

Call for proposals: ASU-BGU Strategic areas

Purpose

Arizona State University (ASU) and Ben-Gurion University (BGU) have partnered to address strategic areas of interest and benefit to both institutions, including: Nano-technology, Cyber, Light/Electro-optics/Space, Energy, Sustainability, Robotics, and Health. The purpose of this call is to generate international research proposals between ASU and BGU faculty, focused on the above-mentioned topics. The expectation is that proposals will present new cutting edge, collaborative research that will be submitted to other external funding programs (BSF, NSF-BSF, NIH, BARD, etc.) by the end of the project or immediately thereafter.

Eligibility

At least one of the PIs must be from the BGU Faculty and a second from ASU. Proposals previously approved for ASU-BGU partnership support may not be resubmitted.

Budget framework

1. Overall program budget is \$60k.
2. Up to 2 awards will be made under this program with a project award ceiling of \$30k.
3. Project duration is one year with the possibility of a 1 year no-cost extension.
4. The budget must include a detailed justification.
5. The proposal must explicitly address how its outcomes will enhance competitiveness in eventual extramural funding.

Submission and Evaluation procedure

Proposals will be evaluated by an ad hoc committee, which will be comprised of peers and subject matter experts from each institution.

- a. Application should be submitted electronically as a PDF file to the ASU-BGU partnership project coordinator Dr. Shai Kaplan (shaike07@gmail.com) in the format detailed below.
- b. File name should include an abbreviated project title and PI last names. (e.g: Cyber and Energy_Kaplan-Shannon). Email subject line should read Submission followed by the file name. (Submission: Cyber and Energy_Kaplan-Shannon)

Schedule and Deliverables

Project duration is 12 months, starting as early as April 1st and no later than July 31th, 2018. A report is due 30 days after the completion of the project (April 30, 2019), with attention expected to deliverables, impact on collaboration and future prospects.

Should a BGU or ASU faculty member have interest, but does not have a contact at ASU or BGU, please contact Dr. Shai Kaplan (shaike07@gmail.com) for assistance.

Administrative

- a. Proposals should be up to 3500 words, written in English.
- b. Not included in the word count are:
 - A cover page including the proposal title, names, affiliations of PIs, and a project summary, up to 200 words in length.
 - Budget and budget justification (Include cost breakdown for each institution).

Proposal Narrative

The proposal narrative should include at least:

- a. Objectives, Significance and Research Plan.
- b. Explanation of the synergism of the collaboration, including information on any non-PI participants.
- c. Likely sources of funding for continuation of the project beyond the award period**

Budget

Include cost breakdown and justification for each institution. Allowable expenses are for personnel, materials and supplies, and analytical fees.

Deadline

April 26, 2018 at 24:00 (12 pm Israel time).

The proposal as described below will need to be uploaded into the ASU-BGU online platform, InfoReady as the following link:

<https://funding.asu.edu/opportunities/asu-bgu-strategic-areas-call-for-proposals>

Upon entering this site and summary page of this funding opportunity, select the “apply” button on the right-hand side. Log in with your “asu.edu” or your “bgu.ac.il” email address. Complete the personal detail questions, add your proposal title, and upload your proposal as one PDF. Once you complete these sections, choose the “submit application” button on the bottom right-hand side. You may also choose “Save as Draft” button if you need to save your application to return to it later for submission.