

A Tender on behalf of the Mediterranean Sea Research Center of Israel to participate in the financing of the expenses of organizing workshops in Israel related to the Mediterranean Sea, at the Partner Institutions of the Center during 2026 Academic Year

Tender No.: 26/2

Deadline: February 27th 2026 at 08:00

The Mediterranean Sea Research Center of Israel (hereinafter "the Center"), in which University of Haifa, the Technion, the Weizmann Institute of Science, Tel Aviv University, Bar Ilan University, Ben Gurion University, the Hebrew University, The Ruppin Academic Center, Reichman University, Ariel University, The Geology Survey of Israel, Israel Oceanographic and Limnological Research. (Hereinafter: "The Partner Institutions"), wishes to encourage the organization of workshops in Israel related to Mediterranean research including social, scientific, technological and environmental (hereinafter: "the workshops").

To this end, the center wishes to assist in financing such workshops, subject to administrative and budgetary approval of the center and budgetary availability. The center hereby calls for participation in the competition to receive funding for the expenses of organizing workshops in Israel related to the Mediterranean Sea during the 2026 academic year in one of the partner institutions.

Each workshop that meets the conditions of the competition and is selected in accordance with the conditions of the calling voice will be entitled to receive funding in the amount of up to **10,000 ILS**, as determined by the center or up to the amount of the requested funding, whichever is lower.

A. Conditions of Participating In The competition

Participating in the competition is contingent upon fulfilling the following accumulative conditions:

1. The candidate is an academic faculty member at one of the partner institutions as defined above or a consulting company dealing in this field;
2. The candidate's proposed workshop will be related to the Mediterranean Sea including social/scientific/technological/environmental aspects. The workshop can be theoretical or practical (such as research cruises in the Mediterranean, etc.;
3. The proposed workshop is expected to take place in Israel at one of the partner institutions and to end by **August 31, 2026**;
4. Seminars and conferences does not count as workshops for the purpose of the current call;
5. The proposed workshop will be open to students from all partner institutions (subject to compliance with admission conditions);
6. The application was submitted by **February 27th, 2026 at 8:00 a.m.** (hereinafter: "the deadline").

B. Submission of Candidacy

Candidacy will be submitted no later than deadline as defined above, to the Center via email to: merci@univ.haifa.ac.il

The candidacy will contain the following documents:

1. The application form, in the format set forth in Appendix A of this Call. The requested amount to be funded by the Center is to be stated in the abovementioned form and the specification of the related expenses within the framework of this Funding and other funding sources from any other source or entity. Insofar as the supplementary funding sources are not known in full when the candidacy is submitted, the candidate undertakes to present the supplementary funding sources in the submission form pursuant to the Center's demand or immediately upon learning of them, whichever is earlier, and declares that the candidate is aware that presenting the supplementary funding sources to cover the full Convention expenses, and approval of these supplementary funding sources by the Center, are preconditions for winning the tender;

2. A detailed letter explaining how the proposed workshop is related to marine research, with an emphasis on the Mediterranean Sea, and why the Center should support its funding;
3. Syllabus: A detailed curriculum for the workshop;
4. Names of faculty members organizing the workshop and expected to teach;
5. Proposed location and dates;
6. The candidate must submit the documents above in one document in PDF format and according to the order presented above. Please attach as the first page a list of documents and mark ☒ the documents that are submitted;
7. The Center retains the right to request that the candidate provide supplementary documents or clarifications with respect to the proposal or any other detail.

C. Selection of the Winners

The proposals of the candidates who met the conditions of participation will be remitted to the Judging Committee on the Center's behalf who will review them and select the winning candidate/s. Every member of the Committee will examine all the proposals, except proposals from the Committee member's academic institution. The committee will base its decision, among other things, on the following criteria: - the technological importance of the workshop topic and its position at the forefront of knowledge in the field of Mediterranean research - up to 20%; - the innovation of the workshop - the existence or lack of a similar course or workshop in another academic framework in Israel - up to 15%; - the proportion of lecturers who are to participate in the workshop from Israel and abroad - up to 20%; - a workshop recognized for the purpose of academic scoring for a degree at one of the research universities partnering with the center - up to 20%; - the degree of necessity in receiving assistance and additional funding sources, if any - up to 10%; - the general assessment of the raters - up to 15%.

D. General

1. The committee will be entitled to determine the number of winners in the competition and the funding amounts in accordance with its discretion and the center's budget, provided that the funding amount for one workshop does not exceed **10,000 ILS**.
2. Final approval of the committee's decisions will be given in accordance with the available budget and subject to receiving administrative approval and budgetary approval from the Center and subject to the Center's procedures.
3. Funding will be awarded to the candidate(s) who is/are selected by the partner institution where they will hold the workshop, in accordance with the rules applicable at that institution and subject to the candidate(s) fulfilling all the conditions of this call for proposals and presenting to the center, after winning, Appendix B to this call for proposals, signed and approved by the authorized signatories of the partner institution within which the workshop will be held.
4. The funding will be transferred to the winners for costs related to organizing the workshop and expenses during the workshop only, and funding will not be provided for - salaries for the workshop organizers; expenses that have already been funded by another party; expenses that have not been approved in advance; expenses that were not incurred in the current academic year; expenses for the purchase of permanent equipment; any expense that is not directly related to holding the workshop and/or an expense that exceeds what is reasonable or acceptable under the circumstances, at the discretion of the center.
5. Funding to the winner will be provided only subject to the submission of an invoice to the University of Haifa. The invoice must be received by **Sep. 1st 2026**. If the invoice is submitted after this date, the center will not pay the funding amounts and the winning candidate waives any claim in this regard.
6. The Center may at any time, of its sole discretion and for any reason act as follows - to stop or cancel the tender and/or change the conditions in these bylaws and/or change the Tender participation conditions and/or change the tender period and/or the dates and/or the funding amount and each participant waives any claim in respect thereto.

7. It is clarified that in the event of a workshop being canceled after winning, the winning funding will be canceled and the winning candidate will not be entitled to any funding, including funding for any associated expenses.
8. The tender will be executed in accordance with the Tender and submission of a candidacy to the tender will be considered as consent to all such tender conditions and Bylaws.
9. For further details please contact: Mrs Shimrit Haimzon at:
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