

INSTRUCTIONS FOR SUBMISSION OF APPLICATIONS FOR THE PROF. R. RAHAMIMOFF TRAVEL GRANTS FOR YOUNG SCIENTISTS– 2020

1. General Information

1.1 The program

- The Prof. R. Rahamimoff Travel Grants program is **open to PhD students doing research that requires facilities or expertise not available in their home countries.**
- In 2020 the program will have two calls, and each will support 10 trips. Grants are for \$4,000 each.
- The trips will be only to a higher education or a research institution in the U.S. (for Israelis) or Israel (for Americans). The program will not support participation in conferences, or trips of late stage PhD students.
- Each trip will be for a maximum length of 2 months.
- Travel should be taken within one year of notification of award.
- Applications for trips that have already occurred will not be accepted.
- **Before submitting an application please read carefully these Submission Instructions. Applications that do not follow these instructions will not be processed.**

1.2 Eligibility

- Applicants must be U.S. or Israeli citizens.
- The applicant, rather than his thesis advisor, must write the application.
- Applicants must be conducting supervised research towards a PhD in an accredited higher education institution, or in a non-profit research institution (government or other, including hospitals).

- Submitting an application before the PhD research program/plan is formally approved by the university is not recommended.
- Students in their last year of PhD studies are not eligible to submit applications to the program.
- The BSF will only accept applications that are in the scientific fields it supports in its regular research grant program. For a full list, see [Eligible Areas of Research](#). Please note, the ‘split program’ does NOT apply to Travel Grants.
- Applicants must be 35 years old or younger.
- Israeli and American students doing research in the other country are not eligible to apply.
- A student who was previously awarded a grant in this program is not allowed to submit again.
- A student who was turned down may resubmit an application after 12 months, but only after receiving an approval from the BSF office. This approval will be given if an examination of the original submission will indicate that a resubmission has a good chance to succeed, for example if the application was submitted too early in the PhD study, and was otherwise excellent.

1.3 Selection criteria

Applications will be evaluated by a special committee on the basis of their merit, in light of the overall aim of the program, and the qualifications of the candidate. In particular, the significance of the trip to the candidate's research will be estimated. Criteria frequently used by the panel are whether the plan is specific and detailed, the stage of the research program (trips planned very early or very late in the research program are often not approved), and the apparent level of interest of the host.

1.4 Budget

- The budget for each trip is fixed at \$4,000 and will cover travel costs and per-diem expenses. Trips are limited to 2 months.

- The BSF will not provide funding for institutional overhead.

2. Submission Instructions

- **Both Israeli and American students must submit through the university from which they will graduate. Students who are doing their research at a hospital or other research institution must also submit their applications through the university from which they will graduate.**
- **Each university will be limited to no more than 5 applicants.**

2.1 Required material

- Cover and signature page (to be downloaded from the BSF website in the Prof. Rahamimoff Travel Grants Program page). The requested data on the form includes a brief description of the trip and its significance to the research carried out by the candidate. It must be completed in 12-point font and 1.5 line spacing. Since it is not protected, the applicants are requested to make sure that the top and bottom letterheads are not lost.
- **Signatures**
The cover page must be signed in the proper places by:
 1. The applicant
 2. The institutional authority of the student's university (must also include email address!).
- Letter of support from the applicant's supervisor.
- Letter of acceptance and support from the intended host scientist (must detail what the visiting student will be doing, and the commitment of the host to personally work with him).
- CV of the applicant.
- All items should be submitted as one complete PDF or Word file.

2.2 Form of submission



Submission must be made through the appropriate office in the applicant's university. Applications must be submitted by email (bsf@bsf.org.il or nancy@bsf.org.il) with all of the required material as an attachment in PDF or Word format.

2.3 Submission date

Applications to the Prof. R. Rahamimoff Travel Grants program must reach the BSF office no later than **Tuesday, May 7, 2020 at 5 pm (Israel time, 10 AM EST)**.

**As each institution may submit no more than 5 applications for their students, applicants should contact the university to determine the latest date applications should be submitted to them, so that the university can conduct its own internal selection before submitting to the BSF.

Announcements of final award decisions will be made on the BSF website.