Senior Research Fellowship

Guidelines and Regulations for Applicants and Recipients

(Updated: October 2026)

Submission Date – mid-January (See exact date on our website)

Objectives

This program aims to promote established scientists from the United States to come to Israel to contribute to agricultural research activities by engaging in one or more of the following:

- ✓ participate in a joint short research endeavor
- ✓ introduce innovative methods and techniques in the Israeli host's lab
- ✓ interact with students in the host's lab or other Israeli laboratories to support and encourage their research endeavors
- ✓ give lecture series
- ✓ participate in seminars, workshops, and other exchanges of scientific knowledge with Israeli counterparts in departments and institutions outside those of the host's lab

Eligibility

Citizens of the United States who are research scientists affiliated with a US non-profit research institution, university, federal or state agency are eligible to apply.

The Proposal

E-mail ***a single file*** to mali@bard-isus.com; include ***all*** the following items (in English, line spacing of 1.5, font size 12, margins 2.5cm all around, number all pages):

- ***Application Cover Page*** signed as requested (form attached below).
- ***Research Proposal*** **(**if the scientific activity proposed is not research, detail relevant items.) **Do not exceed 4 pages.**
  - ✓ Present a brief introduction or background.
  - ✓ Clearly state the objectives and any hypotheses.
  - ✓ Present a focused work plan.
  - ✓ Outline the methodology.
  - ✓ Describe the innovative aspects.
  - ✓ Indicate the relevance to agriculture.
  - ✓ Emphasize the collaborative aspects of the work with the host scientist and the host's role in the proposed joint research.
  - ✓ Discuss the feasibility within the requested time span.
  - ✓ Add references (not counted in the 4-page limit).
- ***Description of recent research*** (one page) Describe how the current proposal fits into the applicant's research program.
- Provide a brief description of *the host's scientific interests and a short CV*, including a list of the host's recent relevant publications.
- ***Applicant Curriculum Vitae*** Indicate current title and affiliated institution, academic background, awards and honors, committees, grant support, record of mentored graduate students and postdoctoral fellows. Do not exceed four pages.
- ***List of Publications*** Peer reviewed publications in the last five years.

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Please note: Your application will not be processed unless all required documents and signatures are received by the submission date.

The Award

The duration of the fellowship is between two to twelve months. The award is $3,000 per month to cover living expenses of the fellow's stay in Israel plus $2,000 to cover travel costs.

Evaluation

Applications will be reviewed by the BARD Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) and a recommendation made to the Executive Director, who in turn, presents his recommendation to the Board of Directors for their funding decision. The primary criteria considered are the credentials of the fellow and his ability to introduce innovative scientific methods and ideas to the host lab, the scientific merit and innovation of the proposed work, its relevance to agriculture, the cooperation in the proposed and future research, and the benefit that can be derived from the candidate's interaction with the Israeli scientific community.

Notification

The Executive Director notifies all applicants in writing of the decision of the Board of Directors during the month of May following submission of the proposal.

Agreement

The recipient must inform BARD of acceptance of the award within two months of notification. The award is to be initiated no later than December 31st of the award year. An agreement between BARD and the fellow, will be prepared, outlining the terms of the fellowship, the total award and the schedule of payments.

Administration

Financial arrangements will be made in coordination with BARD's Controller's office (finance@bard-isus.com). Federal employees must adhere to US Government administrative regulations. The recipient may not change or transfer from the host institution proposed in the original application.

Final Scientific Report

Within two months of completion of the fellowship, a scientific report summarizing the fellow's activities and accomplishments should be submitted to BARD (e-mail to: mali@bard-isus.com. Final payment will follow receipt and approval of the scientific report by BARD.

The report should not exceed five pages and should include:

- ✓ Final Report Cover Page, signed by both the fellow and the host scientist
- ✓ abstract
- ✓ list of objectives
- ✓ a description of the accomplishments and contributions
- ✓ list of publications resulting from the fellowship

Publications and Acknowledgments

BARD considers a successful collaboration when it results in joint publications. Send one electronic copy of all publications resulting from the research to BARD (mali@bard-isus.com). Acknowledge BARD's support in all relevant publications using the following format:

> ***This research was supported by BARD, The United States - Israel Binational Agricultural Research and Development Fund, Senior Research Fellow Award No. FR-_____.***

Follow Up

BARD will be pleased to maintain contact with Senior Research Fellows and periodically follow their professional progress.

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FR Application Cover Page

Name of Applicant _____

Applicant's Affiliated Institution _____

Institution Address _____

Applicant's Phone _____ Applicant's e-mail _____

Name of Host Scientist _____

Host Institution _____

Institution Address _____

Host's Phone _____ Host's e-mail _____

Title of Research Proposal or Other Scientific Activity _____

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Proposed Duration _____

Commencement Date _____

_____ _____

Signature of Applicant Signature of Host Scientist

_____ _____

Signature of Authorized Officer at the Affiliated Institution

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FR Final Report Cover Page

Fellowship No. _____

Name of Fellow _____

Fellow's Institution _____

Name of Host Scientist _____

Host Institution _____

Title of Research _____

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Signature of Fellow _____

Signature of Host _____

Date _____