



Call for Applications

Fellowships in the Field of Sustainable Aviation Fuels

Issued by the Israeli Sustainable Aviation Fuels (iSAF) Knowledge Center
for MSc, PhD, and postdoctoral trainees
for the academic year 2026–2027

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Final Submission Deadline: Thursday, April 30, 2026, by 4:00 PM

1. General

To support researchers engaged in the field of sustainable aviation fuels in Israel, the Israeli Sustainable Aviation Fuel Knowledge Center (iSAF) – hereinafter referred to as “the Center” – with the support of the Israeli Ministry of Innovation, Science and Technology, hereby issues a call for applications for living stipends in the field of sustainable aviation fuels. The stipends are intended for MSc and PhD students or postdoctoral researchers, all at higher education institutions in Israel.

About iSAF:

[The Israeli Sustainable Aviation Fuels Knowledge Center \(iSAF\)](#) is a knowledge center, advancing research, innovation, and policy in sustainable aviation fuels. Supported by the Ministry of Innovation, Science and Technology, iSAF brings together leading researchers, industry partners, and policymakers. Its mission is to develop advanced research infrastructure and foster excellence through multidisciplinary collaboration. Through conferences, workshops, and its *doctoral network open to all students in the field* around Israel, iSAF drives Israel’s leadership in sustainable aviation. Where to apply? Applications to join the doctoral network are available at the [website](#).

2. Scholarship Amount

- Up to 15,000 NIS per year for MSc students, PhD students or postdoctoral researchers.

3. Eligibility Criteria for Scholarship Application

- The applicant is conducting research that is relevant to sustainable aviation fuels.
- The applicant is a full-time student at a recognized academic institution of higher education in Israel, as defined by the Council for Higher Education Law, 1958 (hereinafter – the academic institution).
- The applicant has an approved research program for MSc/PhD degree by the authorized entities at the academic institution (not applicable for postdocs).

- The applicant must have at least 12 months of scholarship-supported studies remaining from the date the scholarship is awarded.
- Preference will be given to Israeli citizens or individuals with an official Oleh status.
- **An applicant who already holds a scholarship from a governmental source is not eligible for this scholarship. Similarly, if the supplemental funding (“סכום משלים”) provided by the applicant’s advisor or institution is sourced from a governmental entity, the applicant shall also be ineligible for this fellowship.**
- Following the announcement of winning, and before granting the scholarship, an official letter of approval signed by the direct academic advisor mentioning that no other funding, other scholarships or supplemental funding (“סכום משלים”) is sourced from a governmental entity, will be supplied to the Center.

4. Terms of Execution

- Applying in response to this call constitutes the institution’s and the applicant’s agreement to the terms of the attached agreement.
- Work during the contract period:
The applicant will devote most of their time to the research presented in the application and will not engage in any paid work or work compensated in-kind, except for teaching or instructional roles at the academic institution.
- This scholarship will be paid monthly by the academic institution during the research period for one year only, and in accordance with the institution’s standard procedures.
- If the applicant ceases the research before the end of the scholarship period, the Center shall be entitled to reclaim or deduct amounts paid for the period following the termination of the research.
- Awarded fellows will receive the scholarship officially at the Annual Israeli SAF Conference, which will take place at on June, 2026 (Tentative). Participation in the conference and at the official award ceremony is a mandatory condition for receiving the scholarship. The scholarship will take effect in the 2026–2027 academic year.
- The scholarship is **tax-exempt**, and **no institutional overhead** may be deducted from the awarded amount.
- The scholarship is granted **exclusively to the student, in addition to any existing fellowships/scholarships**, and must comply with the administrative procedures

(נהלים) of the student's host institution. Subjected to the regulations and policies of the academic institution.

- This scholarship is provided as a **supplement to the existing baseline scholarship**. Subjected to the regulations and policies of the academic institution.

5. Evaluation Criteria for Applications

Applications that meet the eligibility requirements will proceed to the evaluation stage based on the following criteria:

- **Scientific Quality:** Scientific-technological excellence, innovation, and originality of the proposed research – **35%**.
Any proposal receiving a score below 75 (out of 100) in this section will not be eligible for selection.
- **Contribution and Applicability:** The extent to which the work contributes to research in the field of sustainable aviation fuels and the likelihood of achieving its objectives – **35%**.
- **Proposal Presentation:** Clarity in presenting the topic, research objectives, and proposed methods – **15%**.
- **Candidate's Achievements:** The candidate's academic achievements in previous studies – **15%**.

6. Program Execution

- 6.1. The Center intends to select several recipients within the available budget. However, the Center does not guarantee the number of recipients, nor the actual budget allocated to the program.
- 6.2. The Center reserves the right to select only one recipient or none at all, at its sole discretion.
- 6.3. Implementation of the program detailed in this call is subject to budget availability.
- 6.4. The Center will not review applications submitted past the deadline or that do not meet the conditions outlined above.
- 6.5. Decisions regarding the scholarship recipients are expected to be made in **May 2026**.
- 6.6. All decisions are final.

- 6.7. If a scholarship is awarded, an agreement (annex A, attached) will be signed between the Center and the academic institution where the research will be conducted.
- 6.8. Signing the agreement in Annex A is conditional upon submission of the required documents. Neither the institution nor the selected student may transfer or assign their rights, as a whole or in part.
- 6.9. “Receiving a scholarship” means the transfer of the scholarship amount by the Center or the Technion or Technion R&D Foundation to the academic institution, which is then responsible for transferring the funds to the student or postdoc researcher during the research period in accordance with institutional procedures.
- 6.10. **Scholarship Start Date: October 2026.**
- 6.11. Note: Applicants may be invited to a brief online presentation (via Zoom) to present their research proposal. The date and time for this session, if required, will be communicated after the application submission deadline.
- 6.12. All research documents, including journal publications, presentations, posters, etc., to which the scholarship recipient has contributed as an author or co-author during the funding period must include the following acknowledgement:

“Partial funding from The Israeli Sustainable Aviation Fuel Knowledge Center – iSAF, supported by The Israeli Ministry of Innovation, Science, and Technology, is gratefully acknowledged”

7. Center Rights

- 7.1 The Center reserves the right to cancel this Call for Proposals or any part thereof, or to publish a new Call for Proposals without providing explanations to the applicants or to any other party and without prior notice.
- 7.2 The Center may, at any time and at its sole discretion, publish a notice to advance or postpone the submission deadline or to change any other dates and conditions related to this Call for Proposals.
- 7.3 During the evaluation process, the Center may contact the applicant to request clarifications, resolve ambiguities, or obtain additional details, documents, or any other information it deems necessary for the assessment of application or decision-making.

- 7.4 The Center reserves the right to disqualify any applicant who includes false or misleading information in their application.
- 7.5 The institution's signature on the agreement in Annex A and all required documents constitutes a prerequisite for the Center's signature. If the institution fails to sign the agreement or does not meet other requirements stemming from winning the Call for Proposals, the Center may cancel the award. In such a case, the Center may declare another application as the recipient.
- 7.6 The Center will not consider applications submitted late or that do not comply with the terms outlined in this Call for Proposals.

8. Questions and Inquiries:

Fellowship applicants are requested to direct all administrative questions and inquiries to their academic institution only. The institution will contact the Center for clarification as needed.

For scientific questions only, applicants may direct their inquiries to: The Israeli Sustainable Aviation Fuel Knowledge Center (iSAF), via **isaf@technion.ac.il**

9. Submission of Applications:

Applications must be submitted via email to: **isaf@technion.ac.il**

In the email subject line, please include the applicant's full name and the name of the fellowship in English. Example:

"Israel Israeli, Call for iSAF Scholarships 2026-2027"

All required documents, as detailed below, must be attached to the email.

10. Required Submission Documents:

The application package will contain:

1. An Application Document (see Detailed Guidelines below)
2. Updated CV (see details below)
3. Confirmation of enrollment from the academic institution and approval of the Master's or PhD research plan
4. Academic transcripts
5. **Annex C signed** by the receiving institution and by the applicant

Detailed Guidelines:

- The Application Document should be submitted as a file named:
"Full_Name_Research_Plan.pdf", and must meet the following requirements:
 - ❖ **Language:** The application must be written in English.
 - ❖ **Font:** Times New Roman
 - ❖ **Font Size:** 12
 - ❖ **Line Spacing:** 1.5
 - ❖ **Length:** Up to two pages (not including references)
 - ❖ **File Format:** PDF
 - ❖ The written application must include the following information:
 1. Scientific and technological background of the research program
 2. Relevance of the research to the priority areas published in the call for proposals.
 3. Innovation of the research – describe the global state of the art, the innovative direction of the proposed research, and its level relative to international efforts
 4. Expected benefits of the research – present potential applications of the results
 5. Detailed work plan – outline specific objectives, research methods, and milestones (timeline) for the various research stages. Specify the current status of the research plan.
 6. List of references as needed.
- **CV**
 - ❖ A CV of the applicant must be attached.
 - ❖ Maximum length: **Up to 2 pages.**

Guidelines:

The CV should include the following information:

- Personal details
- Start and expected end date of studies (or postdoctoral training)
- Date of research plan approval
- Education:

Provide details on prior and current academic degrees, including:

- Degree
- Year awarded
- Field of study
- Thesis topic and mentor name for a research degree
- Institution
- Publications: Include all papers published by the applicant, highlight the applicant's name with a bold font in the list of all authors.
- Awards: List of any awards received by the applicant.
- Conferences: Mention conferences in which the applicant has actively participated, mention whether a lecture was given or a poster was presented.

Do not attach any documents beyond those explicitly requested in this call for applications.

11. Final Submission Deadline:

The final deadline for applicants to submit their applications is

Thursday, April 30 , 2026, by 4:00 PM.

After this deadline, no further applications will be accepted.

Following the submission of an application, the Center will send a confirmation email within three (3) business days acknowledging receipt.

Note: This confirmation email does not constitute approval or awarding of the fellowship, but merely an acknowledgment that the application was received and will proceed to the evaluation process.

Applications submitted late or not in accordance with the above instructions will be automatically disqualified.

Annex A – Inter-Institutional Agreement for Scholarship Transfer

This Annex outlines the agreement between the Israeli Sustainable Aviation Fuel (iSAF) Knowledge Center, the Technion – Israel Institute of Technology (Institution No. 500701636) or Technion Research and Development Foundation Ltd. (TRDF, Institution No. 510097918), and the receiving Academic Institution, regarding the administration and distribution of scholarships awarded under the iSAF Scholarship Program for the 2026–2027 academic year.

1. Fellowship Recipient Details

- Full Name: _____
- ID Number: _____

2. Purpose

- The purpose of this Annex is to enable the transfer of scholarship funds from the iSAF Knowledge Center (through the Technion or TRDF) to the academic institution where the awarded student is enrolled or with which the postdoctoral researcher is affiliated, and to confirm the institution's commitment to distribute the funds accordingly.

3. Scholarship Administration

- The receiving academic institution confirms that the transferred scholarship funds will be used solely for the benefit of the awarded student or postdoctoral researcher, and will be transferred to the student or postdoctoral researcher in the form of a monthly scholarship for the duration of one year.
- The amount transferred to the student or postdoctoral researcher will be based on the standard rates for graduate students (MScs or PhD) or postdoctoral researcher at the host institution. It will be paid monthly to the student or postdoctoral researcher, ensuring the total reaches the agreed scholarship amount over one year.
- The institution agrees to manage and distribute the funds in accordance with its internal procedures and ensure compliance with all relevant financial and legal guidelines.

- All official correspondence shall include the iSAF team in copy at isaf@technion.ac.il
- Winning scholars, who are not students at the Technion, will receive the fellowship amount **according to the description in Annex B.**

4. Financial Arrangements

- The funds will be transferred by the Technion or TRDF directly to the receiving academic institution, based on the approval of the scholarship by the iSAF Knowledge Center and all the respected parties.
- The recipient institution agrees that no overhead or indirect costs shall be deducted from the scholarship amount.

5. Reporting and Accountability

- The institution agrees to confirm receipt of the funds in writing and to notify the iSAF Knowledge Center if the student ceases their studies or eligibility status changes during the scholarship period.
- The institution agrees to return any unused portion of the scholarship in such cases.

6. Validity

This agreement is valid solely for the purpose of implementing the scholarship for the academic year 2026–2027 under the terms described in the official Call for Applications issued by the iSAF Knowledge Center.

Annex B

תשלום לאוניברסיטה אחרת עבור מלגת סטודנט ממוסד אחר (שאינו הטכניון), אשר זכה במלגת iSAF

- מרכז iSAF ישלח למוסד הטכניון מכתב חתום המצדיק את הקשר בין הסטודנט למחקר הזוכה במלגת מרכז הידע, כולל נימוק מדוע יש להעביר תשלום למוסד החיצוני בגין מלגת הסטודנט, באופן שיצדיק את ההוצאה כקבילה מול שלטונות המס והמממנים.
- אין לאשר תשלום מראש לאוניברסיטה החיצונית, אלא רק כנגד הוצאות שבוצעו בפועל.
- החשבונית תופנה מהאוניברסיטה החיצונית אל מוסד הטכניון, ובסכום שאינו עולה על סך התשלומים שהועברו בפועל לסטודנט מתוך מקורות האוניברסיטה (ולא ממקורות חיצוניים נוספים).
- לחשבונית יש לצרף דו"ח מלגה חודשי הכולל פירוט של תשלומי המלגה שהועברו לסטודנט ממקורות האוניברסיטה בלבד, ברמה חודשית.
- יש לצרף הצהרה חתומה ממנהל/ת רשות המחקר באוניברסיטה החיצונית המאשרת כי לא התקבל מימון נוסף ממקורות אחרים בגין מלגה זו (כלומר, לא נעשה מימון כפול).

Annex C

I hereby confirm that I have read and accepted all the terms outlined in the Call for Fellowships, including both annexes.

Signatures

Receiving Academic Institution

Institution Name: _____

Authorized Representative: _____

Signature: _____

Date: _____

Applicant

Name: _____

Signature: _____

Date: _____