

הרשות ללימודים מתקדמים - בי"ס בלום
Graduate Studies Authority - Bloom School for Graduate Studies

June 9, 2024

To the attention of:
Faculty Deans
Head of the School of Marine Sciences

Re: Call for Applications – The Bloom Postdoctoral Fellowship -Academic Year 2024-2025
Submission for the Second Round

We are pleased to announce that the Bloom School for Graduate Studies will award four competitive scholarships to postdoctoral students at the University of Haifa. The purpose of these scholarships is to enable new postdoctoral students from all disciplines to devote most of their time to research and to allow optimal conditions that shall enable them to complete their postdoctoral research during their fellowship.

The call for applications is open only to Israeli and international candidates planning to carry out their Postdoctoral Studies at the University of Haifa during the 2024-2025 academic year.

Scholarship period: the Bloom Postdoctoral Scholarship is for one single year.

Scholarship amount: **106,000 NIS**

Scholarship composition: 96,000 NIS from the Bloom School for Graduate Studies and a matching sum of 10,000 NIS from the Postdoc's supervisor.

Eligibility

1. New candidates who will register to the upcoming 2024-2025 academic year as their first year of postdoctoral studies at the University of Haifa only.
2. Candidates must have completed their PhD studies at an academic Institution **other than** the University of Haifa.
3. Candidates who have officially been awarded their PhD degrees after October 1st 2020 (no more than four years after ending their PhD studies).
4. Commitment of the Host supervisor to fund a matching scholarship of 10,000 NIS.

Requirements:

Academic excellence based on study and research achievements, as reflected in recommendation letters and curriculum vitae.

- ✓ Grade transcripts
- ✓ Publications in prestigious academic venues and peer-reviewed journals, including Q1 publications.
- ✓ Presentation at scientific conferences
- ✓ Awards and scholarships
- ✓ Research proposal, cutting-edge research potential
- ✓ Among the considerations, the committee will prioritize candidates with a high potential of integrating the University of Haifa's Senior Faculty in the year following their postdoctoral training.

Duties of the scholarship recipients towards the University of Haifa

- ✓ To submit a concluding scientific report no later than August 1, 2025.
- ✓ A postdoctoral student receiving a full scholarship must dedicate most of his/her time and effort to research. In general, the postdoctoral scholarship recipient is not allowed to 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 postdoctoral 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 Bloom School for Graduate Studies, provided that the extent of the position does not exceed

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15 weekly hours and that it does not significantly affect the post-doctoral training. Employment authorization shall be granted by the Bloom School for Graduate Studies, after consultation with the supervisor.

- ✓ In any scientific publication carried out during the post-doctoral training, it should be mentioned that the work was written in the framework of a post-doctoral fellowship at the University of Haifa.
- ✓ Any request for termination of the post-doctoral training should be addressed in written form to Ms. Mor Arazi, Head of the Postdoctoral Scholarships Section, attached with a letter from the supervisor detailing the reasons for the termination. The notification shall be submitted one month before 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.
- ✓ Eligibility to this scholarship is contingent on the post-doctoral student's stay in Israel for the entire authorized training period.
- ✓ Scholarship installments will be transferred to a personal Israeli bank account to be opened by the student once in Israel.

Application and selection process

The candidates' applications to the Bloom Postdoctoral Fellowship will be submitted only by the Deans of Faculties and the Head of the School of Marine Sciences.

In the first stage, all departments/schools will submit to their Faculty Dean a ranked list of recommended candidates (in order of preference, from the first to the last).

In the second stage, deans will submit the faculty's candidates to the Bloom School's Head of Postdoctoral Scholarships Section, attached with a letter including the candidates' ranking.

(The selection procedure is subject to the consideration of each department/faculty given the conditions of the call for applications).

The Bloom's School for Graduate Studies Scholarships Committee will review all applications according to the candidates' records, on a competitive basis, and subject to the institution's considerations and budget availability. The Committee will consider the faculties' ranking of candidates, but it not obligated to act upon it.

The process will include two rounds, and candidates not selected in the first round will be automatically transferred to the second selection round.

Application instructions

Applications will be submitted in **English** only.

Documents should be submitted **into one single PDF file in the following order:**

1. Curriculum vitae and list of publications in the **structured form** only.
2. A copy of I.D card/ Passport
3. A copy of the Ph.D. Diploma, date of eligibility, and/or certificate of eligibility to a doctoral degree
4. Grade transcripts for Bachelor's and Master's degrees
5. PhD dissertation abstract (no more than 350 words)
6. Postdoctoral research project (no more than 350 words)
7. A letter from the head of the department confirming the candidate's admission to the department as a postdoctoral student.
8. Letter of recommendation from the candidate's supervisors (ranked as a senior lecturer or above), including a commitment to a matching scholarship of 10,000 NIS in the **structured form**.
9. Two additional letters of recommendation from senior faculty members from recognized academic institutions in Israel or abroad, including at least one letter from the candidate's Ph.D. supervisor, who is familiar with the candidate and his/her research abilities.

Application files with missing documents will not be reviewed.

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Faculty Deans and the Head of the School of Marine Sciences are **requested to submit the ranked lists and candidacies files by email to:**

Ms. Mor Arazi, Head of Postdoctoral Scholarship section, at marazi@univ.haifa.ac.il.

Deadlines for applications to the Bloom School for Graduate Studies:

Deadline for the first round: March 20, 2024

Deadline for the second round: August 1, 2024

Sincerely,



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

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