

# Guidelines For Applications NIFA-BARD-IIA Food and Nutrition Program

## USDA, NIFA-BARD Application Submission

The application is a two-step process. Only investigators who are approved after the first stage will be able to submit proposals to the second step.

### First Step

- Israeli scientists need to contact any of the eligible USDA,NIFA scientists ([list of potential projects](#)) to determine research objectives which will both enhance the NIFA projects and be of interest to advance agriculture in Israel. BARD will consider additional projects funded by USDA, NIFA which are relevant to the program's research priorities. **Any such programs which do not appear on the aforementioned list, must be approved by BARD prior to the proposal submission.**  
We have an example of a request to a USDA,NIFA PI on our [website](#)
- The Israeli PI must submit a pre-proposal which includes the following (3 pages):
  - Title Page
  - NIFA-PI and project Title.
  - List of Israeli collaborators and their institutions.
  - Company information and Contact.
  - Research Priority. (see [list](#))
  - Brief description of the proposal, overview of the proposed methods and the research objectives.
  - Contribution of the Israeli research to the ongoing NIFA project
  - Potential benefit to Israeli agriculture/Food Industry/Consumer if successful.
  - How the research contributes to the NIFA-BARD-IIA F&N priority area(s).
  - The benefits of the collaboration to achieving the objectives
  - Collaborative arrangements with NIFA partner.

Agreement of the NIFA Project Director to participate in this collaboration. (see [sample letter](#))

For [NOFAR](#) Proposals: Letter of intent from the Israeli Company that they are willing to consider contributing 10% to the project. (A

binding commitment will be required with the full proposal). (see [sample letter](#)).

To enhance collaboration, we recommend that the institutional budget of the Israeli institution include travel for the US PI to come to the Israeli lab.

- A sample template for the pre-proposal can be downloaded from [here](#). Send the completed form to [Vered@bard-isus.com](mailto:Vered@bard-isus.com).
- The preproposals will be reviewed by BARD, NIFA and the NIFA PI to ensure that the proposals are relevant to Israeli agriculture and enhance the goals of the NIFA approved project.
- The deadline for preproposal submission is May 8th, 2025.
- Decisions regarding the preproposals will be announced on June 1st, 2025.

### **Second Step**

- Upon approval of the 1st stage the Israeli PI will prepare a full proposal to the IIA according to the IIA guidelines.
- BARD must approve any changes to the research topic and/ or principal investigators dedicated to the project before submission of the full proposal.
- The deadline for Full proposal submission is August 3rd, 2025.

## **Additional Information**

BARD can assist in making initial contact with potential NIFA funded scientists, or can assist NIFA funded scientists to identify potential Israeli partners. Please contact [Dr. Vered Weinman Fisher](#).

BARD can assist in identifying potential Israeli companies who are willing to participate in the research. Please contact [Dr. Shlomo Wald](#).

The research budget of the institutions, (not including funds contributed by the Israeli company) cannot exceed ***the lesser of the following constraints:***

1. The maximum allowed under the [IIA guidelines](#)
2. The award of the NIFA grant of the US partner.

## Resources

Recording of BARD [Webinar](#) (English)

Presentation Slides of above Webinar [download](#)

[Israel Innovation Authority Request for Applications](#) (in Hebrew)

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