הרשות ללימודים מתקדמים
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Graduate Studies Authority
Bloom Graduate School

אוניברסיטת חיפה
University of Haifa
جامعة حيفا

To: Academic Faculty Staff Members

Re: Call for Submissions – The Bloom Scholarship Program – Academic Year 2023-2024

We are pleased to announce that the Bloom Graduate School will award 4 one-year scholarships to new postdoctoral students, beginning their training at the University of Haifa. The scholarship of 96,000 NIS requires the student's supervisor to add from his own sources a matching of 10,000 NIS, so that the total scholarship will amount to 106,000 NIS. The purpose of these scholarships is to enable postdoctoral students from all disciplines 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.

Candidates will be selected based on their research plan profile and other criteria, as detailed in this call for submissions.

The scholarships are intended for Post-doctoral studies at the University of Haifa only.

Prerequisites for submitting a scholarship application:

✓ The scholarships are intended for doctoral students who have completed their studies at a university other than the University of Haifa.

✓ Candidates who received an entitlement to a doctorate later than October 1, 2019 (not later than four years after completion of his/her doctoral degree).

Application process: Supervisors are required to submit the following documents (in their exact order and as a single PDF file) no later than **March 1, 2023** to the attention of **Ms. Mor Arazi**, by email: marazi@univ.haifa.ac.il. Documents are to be submitted in English only. Extension beyond the deadline will not be permitted. Candidate files with missing documents will not be reviewed.

1. Application form (structured format attached).
2. CV- Under "conferences" section, candidates need to relate in detail to **active** presentation in scientific conferences and in "miscellaneous" section- to relate to leadership or social contribution (for instance, supervision of students, assistance with preparing grant applications, etc.)
3. A copy of I.D card/ Passport
4. A copy of the Ph.D. Diploma and the date of its reception, and/or certificate of entitlement to a doctoral degree.
5. Grade sheets for first and second degrees.

6. English list of publications (up to 2 pages). The committee will only take into account papers that were accepted for publication. In the list you should note the journal's name, names of authors according to their order of appearance, the title of the article, year, volume and pages, the language of publication and the journal's ranking (Q- journal ranking and impact factor). Please add internet links to each publication.

7. Two letters of recommendation: A recommendation from the Ph.D. supervisor and another one from a faculty member at the University of Haifa who will serve as the candidate's postdoctoral supervisor (ranked as a senior lecturer or above).

The letters should be focused on the candidate himself and include information about the research area, its scientific importance, originality, innovation, and expected contribution to the field. They should also point out the academic achievements of the candidate.

8. Research Plan (up to five pages including reference list):

A research plan, comprised of all required sections, shall be written in English and include: scientific background, research innovation with a focus on the innovative aspects in relation to existing research in the world, expected outputs and benefits, and as far as applied research is concerned - the possibilities for its application. The research plan is to include goals, methods and milestones for performing the research, as well as a list of publications, including details of already published and pre-published articles.

A proposed research plan which will exceed the limit of 5 pages and/or will not be written in English will not be processed.

Applications that will not include the aforementioned items will not be considered.

Process of candidates' selection

1. Selection of qualified candidates for the scholarship is based on academic excellence and the breakthrough potential of their research, as well as the perceived capability of the candidate to be absorbed (in the long run) into the academic cadre of the University of Haifa.

2. The scholarship application will be submitted by the student supervisor.

3. 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 a competitive basis, and subject to the institution's considerations and budget availability.

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Criteria for the evaluation of applications

1. Excellent academic and research achievements that will be reflected in recommendations, on the curriculum vitae, and by publication in Q1 journals.
2. Publications in refereed journals.
3. Presentation at scientific conferences and awards.
4. Letters of recommendation.
5. The research plan.

Commitments of the student after the scholarship is approved:

1. To complete the research work within the year of post-doctoral scholarship reception.
2. To submit a final scientific report to the Dean of the Bloom Graduate School.
3. Not to work in additional work whether paid or unpaid. Requests for teaching work at the University of Haifa at an extent of up to 10 hours per week will be reviewed and approved, as long as it does not significantly harm the training.
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 the student's 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.

Sincerely,

Prof. Irit Akirav
Dean of Graduate Studies and Head of the Bloom School

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