

The BIRAX Ageing UK-Israel Call for Travel Grants 2021-2022

The British Council is pleased to invite proposals to the [UK-Israel Travel Grants Programme](#).

The following notes provide guidance on eligibility and conditions upon which the grants are issued. Applicants are required to complete one [application form, online](#), in accordance with the guidance notes here, and follow any instructions provided on the application form.

1. Description

- 1.1. The Programme aims to strengthen academic collaboration between the UK and Israel in the priority sector of ageing, under the [BIRAX Ageing](#) programme. The scheme aims to support the travel of Israeli and British researchers, with preference to early career researchers, to collaborating labs in Britain/Israel.
- 1.2. Support can be given for researchers who wish to participate in a conference, a course, an exchange visit to a laboratory, or other visits where it can be shown to be of value for increasing the applicant's involvement and knowledge/skills in the priority areas.

2. Scientific Priorities

The research collaboration must be in one of these priority areas:

Ageing: research related to ageing, including: genetics, longevity, and age-related diseases, in line with the BIRAX Ageing CfP:

- Ageing and immunity
- Age-related multimorbidity
- Cardiovascular disease
- How the ageing process impacts on the progression of Type 1 and Type 2 diabetes
- Ageing well with diabetes
- Neurodegenerative conditions
- Arthritis and other musculoskeletal disorders
- Age-related frailty and other geriatric syndromes

3. Time frame

- 3.1. Visits to laboratories and/or conferences must take place between two and six days.
- 3.2. Travel must take place no later than the end of August 2022 (subject to pandemic restrictions that may occur).

4. Eligibility

- 4.1. The applicant must have [attended at least one full day](#) of the [BIRAX Ageing Conference on November 3rd and 4th, 2021](#). For Israel-based applicants – participation in the conference must be in person. For UK-based applicants – participation may also be virtual. → [Free registration to the conference](#)
- 4.2. The Applicant must hold a PhD degree, be a Post-doctoral Research Fellow or Principal Investigator in the broad field of ageing research, as defined by the BIRAX Ageing CfP.

- 4.3. Proposals must include the details of the applicant. The applicant is the person who will travel to the UK or Israel.
- 4.4. If the applicant knows who their host is, the host's details should be mentioned in the application. The host is the person who will receive the applicant in their lab.
- 4.5. Both the applicant and the host (where relevant) must demonstrate their affiliation to a UK/Israeli higher education research institution that is formally recognised by both countries.
- 4.6. We only accept applications from researchers affiliated to higher education academic institutions. Applicants from independent research centres are not eligible to apply.
- 4.7. Multiple applications from laboratories, departments and academic institutions are acceptable; however, individuals may submit only one application. Duplicate applications or applications for reciprocal symposia will not be eligible.

5. Funding

- 5.1. Payment will be made to the applicant's institution, contingent on contract signature. The institution is responsible for transferring the funds to the applicant. We do not expect overheads to be charged.
- 5.2. The grantee will need to inform the British Council two months in advance of their travel in order for the payment to be made. The payment will be made in two instalments: first payment of 70% of the grant upon receiving the notification from the grantee and an invoice from the grantee's institution. Second payment of 30% upon receiving a narrative and financial report from the grantee, listing actual use of the funds. The payment terms will be specified in the contract with the applicant's institution.
- 5.3. This grant can fund **up to 6 days** of expenses as long as they are directly related to the academic or professional aspect of the trip. Any stay that exceeds the 6 day limit, or falls within the 6 days limit but is **NOT** related directly to the academic or professional part of the trip, must be funded from other sources.
- 5.4. Applicants will be able to claim **up to £250 stipend per day** for each day of their trip. In addition, applicants will be paid up to **£500 for flight costs**.

Duration of trip	Stipend (GBP)
2 days	£500 plus a one-time travel allowance of £500 Amount paid by the grant: £1,000
3 days	£750 plus a one-time travel allowance of £500 Amount paid by the grant: £1,250
4 days	£1,000 plus a one-time travel allowance of £500 Amount paid by the grant: £1,500
5 days	£1,250 plus a one-time travel allowance of £500 Amount paid by the grant: £1,750
6 days	£1,500 plus a one-time travel allowance of £500 Amount paid by the grant: £2,000

5.5. Travel grants are intended to support the travel and subsistence of eligible individuals. Eligible costs include the items below:

- Return air travel, up to £500;
- In-country local transport (bus, rail, taxi etc.);
- Accommodation costs, up to £150 per night for London, Tel Aviv and Jerusalem; £90 elsewhere in the UK or in Israel;
- Meals/subsistence costs;
- Conference admission fees.

5.6. Inadmissible costs:

- Costs related to writing up previous research;
- Costs related to an accompanying spouse or children;
- Any contributions towards salaries or pension costs.

5.7. Successful applicants should take out adequate insurance as the British Council cannot take responsibility for any problems that may occur during the visit. Successful applicants will accept full responsibility for all aspects of the visit and take out insurance for any risks associated with taking part in travelling abroad, including all unexpected and uncontrollable events. The British Council will not be liable for the consequences of any such risks or any costs incurred.

5.8. Please note that successful applicants are expected to make their own travel and accommodation arrangements, and that the British Council will not be able to assist in requesting visas or taking out insurance required to carry out their visit. Successful applicants are responsible for any tax-related issues.

5.9. In the event of early termination of the grant, any payment made after the date of termination will have to be repaid as will the return portion of the travel money. Failure to comply with demands will result in the British Council, responsible for the administration of Programme, seeking reimbursement of the full award plus administrative costs.

6. **Assessment**

6.1. Applications are assessed by a Selection Board. The Selection Board's decision is final and confidential. No appeals will be considered. The British Council is unable to enter into any communication on the Selection Board's decisions. Feedback will not be provided to unsuccessful applicants.

6.2. The Board will evaluate applications using the following criteria:

- **Quality of the scientific content of the proposed activity:** depth, content, clarity and uniqueness of the visit.
- **Contribution of the trip to the applicant's career:** applicants must demonstrate how and why the visit will enhance their academic career.
- **Outcomes and follow ups:** what outcomes are likely to emanate from the visit such as new or long-lasting collaboration, shared skills and techniques, mutually developed data sets, etc.
- **Potential for joint submissions to the BIRAX Ageing 2 Call for Proposals:** subject to points above, if the visit is part of an expected joint submission to the BIRAX Ageing 2 CfP, this will be taken into account positively.

7. Responsibilities of the Grantee

- 7.1. The grantee's home institution is required to sign a grant agreement with the British Council before any payment can be made.
- 7.2. The grantee will fill in a narrative and financial report no longer than a month following their trip.
- 7.3. The British Council and BIRAX AGEING must be acknowledged in any communications materials used in or emanating from their travel.
- 7.4. The grantee is expected to support the activity of the Science and Innovation Network and the British Council Israel when relevant.
- 7.5. The grantee is expected to participate in media work for the British Council or Science and Innovation Network where relevant, and to
- 7.6. Attend Science and Innovation Network or British Council events, where relevant.

8. Other Compliance Matters

- 8.1. Applicants must obtain the support from their home institution and, where relevant, the host institution as well, and include the necessary documentation in their application. Applications that are not validated and/or not received by the specified deadline will not be accepted.
- 8.2. Submitting the application form constitutes confirmation that the information provided is complete and accurate, and acceptance of all terms, conditions and notices contained in the Guidelines for Applicants. Subsequent discovery of any deliberate misrepresentation will automatically render the application null and void. If an award has been made, the British Council will require a full refund.

9. Equal Opportunities and Diversity

- 9.1. The British Council and The Science and Innovation Network are committed to a policy of Equal Opportunities, and we welcome applications from all sections of society. All applications will be evaluated solely on the basis of the award criteria as listed above.

10. Privacy notice

The British Council is the Data Controller of the information that you provide as part of your participation in the UK-Israel Early Career Researcher Mobility Grants programme. This means that the British Council is responsible for determining how your information is collected and used.

The legal basis for collecting your data is that the processing is necessary for the administration of your application for the UK-Israel Early Career Researcher Mobility Grants, with related terms and conditions explained in these application notes.

By submitting your application, you understand that your information may be shared with our partners for these purposes awarding and administering the grant:

- The UK Science and Innovation Network;
- British Council Partners who may be interested in funding your grant;
- The selection panel members.

Your information is also shared with SurveyMonkey Apply, USA, as the 3rd party application platform we use.

We comply with data protection law in the UK and laws in other countries that meet internationally accepted standards. You have the right to access your personal data, to ask us to correct any inaccuracies in your information or to object to our using your personal data for direct marketing or automated decision making and/or individual profiling.

In some situations, you also have the right to require us to restrict the processing of your personal information, to ask us to securely delete or destroy your personal information (the 'right to be forgotten') or the right to data portability. In order to exercise any of your data protection rights, please contact us at IGDisclosures@britishcouncil.org.

If you have concerns about how we have used your personal information, you also have the right to complain to a privacy regulator. For contact details of the Information Commissioner's Office (ICO) in the UK, see www.ico.org.uk, for the Israel Privacy Protection Authority see www.gov.il/he/departments/the_privacy_protection_authority

For further information especially on data subject rights, please refer to the privacy section of our corporate website at www.britishcouncil.org/privacy, or contact the British Council Israel office, israelscience@britishcouncil.org.

We will keep your information for a period of 7 years from the time of collection.

11. How to apply

Please fill in the following [online form](#); the deadline for applications is **November 30th 2021, 23:59 GMT / December 1st, 01:59 Israel Time**.

Announcements will be made by the end of **December 2021**, followed by a contract signature.

Trips are expected to take place **by the end of August 2022** (subject to travel restrictions due to the pandemic).

For all inquiries, please e-mail israelscience@britishcouncil.org; Please note that we are unable to comment on the content of applications.

12. An application must contain:

- CV
- A letter of support from the applicant's supervisor.
- An abstract if the applicant is applying for conference travel support.
- An invitation letter with motivation if the applicant is applying for travel support to carry out an exchange visit.
- A course programme and letter of acceptance if the applicant is applying for travel support to participate in a course.