האוניברסיטה העברית בירושלים
THE HEBREW UNIVERSITY OF JERUSALEM

Council for Higher Education & The Israel Academy of Sciences and Humanities Excellence Fellowship Program for International Postdoctoral Researchers in Israel

2022-23 CALL FOR APPLICATIONS

Application Deadline: October 1, 2021

The Council for Higher Education in Israel and the Israel Academy of Sciences and Humanities are pleased to announce the 5th call of the Excellence Fellowship Program in Israel for outstanding international postdoctoral researchers. This program signifies Israel's commitment to the promotion of international scientific collaborations and to the advancement of world-class research. Through this initiative, Israel offers top recent PhD graduates (up to 4 years from graduation) of all academic disciplines the opportunity to conduct cutting-edge research in Israel with leading scientists and scholars in their field.

Competitive Funding

A maximum of 20 fellowships will be provided to incoming post-doctorates conducting research in one of Israel's universities; fellowships will be allocated in Sciences, Technology, Engineering and Math (STEM), the Humanities and the Social Sciences. The fellowships will be awarded for 2 years for the amount of 160,000 NIS (~$47,000) per year.

Engagement in Excellence

Postdoctoral fellows in the program will have the opportunity to engage in innovative research at the Hebrew University of Jerusalem, to actively collaborate with their supervisors, and to cultivate their academic skills in a vibrant and challenging entrepreneurial environment.

Enrichment and Networking

Fellows will participate in various activities, such as day trips, seminars, workshops and social events during the course of their fellowship. These types of activities will foster a welcoming dynamic, enabling participants to connect with one another, with Israeli academia and with Israeli society.

Eligibility

1. The fellowship program is open to international candidates who have received a PhD from a recognized higher education institution outside of Israel less than 4 years from the time of application (not including parental or medical leave), or who will receive a PhD from a

recognized higher education institution outside of Israel prior to the commencement of the fellowship.

2. Israeli citizens or residents may not apply.
3. Candidates who will be commencing a postdoctoral position in Israel before January 1, 2022 may not apply.
4. Candidates are required to have been accepted to a post-doctoral position under the supervision of a faculty member at The Hebrew University of Jerusalem.
5. Candidates are required to have the commitment of the hosting supervisor provide the required financial contribution for the fellowship: At least 25% of the 160,000 NIS (40,000 NIS per year) in the Humanities and the Social Sciences, and at least 50% (80,000 NIS per year) in the fields of STEM.
6. Candidates are expected to commit all their time to research. They are not allowed to engage in part-time work in the industry or to do their internship at hospitals, etc. The fellowships will be awarded on the basis of academic excellence, without regard to religion, gender, age or ethnicity.

Submission Guidelines

Candidates should apply directly to the Israel Academy of Sciences and Humanities. All materials should be submitted in one PDF file by October 1, 2021 to Mrs. Batsheva Shor, the Israel Academy of Sciences and Humanities, at the following address: ForeignPostdoc@academy.ac.il with the Subject: "Application Material for Dr. _____."

The following materials should be submitted in English in one PDF file per candidate, in the following order, except for the recommendation letters (see item 8 below):

1. Application form.
2. Application letter: max. 2 pages, font Arial size 12, line spacing 1.5.
3. Letter of recommendation from the host supervisor: max. 2 pages on formal letterhead.
4. Commitment letter signed by the Rector of the Hebrew University on formal letterhead indicating that the university will cover the required financial contribution to the fellowship. **The hosting supervisor will assist the candidate in obtaining this formal letter, by contacting Keri Rosenbluh (keriro@savion.huji.ac.il) with a written request. The letter will then be submitted by Keri Rosenbluh directly to the Academy, on behalf of the applicant.**
5. Commitment letter signed by the hosting supervisor on formal letterhead indicating the provision of the necessary matching funds (At least 40,000 NIS per year in the Humanities and the Social Sciences, and at least 80,000 NIS per year in the fields of STEM), research equipment, facilities and support to conduct the proposed research project.
6. CV and list of publications (list only), including journal rankings and impact factors.
7. Short description of research, including preliminary results if such exist (2 pages).
8. Candidates who have not yet finished their PhD are required to submit a confirmation from the relevant authority where the doctorate is being carried out that the candidate will fulfill all of his/her academic obligations (including thesis defense) prior to the commencement of the fellowship, and is expected to receive his/her doctoral degree no later than the end of the first year of the fellowship.

In addition:

9. Two letters of recommendation, up to 2 pages each, should be sent by their authors, printed on official stationery, directly to the Academy at: ForeignPostdoc@academy.ac.il with the Subject: "Recommendation Letter for Dr. _____" by October 1, 2021.

Selection Process

A committee comprising members of the Israel Academy of Science and the Humanities, the Israel Young Academy, and leading scholars and scientists in Israeli academia, will select the fellows on the basis of academic and research excellence. Awardees will be notified by January 15, 2022.

Awardees' and Host Institutions' Commitments:

1. Fellows will be required to submit midterm and final reports signed by the host researcher, on their research. The host researcher and the university must report any change in or termination of the research.

2. Any publications that result from research activities conducted during the fellowship period are expected to acknowledge the support of The Council for Higher Education in Israel and the Israel Academy of Sciences and Humanities.

3. The program will commence on October 1, 2022. Fellows may arrive beginning June 2022 and until March 1, 2023. Arrival after this date makes one ineligible for the fellowship. Earlier arrival (between January 1, 2022 and May 31, 2022) is allowed but will not be funded by the fellowship. Fellowships will be provided for a duration of two years, regardless of the start date.

4. Funding will be transferred to the university which is responsible for providing the full fellowship to the postdoc.

5. Fellows are not allowed to receive another EXTERNAL fellowship simultaneously, but additional fellowships by the host institution are allowed.

6. Fellows are allowed to teach at the host institution for no more than half a day per week.

7. The fellowship will not be subject to any overhead.

For further information at the Israel Academy of Sciences and Humanities, please contact Ms. Batsheva Shor at: batsheva@academy.ac.il.

For further information within the Hebrew University, please contact Ms. Keri Rosenbluh at: keriro@savion.huji.ac.il.