

COOPERATION WITH A GERMAN RESEARCHER

One of the conditions to apply for the GTCR-MENA research grant is to submit a letter from a German researcher stating that he/she is interested in collaborating with the applicant.

- **Question.** Can I apply for the GTCR-MENA grant even if I do not have an ongoing cooperation with a German researcher?
Answer. No, you must have a connection with a German scientist.

- **Question.** How can I find a German researcher to obtain the letter of collaboration?
- **Answer.** Start by checking with your university's research or international office to see whether there are already established links with German institutions. If not, you can search for German universities or research groups online and identify researchers working in your field. Once you have a shortlist, read some of their recent publications to confirm that your research interests align and that a future collaboration would be realistic before contacting them.

- **Question.** How can I contact a potential German collaborator?
- **Answer.** Begin by preparing a concise clear research plan (max. 3-4 pages). When ready send a brief email introducing yourself, describing your project and asking whether the researcher would be interested in collaborating with you under the TWAS GTCR-MENA programme. Include your CV and the outline as attachments.