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Continuation of the One-Year Sandwich PhD Scholarship Program

Background

In accordance with the Council for Higher Education and Planning and Budgeting Committee's policy principles regarding international students in Israel which were approved during the Planning & Budgeting Committee's meeting on June 22, 2016, and at the Council for Higher Education's meeting on July 19, 2016, the Planning & Budgeting Committee approved the establishment of a scholarship program for international doctoral students to study in Israel over the course of one year – a "Sandwich PhD Program." The purpose of the program is to bring outstanding international students to Israel and to promote international research ties between researchers and research groups in Israel and overseas. The program began during the 2018/19 academic year and will continue for an additional year during the 2019/20 academic year.

Program Outline

1. The scholarship program for single year international doctoral students will run for two years from 2018-2020 such that during each year, 40 new scholarships will be awarded for a total of 80 scholarships during the two years of the program.
2. The program is intended for students studying at each of the eight universities that offer doctoral programs, i.e.: Hebrew University, the Technion, Tel Aviv University, Weizman Institute of Science, Bar Ilan University, Haifa University, Ben Gurion University in the Negev, and Ariel University.
3. Each of the universities will be allocated 5 scholarships for a total of 40 scholarships per year in Israel.
4. The annual doctoral scholarship will be for NIS 80,000 per year. If a scholarship recipient comes for less than one year, the scholarship amount will be determined based on the actual time the scholarship recipient studied in Israel. Scholarships will not be awarded to doctoral students who come for a period of less than three months.
5. The scholarship criteria are as follows:
 - A. The student is enrolled in a doctoral degree program at an accredited institution of higher education overseas. The program will be open to students from all countries and in all academic disciplines.
 - B. The student has completed their first year of doctoral studies successfully.
 - C. The student is not a citizen or a resident of Israel.
6. The university must notify the scholarship recipients by October 10, 2019.