

**1. Interested institution:**

**Ben-Gurion University of the Negev (BGU) ([www.bgu.ac.il](http://www.bgu.ac.il))**

**2. Brief Description of the Institution**

“The Institute for Higher Education in the Negev” was founded by the residents of Beer-Sheva and the Negev during the early 1960s, utilizing instructors from other academic institutions in Israel to provide post-secondary education in Beer-Sheva. Continuous efforts to convince the government to establish a full-fledged university in the Negev, the southern region of Israel, bore fruit on November 9, 1969, when Yigal Alon, then Minister of Education and acting Prime Minister, announced that the Government had decided to build and support the “University of the Negev.” In November 1970, the first meeting of the Board of Governors took place, and the “Institute for Higher Education in the Negev” became the “University of the Negev.”

The University was formally accredited by the Council for Higher Education (CHE) in 1973 and, after the death of David Ben-Gurion, Israel’s first and legendary Prime Minister, it was officially renamed “Ben-Gurion University of the Negev” (BGU).

**The University has five campuses:** (a) three in Beer-Sheva: the Marcus Family Campus (the main campus), the David Tuviyahu Campus (formerly Beit HIAS) and the David Bergmann Campus (b) one in Sede Boqer, which includes: the Jacob Blaustein Institutes for Desert Research, the Albert Katz International School for Desert Studies and the Ben-Gurion Research Institute for the Study of Israel and Zionism (c) and the University’s newest campus in Eilat, established in 2003. The Eilat Campus offers B.A. & B.Sc. and M.A. & M.Sc. degrees in several disciplines. Approximately 700 students are currently studying there.

### **3. Please tick the areas of research (as established in Marie Skłodowska Curie Actions)**

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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Chemistry (CHE)                           | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Environmental Sciences and Geology (ENV) |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Social Sciences and Humanities (SOC)      | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Life Sciences (LIF)                      |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Economic Sciences (ECO)                   | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Mathematics (MAT)                        |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Information Science and Engineering (ENG) | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Physics (PHY)                            |

### **4. Research / Project Description**

Ben-Gurion University of the Negev (BGU) invites eligible international researchers to choose BGU as their host institution for a Marie Skłodowska-Curie Individual Fellowship for proposals in all fields.

Individual Fellowships provide support for Experienced Researchers undertaking mobility between countries. Individual Fellowships provide opportunities to acquire and transfer new knowledge and to work on research in a European context. (EU Member States and Associated Countries) or outside Europe. The scheme particularly supports the return and reintegration of researchers to Europe or Associated Countries. It also develops or helps to restart the careers of individual researchers that show great potential, considering their experience.

All Marie Skłodowska-Curie actions have a bottom-up approach, i.e. research fields are chosen freely by the applicants.

Projects can range between 12-36 months.

For more information, please see the [Guide for Applicants](#) and the [Work Programme](#).

### **5. Who can apply?**

At the deadline for the submission of proposals (10 September, 2015), researchers (\*):

- Shall be in possession of a doctoral degree or have at least four years of full-time equivalent research experience.
- Must not have resided or carried out their main activities in the country of Israel for more than 12 months in the 3 years immediately prior to the abovementioned deadline.

### *6. Contact person*

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### *7. Applications: documents to be submitted and deadlines*

It is required that you have a supervisor from BGU. We will be happy to assist.  
Final submission via the EU [Participante Portal](#)

Please note that:

- Deadline of the next call for proposals for Marie Skłodowska – Curie Individual Fellowships is **September, 10<sup>th</sup> 2015**.

(\*). Further details on the Call and additional eligibility criteria can be found at the [Participants' Portal](#)