



The Boris Mints Institute
for Strategic Policy Solutions to Global Challenges
The Gershon H. Gordon Faculty of Social Sciences
Tel Aviv University

The BMI Prize

Vision – What are we looking for?

The world is thirsty for innovative, groundbreaking policy solutions to promote environmental sustainability, ensure food security, health and energy to all, and eradicate poverty and international conflict. The Boris Mints Institute was founded with the intention to encourage research, planning and innovative thinking to promote significant positive change in the world. BMI is focusing on finding strategic feasible solutions to provide strategic plans and innovative projects to enhance the welfare of communities around the globe.

Starting 2017, BMI will award a 100,000\$ prize to an exceptional individual who has devoted his/her research and academic life to the solution of a strategic global challenge, and whose research public action and ideas had transformative impacts on global policy formation a proven contribution to the welfare of a significant number of communities worldwide.

The BMI Prize is granted according to merit, without discrimination based on gender, race, religion, nationality, or political affiliation.

BMI Prize winner will commit to contribute 10% of the prize to research scholarships for young scientists, who will be selected by the BMI Academic Board.

The BMI Prize ceremony will be held in Tel-Aviv University and all nominees will commit to participating in it.

Entries must meet the following criteria:

- Winning the BMI Prize requires an entire body of academic work of substantial volume and through considerable time.
- The nominee's work must be focused on a specific global challenge within the scope of BMI fields of activity: Food Security, Renewable Energy, Conflict Resolution and the Plight of the Middle Class. The nominee's work both demonstrates a clear perception of the 'big-picture' and focuses on a practical and applicable solution to the challenge.
- The nominee's work transcended the academic world and was accompanied by public action.
- The aforesaid academic and public efforts had and continue to have a real transformative impact on global policy formation.
- The welfare of a significant number of communities worldwide was affected.



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The Evaluation Process:

Nominations to the prize will be evaluated through an independent review process by a panel of 4-5 renowned international experts and policy makers. The panel will submit the evaluation report to the BMI Academic Board.

Three such distinguished scholars have already confirmed their participation in the BMI Prize evaluation committee:

- Professor Shlomo Ben-Ami, Vice President, Toledo International Center for Peace and former Foreign Minister of Israel
- Professor Mitchell Small, H John Heinz III Professor of Environmental Engineering, Carnegie Mellon University, Associate Department Head for Graduate Affairs, Engineering and Public Policy and Professor of Civil and Environmental Engineering
- Dr. Segenet Kelemu, Director General of the International Center of Insect Physiology and Ecology (icipe) Nairobi, Kenya

The Academic Board, at a special, extraordinary meeting, headed by Prof. Itai Sened, Head of BMI, including Prof. Itamar Rbinovich, Former Ambassador of Israel to USA and President Emeritus of Tel-Aviv University, as an ex-officio representative of BMI International Advisory Board and Dr. Alexander Pesov, representative of Dr. Boris Mints, will determine the winner of the BMI Prize.

Timeline:

- Call for proposals – 15.12.16
- Submission of proposals – December 2016 to January 31st, 2017
- End of Review Process – March 2017
- The Prize ceremony will take place at TAU every spring at the meetings of the Board of Governors of TAU usually held in the third weekend of May.



Nomination Guidelines:

- Nominees may be individuals or organizations.
- Nominations may be submitted to the BMI Prize only in accordance with the Prize instructions, as detailed on the nomination form.
- The BMI Prize is non transferable.
- Prize winners are required to participate in the award ceremony and the attendant events.
- The requested information must be entered in **English only**.
- For inquiries, please contact bminstitute@tauex.tau.ac.il, tel: +972-3-6408836

The deadline for receipt of nominations is January 31st, 2017

Nominee's Details

- Title, First Name, Middle Name, Last Name
- Position of nominee
- Work phone number, home or mobile phone number
- Fax, Email
- Postal address of nominee
- Name of nominee's institution of affiliation and department
- Postal address of institution of affiliation
- Summary of nominee's achievements meriting the Prize

Attachments

- A detailed description of the nominee's work (1-2 pages), stipulating reasons why the nominee merits the BMI Prize. Please refer to the importance of the work, its impact, and its projected influence in the relevant field (allowed: doc|rtf|docx|pdf / max:5mb)
- A full Curriculum Vitae of the nominee, or a detailed prospectus in case of an organization nominee (allowed: doc|rtf|docx|pdf / max:5mb)
- A list of the nominee's publications of the last 15 years (allowed: doc|rtf|docx|pdf / max:5mb)
- A list of the nominee's most relevant publications or projects (allowed: doc|rtf|docx|pdf / max:5mb)
- Other relevant information
- A photo of the nominee in electronic format (300 dpi, copyright free, high-definition - allowed: jpg or tif / max:5mb)



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Joint Nominations

- For joint nominations, **please submit two individual Nomination Forms**, one for each nominee, in the following manner:
- On the Nomination Form in the section entitled **Details of Nominee**, Last name field, please enter the words **Joint Nomination**, followed by the last name of the nominee.
- In the **Summary of the Nominee's Achievements** field, please mention that this is a joint nomination, followed by the first and last names of all the nominees.
- In this manner, we will receive the dossiers of each nominee individually but they will be categorized as a joint nomination.

Confirmation of successful submission is provided electronically.