



# NSF – BSF Collaborative Research Opportunity



United States – Israel  
Binational Science Foundation

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# US-Israel Binational Science Foundation (BSF)

- BSF was founded in 1972
- It is owned jointly by the governments of Israel and the US
- Mission: to support research collaboration between the US and Israel
- Supports basic research in wide range of fields
- Promotes excellence in research
- >5,500 awards and >\$1 B in funding



# Overview: NSF-BSF Collaborative Research Opportunity

- NSF-BSF MOU enabling collaboration signed in 2013
- Success rates similar to those of each program
- Has expanded to become one of NSF's largest international collaborations
- Now includes:
  - **7** NSF Directorates (BIO, CISE, EDU, ENG, GEO, MPS, & SBE)
  - **20** NSF Divisions
  - **>100** NSF Programs

Full list of participating programs at: [https://www.nsf.gov/BSF/participating\\_programs.jsp](https://www.nsf.gov/BSF/participating_programs.jsp)







# NSF Lead Agency Opportunity

## WHAT

U.S. and foreign researchers collaborate on a single proposal that undergoes a single review process at a single (lead) agency.

## WHY

Promote international collaboration by reducing some barriers and uncertainty researchers may encounter.

## HOW

Lead agency makes funding recommendation. Non-lead agency honors recommendation. Researchers supported by their country's agency.



# How to Apply to NSF-BSF – U.S. Researchers

1. Identify Israeli collaborator and target NSF Program.
2. Apply following all guidelines in the NSF Program Solicitation/DCL.
3. Follow additional guidelines in the NSF-BSF DCL ([NSF 20-094](https://www.nsf.gov/pubs/2020/nsf20094/nsf20094.jsp) or future versions replacing it - <https://www.nsf.gov/pubs/2020/nsf20094/nsf20094.jsp>)
  - title prefix must include NSF-BSF
  - Israeli budget and biosketch must be included as supp. docs
4. Israel-based researcher submits the same NSF proposal to BSF.
5. NSF-BSF proposals are reviewed following normal NSF review and award process.
6. If awarded, NSF funds the U.S. researcher's approved budget and BSF funds the Israel researcher's approved budget.