

The Jacob Blaustein Center for Scientific Cooperation Fellowship

Objective of the BCSC Fellowship

The aim of the fellowship is to advance the fellow and to train him/her as a researcher either in or out of academia.

Candidate Eligibility

- Candidates for the BCSC postdoctoral fellowship must have received their PhD degree within the preceding five years from the start date of the postdoctoral position
- BCSC postdoctoral fellowships are not available to candidates who received their PhD degrees from Ben-Gurion University of the Negev
- BCSC postdoctoral fellowships are not available to candidates who have received any other postdoctoral fellowship from any unit or department of Ben-Gurion University of the Negev

The Jacob Blaustein Center for Scientific Cooperation (BCSC) Committee

The BCSC Committee for Postdoctoral Fellows shall select suitable candidates who will be awarded the status of postdoctoral fellow in the Jacob Blaustein Institutes for Desert Research.

Amount and Duration of Scholarships

The amounts of the fellowships awarded by and through the BCSC and the arrangements for their payment shall be determined by the BCSC Administration and shall be reviewed periodically. The current amount of the monthly fellowship is the following: NIS 5142 (paid by the BCSC) and NIS 2571 (paid by the host). The scholarship is granted for one academic year. The Committee will decide whether to recommend granting the scholarship for an additional academic year, based on the fellow's activity and achievements during the first year.

Residency

The fellow must be in residence at the Sede Boqer Campus of the BIDR for the entire duration of the fellowship, with the exception of short trips abroad for conferences and other matters. Extended absences will result in a forfeiture of the fellowship.

Employment

A fellow shall not engage in any other employment during the period of the fellowship (either at the university or elsewhere), and shall dedicate all his/her time and efforts to research supported by the fellowship for the entire period of the fellowship.

Specific exception to this general provision is provided below.

The fellow may be permitted engage in teaching, for up to four hours per week during the academic year, in cases when this work is required by the unit, and approved by the BCSC.

Additional Employment

a. Postdoctoral fellows with a full scholarship are required to devote their time to their research and, in general, they should not work elsewhere, either as volunteers or for wages.

b. A postdoctoral fellow's advisor may approve certain additional work if it is not time consuming and only minimally interferes with their research; such extracurricular activity should not be related in any way to the postdoctoral studies. Approval of additional work is contingent upon approval by the BCSC Director.

c. As such, additional work for postdoctoral fellows is restricted to either no more than four academic hours per week of teaching at BGU or eight hours of another type of work per week. Nonetheless, it is strongly recommended that the additional work be less than half of the above amounts.

1. Report

At the end of each academic year, the supervisor and the fellow shall submit to the BCSC a short report of the fellow's academic activity over the course of the year. The report shall include copies of scientific papers resulting from the research, regardless of whether they have been published or not.

2. BCSC Acknowledgements in Publications

The postdoctoral fellow and his/her supervisor affirm that all publications resulting from the fellowship-supported research will include the name of the Jacob Blaustein Center for Scientific Cooperation, even if the publication is submitted after the fellowship period has ended. The acknowledgement should be stated as "XXX is the recipient of a postdoctoral fellowship from the Jacob Blaustein Center for Scientific Cooperation" or words to this effect.

3. Intellectual Property

The postdoctoral fellow shall be subject to all university regulations regarding intellectual property.

4. Cessation of Research

Any cessation of the research work requires the approval of the BCSC.

Documents and Rights

On the completion of the postdoctoral fellowship, the fellow shall be entitled to written certification attesting to his/her participation in the program.

Opening for Postdoctoral Fellowships

Opening for postdoctoral fellowships are usually published once a year: with successful candidates notified in May- and the position beginning in October.
(See **Link: [Link to the page of BCSC Fellowship](#)**)

Requests for scholarships funded by the advisor can be submitted year round.