NIFA-BARD Cooperative Opportunity

In 2013, the U.S. Department of Agriculture’s National Institute of Food and Agriculture (NIFA) signed a Memorandum of Understanding with BARD, The U.S.-Israel Binational Agricultural Research and Development Fund. For 2015, the NIFA-BARD initiative has identified the following programs for mutually beneficial collaboration:

- **AFRI Food Security** (published)
- AFRI Water for Agriculture (Anticipated publication date February 2015)
- AFRI Agricultural and Natural Resources Science for Climate Variability and Change (Anticipated publication date February 2015)
- AFRI Food Safety (Anticipated publication date February 2015)

Thus U.S. scientists, applying for a grant in any of the above AFRI RFAs, have an opportunity to add to their application Israeli scientists as collaborators whose funding will be provided by BARD.

Israeli agriculture is known for its use of innovative and advanced systems particularly in the face of adverse climatic conditions. This reputation is largely due to the highly trained agricultural research community based in many of Israel’s leading universities and research centers.

**This expertise can be used to help enhance one or more of the proposal’s objectives without compromising the proposed budget for any of the U.S. collaborators.**

Israelis can participate in the following types of applications (as per the particular RFA’s specifications):

- **CAP** (Coordinated Agricultural Project Grants)
- Standard Integrated Grants
- Seed Grants
- New Investigator Grants

The BARD staff is available to help facilitate U.S. scientists to find appropriate Israeli partners for their collaborative efforts.

For more information:

- **AFRI Food Security RFA**
- **AFRI Current funding opportunities**
- **Food Security FAQ for International Partnerships**

Guidelines for Applications that include NIFA-BARD International Partnership

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