

Rothschild Fellowships – 2013/2014

APPLICATION

Notes to Candidates

Please read the notes carefully, before filling in the attached form:

1. PURPOSE OF THE FELLOWSHIPS

The purpose of the Rothschild Fellowships is to help young scholars of outstanding academic merit and potential to advance in their respective fields.

The Rothschild Fellowships are awards towards postdoctoral study or research abroad. In exceptional cases, doctoral candidates in the Humanities may be considered for a fellowship, as described below.

Fellowships are structured to provide for one year of study abroad. In certain cases, recipients may choose to use fellowship funds over a two year period, as described below.

Up to 20 Rothschild Fellowships will be awarded for the academic year 2013/2014.

Up to **twelve** fellowships will be awarded in the Natural, Exact or Life Sciences and Engineering; up to **eight** will be awarded in the Humanities and Social Sciences.

2. ELIGIBILITY

- a) The candidate must be a permanent resident of Israel.
- b) The candidate must have completed or be conducting his/her PhD at an accredited institution of higher learning in Israel.
- c) Postdoctoral candidates
 - i. will be eligible only if the doctoral degree was awarded after November 2009;
 - ii. will be required to provide written confirmation from the relevant academic authorities that he/she has submitted the thesis before departing for his/her host institution;
 - iii. will be required to arrange for confirmation during 2013/2014 that he/she was awarded a doctoral degree.

- d) A recipient of a Rothschild Fellowship will be entitled to receive fellowship funds only after 1 June 2013, and must begin his/her research and studies by 1 December 2013.
- e) A person holding a tenured position at an Israeli university will NOT be considered for a Fellowship.
- f) Persons beginning their postdoctoral studies before March 2013 may not apply for the fellowship.
- g) **Doctoral Candidates**
In exceptional cases, the fellowship may be awarded to doctoral candidates in the Humanities and Social Sciences conducting their research at an Israeli University. In the pre-selection of doctoral candidates, the university should give special consideration to students for whom a one-year period of research and study abroad would contribute substantially towards their doctoral degree.
- h) Candidates are required to advise the University Academic Secretariat and the Rothschild Fellowships Secretariat whenever supplementary funds become available to them. Candidates receiving supplementary funds of \$60,000 or more annually from other sources will not be eligible for a Rothschild Fellowship.
- i) Partial grants will not be awarded.

3. TERMS OF THE FELLOWSHIPS

The fellowship provides a stipend, travel grant and family allowance.

a) Amount of the Fellowship:

Doctoral candidate – NIS 120,000 plus up to NIS 40,000 for tuition fees, where payable.

Postdoctoral candidate, MD or DMD – NIS 160,000

b) Travel grant:

Destination:	USA West Coast –	NIS 25,000
	USA East Coast –	NIS 18,000
	Europe –	NIS 10,000

for Fellow and accompanying spouse. If the spouse has a travel grant from another source, the grant will be half the above amount.

c) Family allowance for family members who will accompany the Fellow:

Spouse:	NIS 14,000
Children:	NIS 20,000 / each

- d) In order to enable candidates to negotiate multi-year matching funding from their host institution, candidates may opt to use the fellowship funds over a two-year period. In such a case, fellows will receive NIS 80,000 plus the family allowance and travel grant at

the beginning of the first year, and a second payment of NIS 80,000 at the beginning of the second year.

Fellows may split funding over two years provided the total annual funds available to them amount to at least \$40,000 and do not exceed \$80,000.

4. APPLICATION FORM AND SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS

The application form and all supporting documents **must be typed in English** and submitted to the university, according to the guidelines determined at each institution, together with a recent photograph. The application must be signed by the candidate. In addition, the following supporting documents, **typed in English**, are required:

- i. Curriculum vitae
- ii. Two letters of recommendation typed in English from two referees, at the request of the candidate. One of the referees should be the present or immediate past supervisor of the candidate. These letters should be regarded as confidential and submitted by the referees directly to the university authority.

Referees are requested to a) compare the candidate to scientists and scholars in their field at a comparable academic stage; b) compare the candidate to other students with whom they have been in close contact; and c) whenever possible, compare to past recipients of the Rothschild Fellowship.

A third (optional) letter of recommendation from a **senior** academic at another university, who is qualified to assess the applicant's current and proposed research, may be submitted.

- iii. Two copies of ONE paper or article, preferably published, that the candidate has authored or co-authored, if available.

Consideration will be given only to complete applications.

A candidate pre-selected by the university may be invited for an interview by the Rothschild Fellowships Committee. The interview will be conducted in English, and will be held on 14 and 15 January 2013, for candidates in the Natural, Exact or Life Sciences and Engineering, and on the 12 March 2013 for candidates in the Humanities and Social Sciences.