



Call for Proposals 2024

A Call for Research Proposals for Funding of Interdisciplinary Research

General:

The Office of the Vice President and Dean for Research and Development, together with the Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences, in Ben-Gurion University of the Negev, aim to encourage collaboration across various research fields among faculty researchers and researchers from other faculties. The funding will serve as a platform for submitting proposals for external funding in the following academic year.

Within this program, up to 5 research projects will be funded each year. In the context of interdisciplinary research involving researchers from different faculties within BGU, up to 3 projects will be funded annually. Additionally, within interdisciplinary research combining researchers from the humanities and social sciences (within BGU), one project will be funded, provided that the proposed research genuinely integrates disciplinary differences. Furthermore, one internationally collaborative interdisciplinary project will be funded, involving a researcher from the Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences and a researcher from another leading academic institution abroad, from a different discipline (i.e. a team of two scholars – 1 from humanities and 1 from social sciences, or 1 from humanities/social sciences & 1 from a different faculty). All submitted proposals should be interdisciplinary in nature.

Each research project within this program will be allocated a budget of up to NIS 25,000. In total, up to 5 projects will be funded.

At the end of the research year, a report detailing the scientific activities resulting from the grant, including publications (if any) and submissions to external foundations, must be submitted.

This grant does not cover funding for international travel for research purposes or conference attendance, nor does it fund hosting of international guests.

The grant will not be subject to overhead. Any remaining funds at the end of the year will be returned to the foundation and will not be transferred for further research purposes.

Threshold Conditions:

Researchers who meet the following threshold conditions are eligible to submit a project proposal to the interdisciplinary call for proposals for the year 2024:

1. Only senior academic staff members affiliated with the Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences, who have not previously received funding through the interdisciplinary call for proposals for the year 2023, may serve as lead researchers. An additional lead researcher, who is also a senior academic or clinical staff member from another faculty within BGU (except for the international track, where a



researcher from abroad may be included), or a different faculty abroad must be included.

2. Researchers who are on sabbatical or parental leave during the budget year are not eligible for funding.
3. Each research project submitted for funding must involve collaboration with at least two researchers. The additional lead researcher must be a senior academic or clinical staff member from another faculty within BGU; or in the intl. program, from a different institution. Research students in the doctoral or post-doctoral track, as well as researchers from other departments or faculties in a recognized foreign academic institution, may also be included.
4. Collaboration and research topics should be new and unrelated to existing research projects.
5. The potential for submitting a follow-up proposal to a competitive fund should be clearly outlined in the proposal and will be a criterion in the evaluation process. The proposal should clearly specify to which competitive fund the scholars will submit, a consequent research proposal, after obtaining initial findings.
6. The selection of projects for funding will be based primarily on innovation, scientific quality, and the level of interdisciplinary collaboration as expressed in the proposal.

Submission of Proposal:

The deadline for submitting research project proposals is March 1, 2024, at 8:00 AM. Proposals must be submitted through the university's portal at the following link: <https://bgu.infoready4.com>. The proposal should be submitted in English, within a limit of 3 pages (Sections A-D, below). The document should use font size 11, line spacing of 1.5, margins of at least 2 cm, and be in PDF format.

The proposal structure should include:

- A. Project title
- B. Names of lead researchers from the Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences and the additional faculty, names of other researchers, and/or names of doctoral/post-doctoral students or consultant experts (Note: For consultant experts, include their written consent).
- C. Project description: Objectives and goals, scientific significance, research plan, and selected methodologies.
- D. External sources to which the researchers intend to submit funding requests.
- E. Clear description of interdisciplinary collaboration, the broad scope of the project, and the contribution of each researcher.
- F. Bibliography.



G. Each lead researcher must attach the following appendices: a list of publications in the last 5 years, a list of active research grants in the last 5 years. All Israeli scholars will submit a budget framework according to Section H.

H. Budget framework for project needs, based on the criteria and limitations of the call for proposals. Budget details should be presented in a separate table, to be attached as an appendix to the research proposal. The table can be found at the end of the call for proposals.

I. The budget for the interdisciplinary grant will be managed within the institution and will not be transferred to another entity, including in the international track.

The winning researcher must commit to submitting the research proposal for external funding within the calendar year from the start of the research.

Sorting and Evaluation of Proposals:

First Stage: Proposals will undergo a sorting, examination, and alignment process with the criteria presented above, by an internal faculty committee. The committee will consist of appointed faculty researchers: winners of this grant from the past year and the Vice-Dean. Proposals that meet the threshold conditions will proceed to the second stage: submission to reviewers selected according to the project's field, who will examine, evaluate, and grade the proposal.

Proposals that receive the highest ratings will be presented at the "Interdisciplinary Projects Conference" on June 24, 2024, from 10:00 to 14:00. The conference will be open to the university community, where researchers will present their projects to a panel of judges. The judging panel will make the final ranking, determining the winning projects.

Questions and Inquiries:

For questions and clarifications, please contact Ms. Noa Cherry, Research Support Coordinator in the Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences, at email: chopin@bgu.ac.il or by phone: 08-6428775 or by mobile: 050-2029705.

Best Regards,

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BUDGET ATTACHMENT

This attachment is intended for submission within the framework of faculty / multidisciplinary proposals.

Budget distribution is according to the instructions of the Call for Proposals, any request for transfer between the sections requires the approval of the Vice President and Dean of Research and Development.

Full name of PIs:	
Research Title:	
Budget sections	
Salaries and scholarships*	
Details:	
Materials and supplies*	
Details:	
editing services*	
Details:	
Laboratory services (internal)*	
Details:	
subcontracts *	
Details:	
Travel expenses (in Israel)*	
Details:	
services*	
Details:	
Total Budget	
Remarks	
Vice President and Dean of Research and Development approval:	
Date of approval:	