

June 30, 2023

To: Academic Faculty Staff Members

**Re: Call for Applications – The Bloom Scholarships for Postdoctoral studies at the University of Haifa
Academic Year 2023-2024 – Second Deadline**

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. The scholarships are intended for Postdoctoral studies at the University of Haifa alone.

Eligibility

- ✓ Candidates must have completed their PhD studies at an academic Institution **other than** the University of Haifa.
- ✓ Candidates who have officially been awarded their PhD degrees (signified by the date on their diploma) no earlier than October 1, 2019.

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.

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.

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. A postdoctoral student receiving a full scholarship must dedicate most of his/her time and effort to research. In general, the postdoctoral scholarship recipient will not engage during this period in any additional job outside the institution. Notwithstanding the aforesaid, the postdoctoral student is allowed to be employed by the University, for teaching positions that shall not exceed 10 weekly teaching hours, provided that it does not significantly affect the post-doctoral training. As well, the postdoctoral student could be employed by an institution other than the University of Haifa or by the University of Haifa in a non-teaching position, upon approval of the Graduate Studies Authority, provided that the extent of the position does not exceed 15 weekly hours, and that it does not significantly affect the post-doctoral training. Authorization for employment shall be granted by the Graduate Studies Authority, after consultation with the supervisor.
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 his 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.
5. Eligibility to this scholarship is contingent on the post-doctoral student's stay in Israel for the entire authorized training period.
6. Scholarship installments will be transferred to a personal bank account, which will be held by the student in Israel.

Application process: Supervisors are required to submit the following documents (in their exact order and as a single PDF file) no later than **August 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.

List of Documents:

1. Curriculum vitae and list of publication in the **structured form** only.
2. A copy of I.D card/ Passport
3. A copy of the Ph.D. Diploma and the date of its reception, and/or certificate of entitlement to a doctoral degree.
4. Grade sheets for first and second degrees.
5. Postdoctoral Research extract, which includes a description of the expected research plan (limited to 300 words), the importance of the research, its uniqueness and innovation (limited to 300 words), theoretical/ methodological/ applicative contribution of the research (limited to 300 words), academic/ human/ social breakthrough (limited to 300 words).
6. A confirmation letter from the head of the department accepting the candidate as a postdoctoral student.
7. Letter of recommendation in the **structured form** from the candidate's supervisor (ranked as a senior lecturer or above) for the postdoctoral studies which includes the supervisor's matching commitment and his recommendation.
8. Two letters of recommendation, at least one from the candidate's Ph.D. supervisor and the other from a senior faculty member from a recognized university/research institutions in Israel or abroad who is familiar with the candidate and his/her research abilities.

Sincerely,



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

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