

February 4, 2026

Call for Applications: ZUCKERMAN POSTDOCTORAL PROGRAM 2026-2027
DEADLINE EXTENSION (Second Round of Submissions)

Applicants must be citizens of the United States or Canada, or hold documented permanent residency in either country.

STEM disciplines - Science (Natural, Exact & Life sciences), Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics

The application deadline for submission to the Graduate Studies Authority, Bloom School, University of Haifa, has been extended to **March 15, 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.

Eligibility for the program excludes Israeli citizens. Postdoctoral candidates must be citizens of the United States or Canada or have a documented status that allows them to study and work in the US.

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

The scholarship's start date for the 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 a maximum of 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 – University of Haifa

- Postdoctoral studies at the University of Haifa must begin no later than five years after the official Ph.D. eligibility date.
 - Candidates who will submit their Ph.D. thesis before October 1, 2026, are eligible to apply.
 - If a candidate is selected for the Zuckerman Fellowship, funding will commence only after submission of the Ph.D. eligibility certificate. The Zuckerman Postdoctoral Fellow will be required to open a bank account in Israel to receive the fellowship funds.
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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 (not scanned) 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. **An up-to-date profile photo of the candidate.**
3. **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.
4. **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.
5. **Endorsement for the candidate's admission by the Head of the Host Department.**