Research Position for "AI & Political Participation" Project

The position:

- Time frame: Nov 16, 2026 – February 16, 2027, with possibility of extension. At least 20 hours/month (i.e., 5 hours/week). Those interested in the role who are unavailable to begin during this time period are also welcome to apply, noting availability in a cover letter.
- Supervision by:
  - Prof. Jennifer Oser, Principal Investigator of "Participation and Representation in the Digital Age," funded by the European Research Council (ERC), and Department of Politics & Government at Ben-Gurion University of the Negev (BGU).
  - Dr. Nir Grinberg, Senior Collaborator on the ERC project team, Faculty of Computer and Information Science at BGU.
- Team integration: Successful candidates will be welcome to join professional development of the ERC project's research team, including the opportunity for leadership roles in facilitating an international webinar series with prominent scholars in this field of study.
- Payment will follow standard research position pay according to training level.
- Open to international applicants, and position can be fully remote.

The Project and Research Responsibilities:

- Literature review of key theoretical and empirical scholarship.
- Research design implementation of an original survey instrument via Qualtrics that integrates with AI models.
- Writing a concluding report to summarize the findings.

Qualifications and skills:

- MA, PhD, or Postdoctoral researcher in political science, computer science, or related fields.
- Quantitative research methods training.
- Survey-based research experience; prior experience programming a survey is preferable, particularly through Qualtrics.
- Familiarity with contemporary AI models, and strong interest to learn more.
- Intellectual curiosity about AI, political participation, and democracy.
- Excellent reading and writing skills in English.
- Independence, teamwork skills, and attention to detail.
- Preference for candidates who are interested to continue to full-time MA, PhD or Postdoctoral research related to this project, with an ambition of authoring peer-reviewed academic research.

Application:

(1) Letter of application: Describe your qualifications and motivation, with reference to the ERC "Project summary document": https://www.prd-erc.eu/
(2) Writing sample in English: One writing sample that best represents your academic work (i.e., a university seminar paper or a peer-reviewed publication). If you used AI in your writing process, add a description of how you used it in the letter of application.
(3) CV with contact information for at least 2 references.

Email the files to Raya Even David (rayaED@bgu.ac.il), the Administrative Manager of Prof. Oser's research lab.

Applications will be reviewed immediately, with final notification by November 15, 2026.