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Understanding the enigma of the brain is the most challenging endeavor of the 21st century. The human brain is the source of remarkable sensory, motor and emotional capabilities, but it is also at the core of many debilitating diseases. A deeper understanding of the mind-brain continuum is vital to the quality of life for millions of people.

A new scientific venture, the Edmond and Lily Safra Center for Brain Sciences (ELSC) is building upon Hebrew University’s record of excellence and innovation in its multidisciplinary approach to brain science. ELSC researchers focus on several broad areas of inquiry, including genes and neurons, neural networks and plasticity, cognitive neuroscience, computational neuroscience, and sensory and motor functions.

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- Uncovering the perceptual basis of dyslexia and other learning disabilities;
- Translating basic research of the basal ganglia into treatment for Parkinson's patients via advanced deep brain stimulation;
- Investigating spatial attention and unconscious information processing following brain damage;
- Restoring sight in blind and visually impaired individuals using artificial vision and sensory substitution;
- Formulating powerful theoretical and computational approaches for understanding how the nervous system processes sensory information and generates movement.

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