

Call for Applications: ZUCKERMAN POSTDOCTORAL PROGRAM 2026-2027

Applicants must be United States or Canada citizens or hold a documented permanent residency status in the US or Canada.

STEM* disciplines

*Science, technology, engineering, and mathematics

Deadline for submission of applications to the Graduate Studies Authority – Bloom School, University of Haifa: February 1, 2026.

The Zuckerman Postdoctoral Scholars Program attracts high-achieving postdoctoral scholars from premier universities in the United States and Canada to do research at one of eight Israeli universities. Israeli citizens are not eligible for this program.

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Postdoctoral candidates must obtain consent from a potential hosting supervisor at the Israeli university/universities to which they are applying.

The starting date of the Scholarship in 2026-2027 academic year is October 2026. Candidates may start their scholarship as early as June 2026, and no later than March 2027 for up to maximum 24 months from the date of start.

Candidates must hold a PhD degree from a leading American or Canadian university, or if still studying for a PhD, must submit their PhD thesis before October 1, 2026. They should be planning to return to the United States or Canada to compete for an academic position.

Two optional tracks

- **Israeli University Postdoc Track** - A two-year postdoctoral scholarship where scholars conduct research exclusively at the University of Haifa.
- **Joint Israeli-North American Postdoc Track** – Joint Postdoc Track: A two-year joint postdoctoral scholarship where scholars spend half of their time at the University of Haifa, and the other half at a US or Canadian university. The scholarship will be awarded on the condition that the scholar be present at the University of Haifa and conduct research there for at least 6 months per year.

Funding – see details in the Zuckerman Program Call for Applications 2026-2027.

Eligibility Conditions and Information of the University of Haifa

- Post-doctoral studies at the University of Haifa must commence no later than five years after the Ph.D. eligibility date.
- Candidates who will submit their Ph.D. thesis before October 1, 2026, are eligible to apply.
- If the candidate is nominated for the Zuckerman Fellowship, funding will commence only after submission of the Ph.D. eligibility certificate.

Submission of Applications to the University of Haifa

The host supervisor at the University of Haifa will send the complete set of the application documents as a single, consolidated PDF file to Mor Arazi, Postdoctoral Scholarships Coordinator at marazi@univ.haifa.ac.il.

- Submit all documents in accordance with the application guidelines specified in the [Zuckerman Program Call for Applications 2026-2027](#).
- All documents must be submitted in English only.
- Submit the documents in the order indicated in the guidelines.

The Host Supervisor must also attach the following documents separately:

1. **Candidate's Ph.D. Certification**

A copy of the candidate's Ph.D. certificate indicating the date of eligibility, **or** an official letter confirming the candidate's Ph.D. status.

2. **Track & Schedule**

A statement indicating the planned fellowship track and the intended start month. For joint-track fellowships, please include a planned schedule showing the six-month stay in Israel during the first year.

3. **Matching Contribution Confirmation**

Host supervisor's confirmation for the \$3,000 matching contribution, including the relevant budget number and the name of the budget referendum at the Research Authority.

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DURATION, FUNDING AND ELIGIBILITY

Zuckerman Postdoctoral Scholarships will be awarded for up to two years. Candidates may apply to STEM departments in more than one of the 8 participating Israeli universities.



ISRAELI UNIVERSITY
POSTDOC TRACK

- Postdoctoral scholars receive a scholarship of **\$63,000** per academic year for up to two years.
- Of this amount,
 - **\$60,000** is provided by the Zuckerman STEM Leadership Program, of which:
 - > \$51,600 divided into monthly payments of \$4,300 for living expenses.
 - > \$8,400 towards relocation reimbursement for the first year.
 - > \$8,400 towards research and travel to professional conferences for the second year.
 - An additional \$3,000 in research funds is directed to scholars through their supervisors at their Israeli universities.
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JOINT NORTH AMERICAN-ISRAEL
POSTDOC TRACK

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 - > \$51,600 divided into monthly payments of \$4,300 for living expenses.
 - > \$8,400 towards relocation reimbursement upon completion of at least one year of their two-year scholarship in Israel.
 - An additional \$3,000 in research funds is directed to scholars through their supervisors at their Israeli universities.
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- Scholars must spend half of their time at one of eight participating Israeli universities, and the other half at a US or Canadian university.
- Candidates must hold a PhD degree from a leading American or Canadian university, or if still studying for a PhD, must submit their PhD thesis before October 1, 2026.
- Joint postdoctoral candidates must obtain consent from potential hosting supervisors at both the Israeli university and the American or Canadian university to which they are applying.

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More information at:
www.zuckermanstem.org