# The Zuckerman STEM Leadership Program Call for Postdoctoral Fellowship Applications 2016-17



# **Program Mission**

The **Zuckerman STEM Leadership Program** is designed to transform Israel's scientific landscape, dramatically expanding its talent pool by attracting excellent postdoctoral researchers from leading universities in the United States, Canada and other Western countries. Zuckerman Scholars will join the faculties of the Hebrew University, the Technion, Tel Aviv University and the Weizmann Institute for postdoctoral training and research in Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics.

In addition, Zuckerman Scholars will enjoy joint programming and activities specially organized for them by the host universities, such as touring, educational experiences, social programs. These programs will be aimed at strengthening the Scholars' knowledge of, and connection to Israel, and to cultivate an *esprit de corps* in relation to the Zuckerman Scholars Program.

#### **Funding and Duration**

Each Zuckerman Postdoctoral Scholar will be awarded initially \$50,000 per year for two years, with \$36,000 per year devoted to living expenses, and \$14,000 per year allocated for research (\$10,000) and travel (\$4000) expenses. If circumstances allow, Zuckerman Scholar fellowships might be renewed on a competitive basis for an additional one or two years.

Funding for the first Zuckerman Postdoctoral Scholars will commence in October 2016.

# Eligibility

In order to apply for a Zuckerman Postdoctoral Scholarship, candidates will be required to secure written consent from a potential supervisor at their chosen host institution.

Applicants who have been accepted and began their postdoctoral training at the host institution after 1 October 2015 or who will arrive to begin their training no later than 1 October 2016 are eligible to apply.

# **Application Procedures**

Interested candidates should submit the following documents:

- 1. CV, including a paragraph on demonstrated leadership qualities
- 2. Research Proposal (max. 5 pages)
- 3. Letter of Endorsement by Hebrew University Host
- 4. 2 Letters of Recommendation
- 5. A Personal Statement on the candidate's future career plan.

Applications should be sent via email as one pdf file by the deadline: incoming@savion.huji.ac.il Letters of recommendation can be sent directly and separately by referees

#### Deadline for Applications: 2 June 2016

#### Selection

The Zuckerman Selection Committee will select the most worthy candidates for the Zuckerman Postdoctoral Scholarship.

Selection criteria include outstanding academic and research records, letters of recommendation and demonstrated leadership qualities.

Expected Notification of Results: June 2016

# **Further Information**

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