

## Call for research proposals

The Paul Ivanier Center aims to advance multi-disciplinary research in the field of operations management (theoretical and applied research in various application fields such as manufacturing, services, health). This is a call for proposals in these topics for the 2016-7 academic year. The proposal should be submitted by two members of the Paul Ivanier center for production management who are senior, full-time faculty members at Ben-Gurion University, and who are from different departments. The two researchers will be designated as the primary investigators (PI). The team should additionally include a graduate student (or a postdoc) jointly supervised by the two PIs (the student can be an existing student or a student that will be later recruited for the project). The team may include additional researchers, advisors, and students. To find out more about the Paul Ivanier center for production management and learn how to become members please look at <http://in.bgu.ac.il/en/pivanierpm/Pages/about.aspx>. Member application can be found in <http://in.bgu.ac.il/en/pivanierpm/Pages/members.aspx>.

Proposals will be rated based on their relevance to the field of operations management, scientific excellence, impact, and implementation. Multi-disciplinary aspects will be considered and the expected role of the research in enhancing research activity in operations management in BGU, including attaining external research grants, particularly ones relevant to the Paul Ivanier Center.

The budget requested should not exceed \$10,000. The project duration will be until October 1, 2017. The researchers may request an extension of an additional year without additional funding. Funded projects will be required to submit a report at the end of the first project year (October 1, 2017). Projects that request an extended period will be required to submit an additional report at the end of the additional year (October 1, 2018).

Research proposals of up to 4 pages, according to the format specified at the end of this document, should include:

- Research title, researchers' names and affiliations.
- Research objectives.
- Research innovation and contribution beyond the state of the art.

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- The list of researchers, indicating the specific contribution of each researcher, the collaboration mechanisms, and how the funding will enhance the collaboration.
- A one year research plan with a timetable, task division, and responsibilities, including the tasks of the graduate student.
- Plans to submit related proposals to other competitive funding agencies and/or specific internationally funded collaborations.
- Matching funds (matching will be required for the scholarships allocated to the graduate student).
- List of expected publications (in which journals, timeline)
- Budget details (in tabular form) and budget justification (following the budget table).
- References should be added at the end of the proposal and will not be included in the proposal page count.

The proposal should be submitted in English by July 21, 2016 to [sigalbe@bgu.ac.il](mailto:sigalbe@bgu.ac.il). The submission should include a single PDF file with the proposal, references, and a short bio for each PI. Proposals will be reviewed by a scientific committee. The funded projects will be announced by October 1, 2016.

Researchers of winning proposals should acknowledge the contribution of the Paul Ivanier center in related work: *"This research was supported by the Paul Ivanier Center for Production Management, Ben-Gurion University of the Negev"*.

For questions and clarifications please write to: [sigalbe@bgu.ac.il](mailto:sigalbe@bgu.ac.il)

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### Proposal format

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The proposal should be submitted in English. The total length of the proposal (not including references) is limited to four A4 pages. All text should be in font Times New Roman. The first page

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must include the title of the proposal and the name and affiliation of the researchers. Title should be 14pt size boldface type. Authors' names should be 12pt size normal type followed by affiliations in 10pt size. The main text should be 11pt size with spacing of 1.5 lines. Page margins should be 2 cm top and bottom, 3 cm left and right. A short reference list may be included at the end of the document with font size 10pt and APA reference style.