

BARD

United States - Israel

Binational Agricultural Research and Development Fund



Graduate Student Fellowship Program
Guidelines and Regulations for Applicants and Recipients

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Objective: enable Ph.D. students in one country (the United States or Israel) to travel to the other country (Israel or the United States) in order to acquire new skills and techniques in their field of study. The exchange will promote collaboration between scientists of both countries and expose the student to the ongoing research in the other county in the area of his/her present and future research.

Eligibility: Ph.D. students who are citizens of either the United States or Israel and who wish to conduct research in the laboratory in the other country are eligible to apply.

Application: by e-mail to lea@bard-isus.com by **January 15**.

Technical Requirements include the following items:

Applicant must provide the following

- *Signed Cover Page* (attached or from the website: <http://www.bard-isus.com>) indicating the proposed Start Date (4 to 9 months from the date of the application).
- *Curriculum Vitae* include personal, educational and professional activities; participation in national and international meetings, teaching experience, awards and scholarships, etc.
- *List of Publications* (if any). Do not include articles 'in preparation'.
- *Undergraduate and graduate transcripts* (grades) in English (scanned if needed for email transmission).
- *Topic for the Ph.D. thesis*, its *abstract* and a *statement* regarding the relevance of the fellowship to the Ph.D. thesis.
- *Proposed research plan* (not to exceed 3 pages). Include objectives, background, working hypothesis, detailed experimental plan and timetable. Describe expected results, including an explanation of how these will be incorporated into the Ph.D. thesis (it is acknowledged that this maybe difficult to know in advance). Address the feasibility of completing the research within the proposed time span.
- *Name, affiliation and contact information* (phone and e-mail) of the current supervisor.
- Justify the *choice of mentor*.
- *Letters of Recommendation* (sent directly to BARD): one from the Ph.D. advisor and one from an additional member of the thesis committee.

Mentor (host) must provide the following

- Letter expressing his/her agreement to host the student and supervise the research.
- List of recent publications
- Description of relevant, on-going research topics in the lab.

Award: The fellowship is intended to provide travel and modest living expenses to conduct the research in the host laboratory for a period of 3 to 6 months. The award is \$1500 per month and \$1500 to cover travel costs (economy class air ticket).

Evaluation: Applications will be reviewed by the BARD Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) and a recommendation made to the Executive Director. The Executive Director will make a recommendation to the Board of Directors, whose

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decision will be announced by the Executive Director, in writing, during the following May.

Administration: Following a positive decision, the student will be requested to confirm his/her travel plans and the proposed Start Date of the fellowship. Financial arrangements will be coordinated directly with the BARD Controller (miriam@bard-isus.com). Payments will be made directly to the Fellow.

Final Scientific Report A brief scientific report (not more than 3 pages) of the work accomplished must be prepared, signed by the student and mentor. This should be submitted for approval by BARD within two months of the termination of the fellowship period. Final payment (\$500) will follow approval by BARD of the scientific report.



**BARD Graduate Student Fellowship Guidelines
Application Cover Page**

Applicant:

Name: _____

ID or Social security number: _____

Home Institution: _____

Mailing Address: _____

Tel: _____ email: _____

Supervisors:

Home Scientist Supervisor Name: _____

Host Scientist Name: _____

Host Institution: _____

Mailing Address: _____

Tel: _____ email: _____

Title of Research Proposal: _____

Proposed Start Date: _____ Proposed Duration: _____

Signatures:

Applicant: _____

Host Scientist _____

Research Officer, Host Institution _____