



TAU Colton Center for Autoimmunity
Tel Aviv University

RFP: Research Proposals for the Study of Autoimmune Diseases 2026

The **Colton Center for Autoimmune Disease Research at Tel Aviv University (TAU)**, together with partnering medical institutions, is inviting proposals for research in the field of autoimmune diseases. The purpose of the Center is to support broad-scoped studies with high impact on the understanding, the prevention, the diagnosis, and the treatment of autoimmune diseases. The Center will support **all kinds of research**, while placing an emphasis on research that will use **medical big data and methods from the data sciences**. For this purpose, the Colton Center has forged strategic partnerships with the Sheba MC, TLVMC, Hadassah MCO, Wolfson MC, Shaare Zedek MC as well as Meuhedet Health Services and Clalit Health Services (with the hospitals affiliated with it). These partners will enable extensive use of medical records, at no cost, for the use of existing information. The grant award will be up to **\$150,000** for a period of two years.

Proposal focus:

The proposed studies may deal with any aspect of autoimmune diseases including:

- Studying a specific mechanism relevant to a particular disease or group of diseases.
- Multidimensional study of a particular disease
- Examining the connections between autoimmune diseases and other diseases (comorbidity).
- Development of new significant methods for the study of autoimmune diseases or of their diagnosis.
- Development of new treatments or repurposing of existing medications.
- Understanding mechanisms of sex bias in autoimmunity
- Any other subject bearing potential importance for understanding, prevention, diagnosis, or treatment of autoimmune diseases.

Eligibility

Any researcher of Tel Aviv University, and of its partnering medical centers: Meuhedet Health Services, Clalit Health Services, and in TAUs affiliated hospitals, is eligible to submit proposals. Within each group that submits a proposal, at least **one PI must be a senior academic staff member employed by Tel Aviv University** in the research track. This principal investigator will chair the group and will represent it in front of the Colton Center and TAU's research authority. A principal investigator can be a partner in only one research proposal.

US Partnership

The Colton center at Tel Aviv University partners with three centers in NYU, Yale, and the UPenn. Collaborative studies with these institutes may request additional funding.

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Submission deadline:
29/3/2026 - 19:00 Israel



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