



THE JACOB BLAUSTEIN CENTER FOR SCIENTIFIC COOPERATION (BCSC)

Guidelines for BCSC funding of scientific symposia, workshops, conferences and kickoff/status meetings of funded projects

The BCSC recognizes four types of scientific meetings that are eligible for funding. Since the goal of the BCSC is to promote international cooperation, the meetings must significantly involve international participants:

- 1). Symposia:** These are typically small one-day gatherings with no parallel sessions, usually addressing a relatively narrow topic. The BCSC strongly encourages establishing these as regular annual meetings.
- 2). Workshops:** These include a discussion group of professionals aimed at advancing a certain topic. Workshops may have lecture sessions, but their main goal should be advancing a topic interactively. Workshops must result in a product (e.g., papers or a book, either electronic or printed).
- 3). Conferences:** These are larger events (such as societal annual meetings) with parallel sessions, or events spanning more than one day, or gatherings that have a substantial proportion of international speakers and/or participants (> 20% excluding those funded by the BCSC).
- 4). Kickoff/status meetings of funded projects.** These are meetings that are an integral part of cooperative international or local research projects, where all or most of the speakers are co-investigators and are presenting material associated with the funded project. As such, the BCSC offers only limited support for such meetings (see below).

1. SYMPOSIA

Requirements:

- One of the organizers of the event must be a member of the BIDR (including professor emeriti).
- The event must take place at the BIDR.
- There must be at least eight speakers, with tentative titles of their lectures.
- At least one of the speakers should be international, from an institution/organization abroad.
- Faculty/postdocs/students of the BIDR should feature prominently among the speakers.
- The activities should be targeted at faculty and staff. Activities that are mainly aimed at students will not be funded.
- The Jacob Blaustein Center for Scientific Cooperation logo must appear on all publications related to this event as a condition for support.
- Proceedings with extended abstracts should be produced. The BCSC views the publication of the proceedings as important and strongly encourages the organizers to print them.

- A permanent website (including each year's program and abstracts) must be established and maintained by the symposium convener.
- According to the committee's decision, the organizer should provide a letter of commitment accepting the support conditions, issued by the BCSC.

The BCSC will partially defray the cost of the following specific items (*up to a maximum of \$2,000 USD*):

- Travel expenses related to the visits of international scientists (up to two maximum) (one roundtrip, economy class flight ticket, of the lowest available price without extended layovers) and per diem (\$60 per day⁻¹) for the length of the symposium.
- Organized transportation from Beer-Sheva to the Sede Boqer Campus.
- Bags (if provided to the participants) with the Jacob Blaustein Center for Scientific Cooperation logo.
- Establishment and maintenance of a permanent website (including each year's program and abstracts), by the symposium convener.

The accounts will be arranged through the BIDR's financial officer after the event. If required, an advance of \$1,000 may be provided.

2. WORKSHOPS

Requirements:

- One of the organizers of the event must be a member of the BIDR (including professors emeritus).
- The event must take place at the BIDR.
- Tentative titles of the lectures must be provided.
- At least one of the speakers/discussants should be international, from an institution/organization abroad.
- Speakers/discussants should be prominent scientists from Israel and abroad with two or more from the BIDR.
- The Jacob Blaustein Center for Scientific Cooperation logo must appear on all publications related to this event as a condition for support.
- The workshop must produce a document (electronic or hard copy) summarizing its activities (e.g., a concept paper or book).
- According to the committee's decision, the organizer should provide a letter of commitment accepting the support conditions, issued by the BCSC.

The BCSC will partially defray the cost of the following specific items (*up to a maximum of \$2,000 USD*):

- Travel expenses related to the visits of international scientists (up to five maximum) (one roundtrip, economy class flight ticket, of the lowest available price without extended layovers) and per diem (\$60 per day⁻¹) for the length of the workshop.
- Organized transportation from Beer-Sheva to the Sede Boqer Campus.
- Bags (if provided to the participants) with the Jacob Blaustein Center for Scientific Cooperation logo.

The accounts will be arranged through the BIDR's financial officer after the event. If required, an advance of \$1,000 may be provided.

3. CONFERENCES

Requirements:

- One of the organizers of the event must be a member of the BIDR (including professors emeritus).
- The event must take place at the BIDR.
- Tentative titles of the lectures must be provided.
- A substantial number of the speakers should be international, from institutions/organizations abroad.
- Faculty/post-docs/students of the BIDR should feature among the speakers.
- The Jacob Blaustein Center for Scientific Cooperation logo must appear on all publications related to this event as a condition for support.
- The activities should be targeted at faculty and staff. Activities that are mainly aimed at students will not be funded.
- A permanent website for the event (including each year's program and abstracts) must be established and maintained by the conference convener.
- According to the committee decision's, the organizer should provide a letter of commitment accepting the support conditions, issued by the BCSC.

The BCSC will **partially** defray the cost of the following specific items (*up to a maximum of \$2,000 USD*):

- Travel expenses related to the visits of international scientists (up to four maximum) (one roundtrip, economy class flight ticket, of the lowest available price without extended layovers) and per diem (\$60 per day⁻¹) for the length of the conference.
- Organized transportation from Beer-Sheva to the Sede Boqer Campus.
- Printing of proceedings with extended abstracts.
- Establishment and maintenance of a permanent website (including each year's program and abstracts), by the conference convener.
- Bags (if provided to the participants) with the Jacob Blaustein Center for Scientific Cooperation logo.

The accounts will be arranged through the BIDR's financial officer after the event. If required, an advance of \$1,000 may be provided.

4. KICKOFF/STATUS MEETINGS OF FUNDED PROJECTS.

As a rule, the BCSC does not support these types of meetings. But the center will assist with expenses (up to \$1,000) related to: auditorium costs, professional tours, and publications emerging from these meetings.

To apply, please complete *Application Form for Supporting Scientific Symposia, Workshops, Conferences and Kickoff/Status Meetings of Funded Projects*.