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Dear Colleague Letter: National Science Foundation, Directorate for Social, Behavioral & Economic Sciences (NSF/SBE) and US-Israel Binational Science Foundation (BSF) Opportunity for Collaborations in Economics and Psychology

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Dear Colleague:

To facilitate the support of collaborative work between US groups and their Israeli counterparts, NSF's Directorate for Social, Behavioral & Economic Sciences (SBE) and the BSF have recently signed a Letter of Intent that outlines a review process for projects in Economics and Psychology. Israeli researchers are invited to read the BSF solicitation at: http://www.bsf.org.il/ElectronicSubmission/GatewayFormsAndGuidelines.aspx?PageId=7&innerTextID=0.

International collaborations are invited to submit proposals in the areas described in the following SBE programs:

Division of Behavioral and Cognitive Sciences Core Programs:

- Social Psychology (PD 98-1332)
- Perception, Action, and Cognition (PD 09-7252)
- Cognitive Neuroscience (PD 15-1699)
- Developmental and Learning Sciences (PD 08-1698)

Division of Social and Economic Sciences Core Programs:

- Economics (PD 98-1320)

Proposals will be submitted to NSF and the Israeli institution will submit a parallel proposal to BSF immediately afterwards. The proposals will be reviewed in competition with other proposals received for the same funding round by NSF using NSF's merit review process. It is important to note that there are no separate NSF funds available for these efforts; proposals must compete with all other proposals within the NSF program and must succeed on the strengths of their intellectual merit and broader impact. BSF will check the role of the Israeli scientist and her/his eligibility at the onset of the process, but will not conduct a parallel review and will not rank proposals; BSF is likely to fund any Israeli whose research partner is funded by NSF.

PROPOSAL PREPARATION AND SUBMISSION

1. The NSF proposal must be submitted to a participating SBE program by a US institution. The Israeli institution submits a parallel proposal to BSF via the BSF submission system.

2. Proposals must be submitted via FastLane in accordance with proposal preparation guidelines in the *NSF Grants Proposal Guide* or via Grants.gov in accordance with proposal preparation guidelines in the *NSF Grants.gov Application Guide*.
3. The proposal title should be prefaced with "NSF/SBE-BSF:"
4. The project description must describe the nature of the collaboration and the role of the Israeli partners.
5. Israeli investigators should not be listed as Co-PIs on the Cover Sheet. The NSF proposal should include biographical sketches of all senior personnel, including Israeli partners.
6. The budget forms submitted to NSF should only indicate the amount requested by the US institution. The NSF proposal should also include a PDF of the BSF budget form as a supplementary document. The parallel proposal submitted to BSF should indicate the amount requested from BSF for the Israeli side of the collaboration.
7. The NSF budget justification must clearly differentiate between the US and Israeli project budgets; proposals that request duplicative funding may be returned without review.

Post Award Considerations: Awardees will be required to acknowledge both NSF and BSF in any reports or publications resulting from the award. Requests for changes in awards (for example, for changes in scope) will be discussed by NSF and BSF before a joint decision is made.

Sincerely,

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