The Israel Cancer Research Fund
in cooperation with the
Israel Ministry of Science, Technology and Space
Gesher Award
for Academic Excellence in the field of
Cancer Research

I. GENERAL POLICIES

The Israel Cancer Research Fund (ICRF) is a voluntary charitable organization that receives its total income from private donations. Its main goals are the advancement of cancer research and the training of Israeli scientists in Israel. To that end, funds for cancer research are available to citizens of Israel, both native-born and those who have settled. Funds are not available to visiting scientists. (Proof of Israeli citizenship must be furnished upon request.)

In accordance with the Israeli governmental policies aimed at encouraging young scientists to return to Israel, the ICRF has partnered with the Ministry of Science, Technology, and Space (MOST) to develop a joint program to fund outstanding cancer scientists who wish to return to Israel to develop an independent research program. This joint venture was developed in order to fund cancer research conducted in Israel by highly qualified returning Post-Docs and assist them to jump-start their careers through a matching funds program which will support their research and also provide a stipend for living expenses during their employment at Israeli research institutes. The ICRF will be responsible for application review and administration of the program in cooperation with MOST.

Funds may be requested for clinical or basic research or training, which must relate to cancer and must be conducted in Israel. To clarify, all research must be conducted in an academic institute or public or semi-public research Institute, i.e. universities and hospitals. Researchers employed in the industrial sector do not qualify.

Information on applying for ICRF research grants can be downloaded from our website, or obtained from the address below:

ICRF
9 Ha’uman Street, P.O.B. 53442
Jerusalem, 91533 Israel
Tel: 02-679-4464 • Fax: 02-679-4470 • E-Mail: icrf@netvision.net.il

(For any questions or problems, please send an E-mail message to: mail@icrfny.org)

Timetable for the Awarding of Grants

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Each application is reviewed by the Scientific Review Panel of the Israel Cancer Research Fund (the Fund). The Scientific Review Panel will evaluate each proposal for its (1) scientific content and rationale; (2) qualifications, experience and productivity of the candidate; (3) facilities and scientific environment available to the candidate. The relationship of the research to cancer must be defined in the application and does not exclude the use of lower model organisms. The rankings and recommendations of the Scientific Review Panels are presented to the International Scientific Council for final consideration. The Board of Trustees of the Fund and MOST will then approve all awards.

Contracts

Upon approval of a particular award, separate contracts will be signed between ICRF and MOST and the institution in which the awardee will conduct his research. The contract will include provisions regarding the award.

Gesher Award Eligibility

Gesher (Grant to Support Homecoming and Research) Awards are intended to support young investigators after their period of postdoctoral training. The awards are made to each sponsoring institution with the understanding that they will support a specific project that will be conducted by a specific, returning postdoctoral scientist who will have a position that enables him/her to establish an independent research program. To be eligible for a Gesher Award, the candidate must have a written commitment from the home (Israeli) institution that he or she will have an independent position upon return. Written commitment for an independent position contingent upon receipt of a Gesher Award is also permissible.

Gesher Awards will be given preferentially to those persons who have concluded their Doctoral dissertation no less than 2 years, but no more than seven (7) years prior to the date on which the ICRF-MOST award is to begin. Applications must be submitted while the applicant is conducting research outside Israel; during the funding period, the applicant must conduct his or her research in Israel.

The ICRF-MOST also encourages Gesher applications from M.D.’s who wish to pursue additional investigative work in a laboratory setting to acquire research experience. Proposals for this type of support will require supporting documents indicating that the applicant has a serious commitment to a career in academic medicine or one supported by institutional resources in basic or applied clinical research. Proposals will be accepted for a three year funding period, and the applicant must devote the majority of his or her time to the laboratory work. The grantees will not conduct other paid activities other than teaching responsibilities or clinical responsibilities that will not exceed more than 8 hours a week.

The grant will be awarded at a ceremony organized by the Ministry of Science, Technology and Space and ICRF. Details about the ceremony and its publicity will be jointly determined by MOST and ICRF.

For the purposes of this application process, an “Academic Institution” in Israel is defined as an accredited institution of higher education, according to the Council for Higher Education Law, 1958, as well as governmental or public research institutes and hospitals, while a “Public or Semi-public Research Institute” refers to a research institute where the main activity is the advancement of cutting-edge scientific knowledge, which possesses appropriate infrastructure and equipment and which employs researchers who, inter alia, publish articles related to their research in leading scientific journals and who present their research at international symposia.
Duration and Amount of the Gesher Award

This grant will be awarded, contingent upon the availability of funds, for three (3) years for a total of NIS200,000 per year for three years, as follows:

NIS100,000 per year to support the applicant's research
NIS100,000 per year stipend for living expenses.

Fiscal Requirements for Institution

A separate account must be maintained for each award. This account must be available for audit at any time by representatives of the ICRF and/or MOST.

The ICRF portion of the award is allocated for actual direct research expenses (salary, supplies, etc.) connected with the project. No overhead, clerical or other administrative charges can be made by the institution against the ICRF portion of the award. The MOST portion of the award is allocated as a stipend for living expenses for the duration of the award.

A report of these expenditures, detailing the utilization of the funds (salaries, supplies, etc.), must be submitted to ICRF semi-annually. The first report will be due after six (6) months and the second at the end of the funding year. Forms will be sent directly to the institution by the ICRF office. Grant payments will be suspended, if these reports become overdue.

Special Leave

A. There is no leave of absence with support for recipients of the Gesher Award.

B. Leave without award support requires the prior approval of the ICRF and will be granted only in unusual situations. Such leave may not exceed 12 months. Support from other sources is permissible during the period of leave, and such leave does not reduce the total number of months of program support for which an awardee is eligible.

Special Conditions

Should the ICRF awardee, or the sponsoring institution specified by our award, vacate the project, the ICRF will automatically void the award and terminate funding. Failure of the institution to notify the fund of such vacancy will allow the ICRF to recover funds in toto.

Change of Institution

An ICRF-MOST Gesher recipient may not move to a different institution during the award period without prior approval from the ICRF, if continued funding is desired. In that case, the Fund must receive:

1. A letter of request for permission to transfer the award. This letter must be received by the ICRF International Executive Office at least six (6) months prior to moving. The request should include the name of the new institution, and a description of the new work facilities, as well as assurance of continuation of the awarded project.
2. A letter of acceptance from the new institution and a letter of release from the original institution should be sent to the ICRF. Additionally, the original institution will be required to submit a final report of expenditures, and any unexpended funds must either be returned to the ICRF or transferred to the new institution.

If a request is not received at least six (6) months prior to the change, the ICRF will automatically void the award and terminate funding.

**Continuation of Awards**

All awards shall be continued for a second and third year (as determined in the initial award notification letter), provided that the Fund receives the following:

1. A one-year progress report and projected plans. A reminder notice with instructions and cover sheet will be sent out in advance of the due date. This cover sheet must be attached to the report.

2. A statement from the financial officer of the institution involved showing the allocation of funds received to the date of the renewal request. Forms will be sent directly to the institution by the ICRF office.

Award renewal is not automatic upon receipt of new documents. Renewal requires the approval of the Scientific Review Panel.

**Biohazards and Protection of Human and/or Animal Subjects**

Safeguarding the rights and welfare of human and/or animal subjects involved in activities supported by the ICRF-MOST, as well as consideration of potential biohazards, is the responsibility of the institution that received the award. Awards for projects involving human and/or animal subjects require prior review and approval by the appropriate institutional committee. That written approval must be submitted along with the ICRF-MOST application. The review date should be recent; certification is invalid if the review date precedes the submission date by more than one year.

**Publications**

Publications resulting from projects supported by ICRF-MOST must contain the following acknowledgment:

"This study was supported by the Gesher Award from the Israel Cancer Research Fund and the Israel Ministry of Science, Technology and Space."

Awardees should send electronic copies of all publications carrying the above credit line to the ICRF International Executive Office in New York as soon as possible after publication.
Patents and Intellectual Property (IP)

In General, all IP rights are defined in the attached draft agreement. No patent application for work done under an ICRF-MOST award shall be filed by the grantee institution or by any individual investigator engaged in this research without prior consultation with and written approval of the Fund.

Changes and Amendments

Any changes or amendments to the original award must be approved in writing by the Fund.

ONLY ONE (1) GRANT APPLICATION PER PERSON WILL BE ACCEPTED FOR EACH SUBMISSION DEADLINE.