMU scholars

Final selection decisions will be made by LMU committee members.

**Application Deadline: 3 November 2025**

**To Apply:**

- TAU faculty must apply using the [visiting professorship](#) link
- LMU hosts must submit the corresponding application via the [LMU online submission form](#).

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#### **Research Visits for Postdocs**

As part of the LMU–TAU Research Cooperation Program, Ludwig-Maximilians-Universität München (LMU) and Tel Aviv University (TAU) invite applications for short-term research fellowships for postdoctoral researchers affiliated with either institution.

These fellowships offer the opportunity for early-career scholars to advance their research and foster academic collaboration through a research stay of up to three months at the partner university.

#### **Funding**

Postdoctoral fellows will receive funding to support a research visit of **1 to 3 months** at the partner institution.

The sending institution will cover costs for:

- Travel
- Accommodation
- Daily allowance

Funding is provided up to €3,300 per month, in accordance with the respective institutional reimbursement guidelines.

#### **Eligibility Criteria**

Applicants must:

- Be employed as a postdoctoral researcher at LMU or TAU (on a fixed-hour contract) at the time of application and throughout the research stay
- Be working on a research project in an intermediate to advanced stage of development

#### **Application Requirements**

Applications must include:

- Title and summary of the research project (max. 3 pages), including an explanation of how the project relates to the research context at LMU and TAU
- Preferred period of stay in 2026, including the intended duration (in months)
- Curriculum vitae
- Letter of recommendation from a faculty member at the applicant's home institution (LMU or TAU)
- Letter of invitation from a faculty member at the host institution (LMU or TAU)

#### **Application Deadline: 3 November 2025**

This deadline applies to all research visits planned for calendar year 2026.

#### **To Apply**

Applications must be submitted via the applicant's home institution:

- TAU postdocs: Please use the [Research Visits for Postdocs](#)
- LMU postdocs: Please use the [LMU postdoc application online submission form](#).