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Re: Call for Applications – Institutional Scholarships for Postdoctoral Studies at the University of Haifa Academic Year 2023-2024 Second Deadline

The Graduate Studies Authority & Bloom Graduate School will grant scholarships to post-doctoral students in the academic year2023-2024. The purpose of these scholarships is to enable postdoctoral students to devote most of their time to research and to create appropriate conditions that will enable them to complete the course within a normative period. The scholarships are intended for <u>new</u> postdoctoral students. It will be noted that the scholarship will be granted for a year and that there is no automatic extension for a second year. In exceptional cases only and in accordance with budgetary options, scholarships will be awarded to those continuing into the second year of the program. The scholarships are intended for Postdoctoral studies at the University of Haifa alone.

Scholarship amount

The scholarship amount is 69,000 NIS for a period not exceeding one year. 34,500 NIS will be funded by the Graduate Studies Authority and another amount of 34,500 NIS will be funded by the supervisor's research budget or from his/ hers other sources.

Eligibility

- Candidates must have completed their PhD studies at an academic Institution **other than** the University of Haifa.
- Candidates who have officially been awarded their PhD degrees (signified by the date on their diploma) no earlier than October 1, 2019.
- Candidates must submit their doctorate dissertation for judgment no later than the date of submission of their application for this scholarship (Candidates who will not be entitled to PhD degree, will not be granted the scholarship).

Criteria for selecting candidates

- 1. Academic and research achievements that will be reflected in recommendations and on the CV.
- 2. Publications in refereed journals.
- 3. Recommendation letters.
- 4. The research proposal.

Process of qualified candidates' selection

- 1. An institutional scholarship committee will review the candidates' data.
- 2. The Dean of Bloom School for Graduate Studies will approve the scholarship applications, taking into consideration the candidates' records, on a competitive basis, and subject to the institution's considerations and budget availability.
- 3. The scholarship committee will not review applications that fail to meet the above-mentioned eligibility terms.



Commitments of the student after the scholarship is approved

- 1. To complete the research work within one year or two years at the most, from the beginning of post-doctoral studies.
- 2. The Graduate Studies Authority reserves the right to require the student to submit at the end of the first year a scientific report detailing his actions and the results of his research.
- 3. A postdoctoral student receiving a full scholarship must dedicate most of his/her time and effort to research. In general, the postdoctoral scholarship recipient will not engage during this period in any additional job outside the institution. Notwithstanding the aforesaid, the postdoctoral student is allowed to be employed by the University, for teaching positions that shall not exceed 10 weekly teaching hours, provided that it does not significantly affect the post-doctoral training. As well, the postdoctoral student could be employed by an institution other than the University of Haifa or by the University of Haifa in a non-teaching position, upon approval of the Graduate Studies Authority, provided that the extent of the position does not exceed 15 weekly hours, and that it does not significantly affect the post-doctoral training. Authorization for employment shall be granted by the Graduate Studies Authority, after consultation with the supervisor.
- 4. To notify the Dean of Graduate Studies of the termination of the scholarship and add a letter from the supervisor, including the reasons for his departure. The notification will be submitted one month prior to the date of departure. In this case, the student will pay the relative portion of the final payment and waive the balance of the scholarship payments.
- 5. Eligibility to this scholarship is contingent on the post-doctoral student's stay in Israel for the entire authorized training period.
- 6. Scholarship installments will be transferred to a personal bank account, which will be held by the student in Israel.

Application process

Supervisors are required to submit the following documents in their exact order and as a single PDF file:

- 1. Curriculum vitae and list of publications in the <u>structured form</u> only.
- 2. A copy of the Ph.D. Diploma and the date of its reception, or certificate of entitlement to a doctoral degree. If not entitled yet a document confirming submission of doctoral dissertation for judgment.
- 3. Research extract, which includes a description of the expected research plan (limited to 300 words), the importance of the research, its uniqueness and innovation (limited to 300 words), theoretical/ methodological/ applicative contribution of the research (limited to 300 words), academic/ human/ social breakthrough (limited to 300 words).
- 4. A confirmation letter from the head of the department accepting the candidate as a postdoctoral student.
- 5. Letter of recommendation in the <u>structured form</u> from the candidate's supervisor (ranked as a senior lecturer or above) for the postdoctoral studies which includes the supervisor's matching commitment and his recommendation.





6. Two letters of recommendation, at least one from the candidate's Ph.D. supervisor and the other from a senior faculty member from a recognized university/research institutions in Israel or abroad who is familiar with the candidate and his/her research abilities.

It is possible to deliver recommendations directly by recommenders to email address: marazi@univ.haifa.ac.il

Applications for the extension of scholarship to a second year require the submission of:

- 1. Annual Progress Report in the <u>structured form</u> which includes the supervisor's matching commitment and his recommendation.
- 2. confirmation letter from the head of the department for the extension of the candidate's status as a postdoctoral student.

Extension beyond the deadline will not be permitted. Candidate files with missing documents will not be reviewed.

Last deadline date for submission is <u>August 1, 2023</u> to Ms. Mor Arazi to Email address: marazi@univ.haifa.ac.il

Sincerely,

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