

**Request For Proposals**  
**Sol Leshin Program for Collaboration between the Ben Gurion University of**  
**the Negev (BGU), Israel - University of California at Los Angeles**  
**(UCLA), in**  
**Plant Sciences & Social Sciences & Humanities**  
**2017**

Through a generous gift of the late Sol Leshin, UCLA and BGU are happy to announce that funding will continue to be available for academic collaboration in the field of plant sciences including plant physiology, plant genetics as well as topics related to plant water utilization. The level of funding is \$100,000. Some 15-20% of the budget will support activities in Social Sciences and Humanities. Our objective is to encourage research collaboration through scholarly exchanges and intellectual interactions, with a preference for younger scholars.

The program is intended to support collaboration, such as

- Joint research activities (including scholarships for research students),
- Exchange of visits,
- Joint workshops.

Proposals / requests for support in this round of funding for any of the above activities, are requested by **March 1, 2017**, and will be evaluated by committees at both universities. Their length should be a maximum of five pages (**longer proposals will not be considered**), and include the following information:

- Short CV's of the Principal Investigators involved;
- Short description of the proposed joint research or other activity;
- A specific budget and justification for the amount proposed;
- Other areas of support.

Projects are funded for one year with the possibility of **one renewal only**. A final report is required at the end of each year of funding. Research projects should not exceed a total of \$25,000. Other types of proposals should be limited to a maximum of \$10,000. **Not more than one project per researcher per year will be considered.**

Should a BGU or UCLA faculty member have interest, but does not have a contact at UCLA or BGU, we will try and help to find an appropriate host at UCLA or BGU.

Application should be submitted electronically to the Chair of the BGU Committee, Prof. Pedro Berliner ([berliner@bgu.ac.il](mailto:berliner@bgu.ac.il)) and to the Chair of the UCLA Committee, Prof. Jeff Long ([jeffalong@ucla.edu](mailto:jeffalong@ucla.edu)). After 36 years, Samuel Aroni is retiring fully from the UCLA/BGU cooperation, in which he served in various leadership capacities.

Additional information can be obtained from the chairs or other members of the BGU Committee: Professor David Newman ([newman@bgu.ac.il](mailto:newman@bgu.ac.il)) and Dr. Michele Zaccai ([mzaccai@bgu.ac.il](mailto:mzaccai@bgu.ac.il)), and from the other UCLA members Professors Fernando Torres-Gill ([torres@spa.ucla.edu](mailto:torres@spa.ucla.edu)) and Steve Jacobsen ([jacobsen@ucla.edu](mailto:jacobsen@ucla.edu)).