

### **Maritime Seed Award to support researchers and entrepreneurs**

Malta Marittima together with the University of Malta will be launching the Maritime Seed Award (MarSA) with the support of the University's Knowledge Transfer Office (KTO), TAKEOFF Business Incubator and Centre for Entrepreneurship and Business Incubation (CEBI). The call for applications will open on the 5<sup>th</sup> September 2018. Funding amounting to €100,000 will be allocated through a competitive call to innovators and entrepreneurs interested in bringing their ideas closer to commercialisation.

Two types of funding is being offered namely, Proof of Concept funds for University of Malta researchers and academics working on University innovations, and Seed Funds which target entrepreneurs pushing their venture closer to securing a first customer or investment. Startups and researchers are invited to apply for up to €20,000 in funding with the application deadline closing on Monday 22nd October 2018. Successful applicants will receive their funding in January 2019.

If you are planning to submit an application, please note that it is mandatory for the applicant or a team member to register for and attend the relevant information workshop. The Proof of Concept workshop for University researchers and academics will be held on Tuesday 18th September, whereas the Seed Fund workshop for entrepreneurs will be held on Friday 14th September.

For further details on the scheme and to register for the workshop, visit [www.takeoff.org.mt/???](http://www.takeoff.org.mt/???)