

4. PROGRAMME INFORMATION, PROGRAMME TERMS AND ACADEMIC INSTITUTION'S COMMITMENT January 2024 (for April 2024 deadline) **

General Information and Programme Policy

1. The Clore Scholars Programme was established in 1991 by the Clore Israel Foundation, with the aim of promoting outstanding young Israeli scientists, and in the hope that the programme will contribute significantly to furthering scientific excellence in Israel. The programme is directed by an independent Board of seven members, comprised of senior academic scientists, the Chairman of the Clore Israel Foundation, one of the Foundation Trustees, and leading public figures from the worlds of high tech and business.
2. Institutions participating in the programme are as follows: Bar-Ilan University, Ben-Gurion University of the Negev, Hebrew University of Jerusalem, Reichman University, Technion - Israel Institution of Technology, Tel Aviv University, University of Haifa and Weizmann Institution of Science.
3. Scholars are selected each year from among students and researchers pursuing a career in all fields of the natural sciences, including mathematics, physics, chemistry, the life sciences, earth sciences, computer science, agriculture, engineering and technology. Applications will be accepted by students enrolled in Statistics and Data Science departments. However, these applications must be from candidates whose research pertains to the area of the exact sciences and must be included with those from the Department of Mathematics. It is important to note that a distinction is made between scientists working in the fields of Statistics and Data Science and students who use statistics and data analysis in their research. It is important to reiterate that submissions are made only from candidates whose research pertains to the area of the exact or life sciences.
4. The Scholarship for the next academic year is intended for Doctoral students in the Sciences who fulfil the following criteria:
 - i. Students who have begun their doctoral studies not more than one and a half years before the deadline date for the submission of the application, i.e. no earlier than 2.10.2022**. Please note: It is recognized that there may be exceptional circumstances, such as pregnancy, birth of a child or illness, where an application may need to be postponed. Such exceptions will be considered individually. In addition, please note that flexibility of application criteria will be permitted in consideration of the current situation, so that a candidate who is unable to apply this year as a result of the war will be allowed to apply next year. Requests for postponement should be submitted by the academic institution to the Programme Coordinator via email.
 - ii. **Students who have submitted, or are in the process of submitting, their doctoral proposal (including students whose proposal submission date has been postponed as a result of the current situation), even if the proposal is not yet approved. In this case, the submitting institution is obliged to notify the programme coordinator immediately upon receipt of approval of the doctoral proposal. The awarding of the scholarship is dependent on this approval.**
 - iii. It is possible to submit candidates on a Direct to PhD programme who have commenced their Doctorate at a date that is in accordance with the University regulations for that programme, but only on condition that their doctoral proposal has been submitted (see note ii above) and they are no more than one and a half years into their PhD studies.
5. The Scholarship is intended for excelling students in the Sciences and will only be awarded on the basis of excellence in their studies and research.
6. The Scholarship is intended only for students who have Israeli citizenship and who are studying in Israel at the participating academic institutions (see note 2).
7. The Scholarship is intended only for students who are conducting their research in the framework of the submitting academic institution and who are not employed by any other body.

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8. The academic institution must ensure that applicants are not already receiving a scholarship from another organisation.
9. Up to ten new scholars per year are appointed for a maximum three-year scholarship. The stipend has recently been raised to NIS 100,000 per year and is paid via the academic institution. The scholarship term is for three academic years or until the thesis has been submitted. In addition, recipients receive a one-time grant of \$11,000, which is comprised of a personal prize of \$3,500 and an allowance for research-related expenses of \$7,500 (up to \$2,500 per year). The personal prize is presented to the recipient as a cheque in New Israeli Shekels at the Award Ceremony and is to be used by the scholar for personal purchases not related to research. The Research Expenses payment (\$2,500 per year) is transferred with the first payment of each Academic year and is to be used by the scholar for research related expenses such as computers, conferences etc.
10. In certain cases, the selection committee may wish to personally interview candidates.
11. A separate agreement has been signed between each academic institution and the Clore Scholars Programme and details the relevant financial arrangements.
12. Each year a quota of applications is fixed for each academic institution in relation to the number of doctoral students in the sciences in that institution, including students on an MD/PhD programme. In the case of MD/PhD students, an extra two applications are allowed in addition to the institution's set quota. Should an institution be submitting more than two MD/PhD students, only two of them will be allowed above the set quota.
13. The fixed quota for each academic institution relates only to the number of submitted candidates and not to the number of award recipients. The only consideration that the selection committee will make is on the basis of excellence in studies and research. The selection committees do not take the candidate's academic institution into account when making their decision.
14. Applications will be submitted by the academic institutions to the Clore Scholars Programme according to the relevant regulations and terms.
15. The academic institution must commit to exempting the scholarship recipient from tutorial fees, as is the practice with all such scholarships. Please note that this exemption applies to both PhD and MD/PhD studies.
16. Scholarship recipients may receive additional grants from other sources only according to the following conditions:
 - i. Additional income from internal sources in the academic institution, on the condition that the income is not more than 50% of the Clore Scholarship payment.
 - ii. This income, together with the Clore Scholarship, will not be more than the maximum allowed by the academic institution.
 - iii. While it is acceptable that recipients may receive additional prizes during their scholarship period, they may not receive additional scholarships, unless specific permission is granted. Requests for permission to receive additional scholarships should be submitted by the academic institution to the Programme Coordinator via email.
 - iv. During the period in which the Clore Scholarship is being received, the recipient may not be employed in teaching by the academic Institution for a period greater than a quarter of the total acceptable teaching shift period.
17. Each November**, the Clore Scholars Programme will issue a Call for Applications, sending the relevant application documents to all the academic institutions by email. It is incumbent on the institutions to submit their applications by email in PDF format as per the regulations detailed in the Applications Submission Regulations document (document # 5).
18. The Clore Scholars Programme application submission deadline is **Tuesday 2 April 2024****. Students are required to submit their application form to their academic institution by the application deadline date set by that institution.

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19. The announcement regarding the scholarship recipients will be published by **the end of June 2024****.
20. The decision of the Clore Scholars Programme Board is final and binding and not open to appeal.
21. Applications to the Clore Scholars Programme may not be concurrently submitted to the scholarship programmes of the Adams Foundation, Azrieli Foundation or the Edmond de Rothschild Foundation. In addition, applicants may not concurrently submit an application for a scholarship from the Malag/VATAT programme for outstanding doctoral students in quantum science and technology and data science.

Please note that the Clore Scholars Programme Coordinator's email address is as follows:
scholars@clorefoundation.org.il

**** PLEASE NOTE:**

All dates may be subject to change, depending on the situation in the country.