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**Summary:** This paper provides information on the University's relationship with Tel Aviv University. It is provided to supplement the statement provided by the University to the motion to be debated on Thursday 16 October 2025.

1. Israel was identified as a priority country for engagement in the Middle East region by the University's Middle East North Africa (MENA) Task and Finish group (2018-19), alongside Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, United Arab Emirates and Kuwait. Tel Aviv University was identified as an institution with which to map links and synergies due to the level and quality of research co-citations.
2. The University hosted a UUKi-supported inward visit from Israel, including Tel Aviv University, in December 2019.
3. A pump-priming seed fund has been in place with TAU, starting in 2021. Applications for seed funds have been received from all three Faculties. In total 37 applications have been received over three years and 18 awards made across the three Faculties.

Applications and awards per funding round

Round 1 April 2021 Award		Round 2 June 2022 Award		Round 3 October 2023 Award		Total	
Apps	Awards	Apps	Awards	Apps	Awards	Apps	Awards
20	5	9	5	8	8	37	18

4. The joint seed fund with TAU has, since 2021, awarded 18 pump-priming grants. The total value of grants awarded in the three rounds to date is £89,248.68, of which £52,622.38 has been spent to date (as at 15 October 2025). TAU has committed a similar amount in match funding for their researchers. Each partner pays its own costs and there is no transfer of funds between institutions.
5. The list of projects funded is available on the University's [web site](#). None of the projects are related to defence research or have any military links.
6. In measuring the outputs from the University's pump-priming funds, the following are identified for TAU:

Outputs	TAU
Projects completed & reports received	4
Journal papers	4
Other publications (including conference papers and presentations)	3
Events, seminars and workshops	9

New collaborations beyond the partner institutions	4
Public engagement activities	4
Influence on policy	1
New research tools and methods	2
Other outputs <i>(including new research databases &amp; models, IP and licensing, medication products &amp; clinical trials, artistic &amp; creative products, software &amp; technical products, spin outs, awards and recognition)</i>	1

In addition, two large scale bids have been submitted for follow-on funding outside of the seed funds, with successful outcomes.