

March 1, 2022

To:

Academic Faculty Staff Members

Hello,

**Re: Call for Submissions – The Bloom Scholarships for Outstanding Doctoral Students – Academic Year 2022-2023**

**Reference: Second call<sup>1</sup>**

We are pleased to announce that on academic year 2022-2023 the Bloom Graduate School will award 12 competitive scholarships to doctoral students from all disciplines. The scholarships of 300,000 NIS each, will be awarded for the 4 years term of doctoral dissertation preparation, 75,000 NIS per annum. The students' supervisors will be required to add to this scholarship from their own sources.

The Bloom scholarships are the most prestigious scholarships awarded to PhD students at the University of Haifa. They are granted solely on individual excellence in studies and scientific research for the purpose of enabling outstanding 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, as set by the academic regulations.

In view of the above, supervisors are encouraged to select stringently the candidates to this scholarship and to recommend on outstanding students, whose contribution and importance to scientific research are highly notable.

**Criteria for the selection of candidates**

1. Academic excellence
2. Potential to be absorbed (on the long run) into academic cadres of higher education institutions (continuity of studies)
3. High learning and research achievements, supported by recommendations and the candidates' CV, as well as their academic ranking among their course mates/ class
4. The importance of the research, its uniqueness and innovation
5. Theoretical/ methodological/ applicative contribution of the research
6. Academic/ human/ social breakthrough
7. Publication, active participation in conferences, academic awards

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<sup>1</sup> Date of applications submission was amended according to the decision of the University's Rector

#### **Prerequisites for submitting a scholarship application:**

1. New doctoral students beginning their studies on the first semester of 2022-2023, that have been accepted as regular students, no later than October 2, 2022 (Extension beyond this date will not be permitted).
2. Active presentation in a scientific conference (need to be mentioned first on the abstract).
3. Master's degree magna cum laude or summa cum laude.
4. The Bloom scholarships are solely intended for students who practice their research in the University of Haifa and do not receive other academic scholarships and also do not engage in any work in exception of a work that is related to better qualify them for their doctoral research.

#### **Process of qualified candidates selection**

Applications will be submitted by the students' supervisors.

A special scholarship awards committee will review the applications and will approve the scholarship applications in their entirety, taking into consideration the candidates' records, on competitive basis, and subject to the institution's considerations and budget availability.

#### **Commitments of the student after scholarship is approved:**

1. To complete the research work within the time course of scholarship reception.
2. Not to work for his living, in exception of a work that is related to better qualify him for his doctoral research.
3. To request the University's approval for any termination of studies to a period of six months or more. The University will not approve termination of studies which will exceed the period of one year.

#### **Application process**

1. Application form
2. CV in a fixed format (attached)
3. Presentation of a document which attests to active participation in a national or an international conference as the first presenter.
4. Magna cum laude/ summa cum laude diploma of Master's degree
5. Transcripts and certificates of entitlement for first and second degrees
6. Two letters of recommendation (one from the **PhD supervisor** and the other from an additional faculty member who is familiar with the candidate). The recommendations need to include information about the research area, its scientific importance, originality, innovation and expected contribution to the field. The letters should also point out the academic achievements of the candidate

The signed forms and enclosed documents are to be submitted **in English** (at the same order of appearance in this call and as a single PDF file) no later than **August 1, 2022** to the attention of Ms. Anat Abutbul, Head of PhD Scholarships and Aid Section, by email: [aabutbul@univ.haifa.ac.il](mailto:aabutbul@univ.haifa.ac.il) Extension beyond August, 1, 2022 will not be permitted. Candidate files with missing documents will not be reviewed.

Best Regards,



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Dean

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