



**The Jacob Blaustein Center  
for Scientific Cooperation**  
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***The Jacob Blaustein Center for Scientific Cooperation (BCSC)  
The Jacob Blaustein Institutes for Desert Research (BIDR)  
Ben-Gurion University of the Negev (BGU)***

***Call for Postdoctoral Fellowships  
for 2026-2027***

**Are you inspired to delve into the fascinating realms of desert research?**

We invite candidates interested in conducting postdoctoral research to apply for prestigious fellowships from the Jacob Blaustein Center for Scientific Cooperation (BCSC).

Immerse yourself in the dynamic world of drylands and explore diverse topics such as desert ecology, solar energy, environmental physics, rainfed and irrigated agriculture, soil-plant-atmosphere interactions, hydrology, aquaculture, environmental microbiology, desalination, water treatment, biotechnology, and more.

Before embarking on this transformative journey, candidates should establish contact with a prospective supervisor to develop a unique research program. Collaborate with an expert in your field and unlock a world of possibilities. A list of our faculty members can be found here: [BIDR Academic Staff](#). You can also visit the [BIDR website](#) and browse faculty by institute under "Academic Units."

**What fellowships are available?**

The BCSC offers two types of fellowship:

- Blaustein Fellowship
- Distinguished Blaustein Fellowship (maximum one per year)
- Blaustein Fellows receive an annual stipend of approximately \$30,800 USD (paid in NIS, the Israeli currency).
- The Distinguished Blaustein Fellow receives an annual stipend of approximately \$36,250 USD (paid in NIS), as well as a roundtrip air ticket and complimentary lodging in our dormitories.

All applicants will automatically be considered for the Distinguished Fellowship, requiring no additional application materials.

**Who is eligible to apply?**

- Candidates must hold a PhD by the start date of the postdoctoral position.
- The PhD degree must have been obtained within the past five years from the start date of the postdoctoral position.

- Fellowships are not available to individuals who received their PhD at BGU.
- Current BIDR postdoctoral scholars are eligible to apply for this fellowship only during the first year of their position (i.e., by the time the fellowship period begins, they must have been a BIDR postdoctoral scholar for no longer than one year).
- Fellowships are granted for one year, and all recipients are eligible to apply for a second year.

**Important dates:**

- Deadline for applications: April 16, 2026.
- Notification of decisions from the BCSC Steering Committee: June 2026.

Detailed instructions on preparing and submitting your application can be found [here](#).

For further information about the Jacob Blaustein Institutes, please visit: [The Jacob Blaustein Institutes for Desert Research](#).

Don't miss out on this chance to contribute to groundbreaking desert research while expanding your academic horizons. Apply now and join us at the forefront of scientific exploration!

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