

Program for Scientific Cooperation between the Planning and Budgeting Committee (PBC)/Council for Higher Education of Israel (CHE), and Italian Ministries of Foreign Affairs and Universities

Call for Project Proposals (2024)

Background

This call aims to enhance research collaboration between Israel and Italy by funding the stay of an Italian researcher in Israel for a minimum of four months, focusing on green fuel research. A grant of 40,000 euros, provided by the PBC, will be awarded to the Italian researcher via the Israeli host university. The host university will transfer the full amount received from the PBC to the recipient.

The call's issuance, the evaluation of submissions, and the selection of the winners will be managed by the Association of University Heads of Israel (VERA).

Eligibility

This call is open to full faculty members at research universities funded by the PBC, inviting them to nominate an Italian faculty member to be hosted for at least four months to work on a joint research project.

Evaluation Process and Criteria

Submissions will be evaluated based on academic excellence by a committee comprising representatives from each of the public research universities with an emphasis on:

- A. The research excellence of both the host and guest researchers in the relevant field (e.g., publications, awards, etc.);
- B. The contribution of the host institution's unique infrastructure for the promotion of the joint research project;
- C. The scientific merit of the proposed project;
- D. The extent and nature of the intended collaboration.

Submission Instructions

Host faculty members are invited to submit their proposals, accompanied by all necessary documentation, for evaluation based on the criteria specified above. Submissions should be emailed as a single PDF, labeled with the submitter's name in English, and must include:

- A. CVs of both host and guest researchers (up to 2 pages, excluding publications);
- B. Lists of publications by both researchers from the past five years;
- C. A description of the research project (up to 5 pages);

- D. A support letter from the host department in Israel (up to 1 page);
- E. A plan for sustaining and funding the continuation of the collaboration in the long-term with the host researcher/institution (up to 1 page);
- F. A signed letter of intent from the visiting Italian researcher, confirming her/his willingness to participate in the project (up to 1 page).

Each institution may submit one candidate. The selection process will identify a single winner from among all submissions.

For details regarding the deadline for submitting proposals and the email address for submissions, please contact your host university in Israel.