

ZIN INNOVATORS

TECH, AI & FINANCE

A 6-month Fellowship for American Tech, AI & Finance Leaders

DECEMBER 2026 - MAY 2027



AI &
ROBOTICS



TECHNOLOGY &
CYBERSECURITY



NEUROSCIENCE &
DIGITAL HEALTH



FINANCE &
VENTURE CAPITAL



STARTUPS &
INNOVATION

THE ISRAEL TECH EXPERIENCE YOU CAN'T GET ANYWHERE ELSE

Zin Innovators, a program of Americans for Ben-Gurion University (A4BGU), is a highly curated 6-month fellowship for mid-career leaders in technology, AI, cybersecurity, and finance who want unprecedented access to Israel's innovation ecosystem—and the relationships, ideas, and perspective that come with it.

Centered around Ben-Gurion University of the Negev—Israel's emerging AI and cyber capital—this program brings together founders, investors, operators, and technologists for immersive learning, behind-the-scenes access, and meaningful engagement with researchers shaping the future.

WHY "ZIN?"

The program is named for the Zin Valley in the Negev Desert—home to the gravesite of David Ben-Gurion, whose vision helped shape the future of southern Israel.

Ben-Gurion believed the Negev would become the engine of Israel's innovation and resilience. Today, that vision is coming to life through the groundbreaking research and technological development emerging from Ben-Gurion University.



WHAT YOU'LL EXPERIENCE

- One-on-one engagement with BGU researchers and graduate students in your field
- Behind-the-scenes access to leading AI, cybersecurity, neuroscience, robotics, and digital health labs
- An immersive 6-day experience across Tel-Aviv, Beer-Sheva, and Sde Boker
- Curated conversations with founders, investors, innovators, and policy leaders
- A cohort of 10-15 peers of founders, operators and investors
- Monthly virtual programming with leading scientists, researchers, thinkers and innovators
- Opportunities to deepen your relationship with Israel through innovation, ideas, and impact

WHY NOW?

Israel is entering a defining moment in artificial intelligence, cybersecurity, digital health, robotics, and computational neuroscience. At the center of that future is Ben-Gurion University of the Negev—where researchers are building technologies with global implications. Most American tech leaders never gain direct access to these labs, researchers, and ideas. **Zin Innovators provides that opportunity and more.**

WHAT YOU BRING HOME

 Insights that can inform your businesses, companies and projects	 Relationships with world-class Israeli researchers and innovators	 Greater fluency in Israel's technology and innovation ecosystem	 A lifelong network of influential peers across tech, AI, venture capital, and finance	 Opportunities to collaborate, mentor, invest, advise and advocate long after the program ends	 A stronger connection to Israel and its future
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WHO SHOULD APPLY?

Leaders ages 35 – 60 working across:

- Artificial Intelligence
- Finance
- Technology
- Cybersecurity
- Venture Capital
- Startups & Innovation

STRONG CANDIDATES INCLUDE:

- A track record of professional achievement
- Intellectual curiosity
- A strong interest in Israel's tech sector
- Building meaningful relationships and long-term impact
- A desire to learn more and connect with BGU

FELLOWSHIP STRUCTURE

 6-MONTH FELLOWSHIP EXPERIENCE	 Monthly virtual sessions (1.5 hours long) with researchers and thought leaders	 AN IMMERSIVE 6-DAY ISRAEL EXPERIENCE MARCH 13 - 18	 Ongoing engagement with researchers and peers	 Exclusive networking and relationship-building opportunities
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COMMITMENT

Participants are expected to:

- Commit to monthly webinars and an in-person 6-day immersive experience in Israel
- Make a \$5,000 philanthropic gift upfront at the start of the program in support of BGU
- Bring your voice, curiosity and commitment to the cohort



JOIN A POWERFUL NETWORK

Connect to over 100+ Zin Fellow Alumni from across the United States serving on A4BGU's national committees and Board of Directors.

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FOR MORE INFORMATION

Participation in the Americans for Ben-Gurion University **Zin Fellows Innovators Program** is by nomination only. Nominations are coordinated through Americans for Ben-Gurion University. If you'd like to nominate someone for the Zin Innovators Cohort, please contact liz@a4bgu.org.