



**The Vicky and Joseph Safra Research Institute
for Banking and Financial Intermediation**
Collier School of Management
Tel Aviv university

CALL FOR RESEARCH PROPOSALS 2026-2027

The Vicky and Joseph Safra Research Institute for Banking and Financial Intermediation invites researchers to submit proposals for cutting-edge research in the broad area of banking and financial intermediation.

Our aim is to support theoretical and empirical academic research that will improve financial intermediation. Among these goals are:

- Improving the quality of banking and financial intermediation.
- Reducing the costs of delivering and consuming financial services.
- Promoting a safer and more secure use experience.
- Promoting business ethical and moral behavior in the banking field.
- Promoting inclusion and access to the banking system around the world.

Research topics may include (but are not restricted to): competition in the banking sector, stability of the banking sector, regulation, non-bank financial intermediation (“shadow banking”), the effect of technological innovations on banking and financial intermediation (“fintech”), etc.

A research proposal should be an original work that has not been submitted for publication elsewhere. At least one of the researchers should be a faculty member at an academic institution.

Research proposals will be reviewed by an academic committee panel to assess originality, research depth and relevance to our themes and topics. **A selection of projects will be granted funding up to a maximum amount of 30,000 NIS (about \$9,300 USD).**

The grant will be paid in two installments: 50% at the beginning of work and 50% after the submission and approval of the working paper.

The working paper will be posted on the institute’s website as part of the “Safra Institute Working Paper Series on Banking and Financial Intermediation.” A selection of papers will be chosen for presentation at an academic symposium at Tel Aviv University.

The proposal should be written in English and include the following:

1. Research title.
2. Name(s) of researcher(s) and academic affiliation.
3. Abstract (up to 250 words).
4. Description of the basic research question and expected contribution.
5. Description of the research topic (including a bibliography).
6. Description of the research design and method.



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7. Description of data and its sources (if relevant).
8. Preliminary results.
9. Detailed planned schedule (mainly – anticipated starting and completion dates).
10. Full CV including a publication list (only for researchers who are not members of the Coller School of Management).

Timetable:

1. Submission deadline of proposals: **June 30, 2026**
2. Submission deadline of a working paper for granted projects: **December 31, 2027.**

Please send your proposal to: safrainst@tauex.tau.ac.il.

With kind regards,

Prof. Dan Amiram
Dean and Co-Head

Dr. Sivan Frenkel
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