

THE ZUCKERMAN POSTDOCTORAL SCHOLARS PROGRAM

POSTDOCTORAL SCHOLAR GUIDELINES FOR THE 2023–2024 ACADEMIC YEAR

Program designed for Israeli citizens for postdoctoral research in the USA and Canada

ABOUT THE PROGRAM

The Zuckerman Israeli Postdoctoral Scholars Program provides additional support for up to two years to Israeli PhD graduates who have been accepted to a postdoctoral program with a stipend at an American university. Candidates are encouraged to apply to a university that offers more specialized training than they would find in Israel.

Upon completion of the program, scholars are expected to return to the Israeli campuses from which they earned their doctorates and visit other Israeli universities, to speak to faculty and PhD students about the program, share insights about their research, and talk about collaborating with scientists in the United States.

Candidates for Zuckerman STEM Leadership Programs are assessed based on their academic and research achievements, as well as on personal merit and leadership qualities, without regard to race, religion, gender, ethnicity, or age.

For the 2023-2024 academic year, five Israeli postdoctoral scholarships will be awarded to eight participating universities: Ariel University, Bar-Ilan University, Ben-Gurion University of the Negev, University of Haifa, The Hebrew University of Jerusalem, Technion - Israel Institute of Technology, Tel Aviv University, and Weizmann Institute of Science.

Two of the five scholarships will be awarded to women.

All five candidates will be selected at these universities based on academic merit only.

Application deadline: March 31, 2023.

Participating universities are Ariel University, Bar-Ilan University, Ben-Gurion University of the Negev, Hebrew University of Jerusalem, Technion-Israel Institute of Technology, Tel Aviv University, University of Haifa, and Weizmann Institute of Science

ELIGIBILITY

Candidates must hold a PhD from one of the eight participating universities: Ariel University, Bar-Ilan University, Ben-Gurion University of the Negev, University of Haifa, The Hebrew University of Jerusalem, Technion – Israel Institute of Technology, Tel Aviv University, and Weizmann Institute of Science.

If still studying for a PhD, they must submit their doctoral thesis before October 1, 2023.

Candidates who commenced their postdoctoral position before October 2022 are not eligible to apply.

Candidates must be accepted to a postdoctoral program at an American university or research institute that includes a stipend to work and study. They must obtain consent from a potential hosting supervisor at that university or research institute.

DURATION AND FUNDING

Zuckerman Israeli postdoctoral scholarships are awarded for up to two years.

Zuckerman Israeli postdoctoral scholars receive a stipend of \$20,000 per academic year, plus a \$5,000 travel allowance to return to Israel once per academic year during their postdoctoral appointment.

GUIDELINES FOR APPLICATION:

Supporting Documents

- Curriculum vitae, including a paragraph on demonstrated leadership qualities.
- List of at least three publications, noting the impact factor of the journals in which the papers were published.
- Written confirmation that the candidate is entitled to a PhD degree and the date it was awarded, or administrative confirmation that the candidate's doctoral thesis was sent to referees.
- Research proposal (maximum 3 pages).
- Letter of acceptance to a postdoctoral program at an American university that includes a stipend for work and study.
- Letter of consent from a potential hosting supervisor from the American university.
- Three letters of recommendation, including a letter from the candidate's PhD supervisor. If possible, one letter should come from a university other than the institution which granted the candidate's PhD.
- Personal statement detailing the candidate's future career plans.
- A simplified 200-word description of intended research

Annual Notification of Renewal

Zuckerman Israeli Postdoctoral Scholarships are for up to two years. By March 31st of the first year in the program, scholars must notify their hosting Israeli universities whether they wish to continue in the program for a second year.

Zuckerman Scholars are required to participate in sponsored events and activities during the academic year.

These events include but are not limited to:

Returning to the home campuses from which they earned their doctorates and visiting other universities to speak to faculty and PhD students about the program, share insights about their research, and talk about collaborating with scientists in the United States. Scholars should share insights about their research and about the experience of collaborating with scientists in the United States.

Attending academic and social programs hosted by the Zuckerman STEM Leadership Program.

PUBLICATIONS AND RECOGNITION

Zuckerman Israeli Postdoctoral scholars must identify themselves as scholars of the Zuckerman Israeli Postdoctoral Scholars Program in all academic and scientific papers, articles, publications, presentations (including web pages) of any material based on or advanced under the Zuckerman STEM Leadership Program, in the following terms: "This work was supported in part by the Zuckerman STEM Leadership Program".

Where appropriate, for purposes of branding, clarity and differentiation, the scholar shall name himself or herself as a "Zuckerman Israeli Postdoctoral Scholar."



SUBMISSION OF APPLICATIONS:

Deadline for applications:

Applications accepted through March 31, 2023. Applications will be reviewed and ranked by the Selection Committee in April. Finalists will be announced in early May, 2023.

Third Deadline for applications to the University of Haifa: March 15, 2023

The universities may submit up to two candidates.

Applications to the Zuckerman Israeli Postdoctoral Scholarship Program should be sent via email in one pdf file to one or more of the participating Israeli universities.

Referent for applications to the Zuckerman Program at the University of Haifa:

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