

May 02, 2022

To:

Department Heads/ School Heads  
Chairpersons of Doctoral Degree Committees  
Academic Faculty Staff Members

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

We are pleased to announce that on academic year 2022-2023 the Graduate Studies Authority will award 40 institutional scholarships of 240,000 NIS each. Each scholarship will be awarded for academic years 2022/23- 2026/27 (4 years in total; 60,000 NIS per annum).

Researchers will take care of complementary funding sources of their own for their PhD students' research in order to enable the students to devote their full time and efforts for writing their doctoral dissertation<sup>1</sup>.

The purpose of awarding the scholarships is to create suitable conditions that will enable students to complete the doctoral dissertation within the normative period of studies, as defined by the academic regulations.

A refereeing committee on behalf of the Graduate Studies Authority will review the applications and decide whether the student is entitled to a scholarship, based on academic criteria that apply to the applicants and subject to the availability of budgets.

The committee is authorized to determine additional criteria for the awarding of scholarships. The scholarship will be awarded in the beginning of academic year 2022-2023, during the first semester only<sup>2</sup>.

Scholarship candidates will be allowed to submit an application, only if they are registered to PhD studies in the University of Haifa for year 2022-2023.

**Criteria for selection of candidates**

Academic distinction on the basis of:

1. Consecutive course of studies and potential to be absorbed (on the long run) into academic cadres of higher education institutions.
2. High learning and research achievements, supported by recommendations and the candidates' CV, as well as their academic ranking among their course mates/ class.
3. The importance of the research, its degree of uniqueness and innovation.
4. Theoretical/ methodological/ applicative contribution of the research.
5. Academic/ humane/ social breakthrough.

<sup>1</sup> According to the decision of the Council for Graduate Studies, sitting as the Institutional Scholarship Sub-Committee, on the day of 8.6.2021, the researcher commitment will not be held as a pre-condition for approval of the scholarship

<sup>2</sup> .According to a decision by the University president and the rector, dated April 13, 2022

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

- New doctoral students whose first year of study is 2022-2023 and have been accepted as regular students.
- The scholarship is intended for students **beginning their studies at the first semester** only. Scholarship applications submitted throughout the study year shall be declined (the total amount of scholarship is 240,000 NIS, divided to 4 years: 2022/23- 2026/27).
- Doctoral students, whose **second** year of studies is 2022-2023. The scholarship is intended for students **beginning their studies at the first semester** only (the total amount of scholarship is 180,000 NIS, divided to 3 years: 2022/23-2025/26).

**The Scholarship Committee will ignore applications of students not yet accepted to doctoral degree studies by the Graduate Studies Authority.**

### **The process of selecting qualified candidates**

Candidates will submit their applications directly to the Graduate Studies Authority.

The Dean of Graduate Studies 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.

### **Upon approval of the scholarship, the scholarship recipient undertakes the following obligations to the university:**

1. To complete the Ph.D. dissertation within 3 or 4 years from the beginning of the doctoral degree.
2. To request the permission of the University to suspend his research work. Scholarship recipients who will take a leave of absence or will discontinue their studies or their studies will be terminated according to a decision of the University's institutions- Their scholarship will be cancelled.
3. To open a bank account in Israel. Scholarship installments will be transferred to this account.
4. Providing false information by the student, which served as a basis for awarding the scholarship and/or finding that the student has not notified the University with changes in the information, as stated in the scholarship application, may result in cancelling the scholarship.

### **Documents to be enclosed to an online scholarship application:**

Candidates are required to submit the application documents **at the following order of appearance and as a single PDF file:**

- Signed application form (attached)
- CV in a fixed format (attached)



- Two well-reasoned letters of recommendations, one from the supervisor and the second from other academic faculty member, who is familiar with the candidate and his abilities.
- Transcripts and certificates of graduation to Bachelor's degree and Master's degree.
- A letter of certification from the candidate's academic institute of graduation to master's degree, which attests to the ranking of his/her overall average grade among his course mates/ class
- A Scholar Declaration signed by the candidate.

Applications should be sent no later than July 10, 2022 to email address:

[aabutbul@univ.haifa.ac.il](mailto:aabutbul@univ.haifa.ac.il). Extensions beyond the above-mentioned deadline will not be allowed. Applications with missing documents will not be reviewed. Answers to applicants will be sent until September 8, 2022.

Best Regards,



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Dean of Graduate Studies

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