Dear Faculty,                                                                                    May 7, 2017

This year we initiated the **Technion Research Directory**, which is a platform for individual research proposals to be submitted to donors (via our supporting agencies such as the American Technion Society) and exposed to our growing number of industrial liaison partners who support general academic activities at the Technion.  Each full-time Technion faculty member can submit one proposal each year, for a net sum of up to $500,000.  This is an unusually large amount, giving faculty the opportunity to explore research directions not necessarily available from conventional funding sources.

While many faculty submitted brief proposals (in laypersons' language), some did not because of the time-frame. I'm happy to announce that the system is now once again open for new proposals for the 2016-2017 academic year, and I encourage faculty to complete their submissions by July 2.

I remind everyone that:
- Submissions are via the Portal, using your normal access.
- For instructions please use this link:
  http://www.trdf.co.il/files/Technion%20Research%20Proposal%20Directory-Technical%20Information.pdf
- This is a web-based program, which will be made available to donors and friends of the Technion via a password.  It will not be open to the general public.
- Data on each Technion faculty member is required.  This information will not be shared with donors, but used to help donors in general searches conducted on the data base.
- Each faculty member can upload one proposal each year.  If the proposal is funded, a second proposal can then be uploaded.
- After a year, if the proposal is not funded, it should be altered or replaced.  A proposal can be modified twice, for a total of 3 years.  After 3 years it must be replaced.
- Faculty are asked to understand that this is not a funding agency, but a donation system, and as such Technion overheads are required in addition to TRDF overheads.  As such, once a faculty member uploads a proposal with a budget, additional overhead costs and VAT will be added to the total budget.
- Proposals should not be less than $25,000, and not more than $500,000.  An itemized budget is required, which can include salaries for staff, scholarships, equipment, consumables, and use of Technion facilities.  Salary for faculty and travel are not allowed.
- Proposals can be uploaded by full-time Technion faculty members.  This source is not available to research staff or retired faculty.

Once again, I strongly recommend not missing this unique funding opportunity.

All the very best,

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