

June 9, 2026

To:

Faculty Deans
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Call for Applications: Institutional and Bloom Postdoctoral Excellence Scholarships
Academic Year 2026–2027

In the 2026–2027 academic year, the Graduate Studies Authority - Bloom Graduate School will award Institutional Excellence Scholarships on a competitive basis. These scholarships are open to Israeli and international candidates from all fields of study who completed their PhD at an accredited academic institution other than the University of Haifa. The awarding of these scholarships is contingent upon a matching funding commitment from the hosting supervisor, from a research budget administered by the Research Authority. The primary purpose of these scholarships is to enable postdoctoral fellows to dedicate their time to research.

Candidates may apply for both scholarships. However, the scholarships are subject to a no-duplication-of-funding policy, and overlapping funding from both scholarships will not be permitted.

Types of Scholarships:

Scholarship Type	Number of Scholarships	Scholarship Period	Institutional Funding	Hosting Supervisor Matching
Bloom Scholarship	4	1 Year	96,000 ILS	10,000 ILS
Institutional Scholarship	26	1 Year	34,500 ILS	34,500 ILS

Extension Requests (Only for 2025–2026 Institutional Scholarship Recipients):

In exceptional cases and subject to budgetary constraints, a scholarship renewal request for a second year may be submitted for postdoctoral fellows who received an Institutional Scholarship in the 2025–2026 academic year and are continuing into their second year of postdoctoral studies in 2026–2027. It is emphasized that **extensions are not automatic**. A [Progress Report Form](#) (enter link) must be emailed by the supervisor only to: marazi@univ.haifa.ac.il, no later than **July 30, 2026**.

Eligibility Criteria – The Bloom Scholarship:

1. **New Candidates:** Open to new candidates for the 2026–2027 academic year, for whom this will be their first year of postdoctoral studies at the University of Haifa.
2. **PhD Eligibility:** Candidates must hold a PhD degree awarded on or after October 1, 2022 (no later than 4 years from the date of eligibility) from an accredited academic institution in Israel or abroad, **other** than the University of Haifa.
3. **Supervisor Matching:** A commitment from the hosting supervisor to fund a matching scholarship of 10,000 ILS for Semester A (Fall Semester) of the 2026–2027 academic year, from a budget administered in the Research Authority.
4. **Supervisor Rank:** The hosting supervisor must hold the rank of Senior Lecturer or higher.
5. **Academic Merit:** The scholarship is designated for top-tier candidates in their field based on academic and research achievements, including publications in peer-reviewed journals, presentations at scientific conferences, awards, grants, and scholarships, alongside an evaluation of the research plan's quality, innovation, and potential scientific contribution.
6. **Institutional Priority:** Within its scope of consideration, the committee will prioritize candidates demonstrating high potential to integrate into the senior academic faculty of the University of Haifa in the year following their studies.

Eligibility Criteria – Institutional Scholarship:

1. **New and Continuing Candidates:** Open to new candidates for the 2026–2027 academic year for whom this will be their first year of postdoctoral studies at the University of Haifa, OR candidates who began their postdoctoral studies at the University of Haifa during the 2025–2026 academic year.
2. **PhD Status:** Candidates must hold a PhD degree awarded on or after October 1, 2022 (no later than 4 years from the date of eligibility), OR candidates who have submitted their doctoral dissertation for evaluation by July 30, 2026 - in all cases, from an accredited academic institution in Israel or abroad **other** than the University of Haifa.
3. **Supervisor Matching:** A formal commitment from the hosting supervisor to fund a matching scholarship of 34,500 ILS, commencing October 2026 and no later than March 2027, from a budget administered in the Research Authority.
4. **Supervisor Rank:** The hosting supervisor must hold the rank of Senior Lecturer or higher.

Application Procedure:

Applications for the scholarship(s) must be submitted via a **single online form**. Access instructions for the digital portal are available in the attached appendix.

Please note: The application process consists of two stages. New candidates must wait **24 hours** between stages. Recommenders must upload their letters of recommendation by **July 30, 2026, at 23:59 (Israel time)**. After this deadline, the digital portal will close to both candidates and recommenders, and no further applications or recommendations can be submitted. **Therefore, it is highly recommended not to wait until the last minute.**

Required Documents:

1. [Structured Curriculum Vitae Form](#) (enter link), which includes academic studies, conferences, publications, and research abstracts.
2. A certificate of eligibility for a doctoral degree and/or a copy of your PhD diploma indicating the eligibility date. Relevant to the Institutional scholarship only: If you are not yet eligible, an official confirmation of dissertation submission for final evaluation is required.
3. Approval from the Head of Department confirming their willingness to host you as a postdoctoral fellow during the scholarship year. If unavailable at the time of submission, the approval must be submitted by September 2026.
4. [Declaration for the Institutional/Bloom Scholarship](#) (Enter link).

Letters of Recommendation:

Requests for recommendation letters will be dispatched directly to recommenders via the digital system. It is the candidate's responsibility to notify recommenders in advance and enter their precise details (full name and email address) into the online form. Recommendation letters should focus specifically on the candidate: the depth of acquaintance, academic achievements, and insights into the research field-highlighting its scientific importance, innovation, and anticipated contribution to the field.

Three letters of recommendation/support are required:

1. From the PhD Supervisor.
2. From an additional senior faculty member from an accredited academic institution in Israel or abroad.
3. From the hosting postdoctoral supervisor at the University of Haifa (including the founding matching commitment).

Selection Process:

- An Institutional Scholarship Committee, chaired by the Dean for Graduate Studies and Head of the Bloom Graduate School, will review the candidates' complete profiles.
- Applications will be evaluated based on academic excellence, institutional considerations, and budgetary capacity.
- **Selection Criteria:** Academic achievements, research experience, peer-reviewed publications, recommendation letters, and the research proposal.

- For the Bloom Scholarship, the committee will request candidate rankings from the respective Faculty Dean.
- The committee will not review applications that do not meet the baseline eligibility criteria or applications missing required files or information.

Obligations of the Postdoctoral Fellow:

1. Scholarship allocation is subject to compliance with the [Postdoctoral Scholarship Regulations](#).
2. A postdoctoral fellow receiving a full scholarship is expected to dedicate most of their time and effort to research. In general, recipients of the postdoctoral scholarship are not permitted to hold additional employment outside the University during the scholarship period. However, exceptions may apply under the following conditions: the postdoctoral fellow may be employed by the University for teaching positions, provided the teaching load does not exceed 10 weekly teaching hours, and does not significantly interfere with the postdoctoral research. Also, the postdoctoral fellow may be employed by an institution other than the University of Haifa, or by the University of Haifa in a non-teaching position, with prior approval from the Bloom School for Graduate Studies. This employment must not exceed 15 weekly hours and must not significantly affect the postdoctoral training. Approval for any such employment will be granted by the Bloom School for Graduate Studies following consultation with the fellow's supervisor.
3. The Postdoctoral fellows will affiliate their [ORCID ID](#) with the University of Haifa.
4. All scientific publications produced during the postdoctoral training must acknowledge that the work was conducted as part of a postdoctoral fellowship at the University of Haifa.
5. Eligibility for this scholarship is contingent on the postdoctoral fellow's stay in Israel for the entire authorized training period.
6. Scholarship installments will be transferred to a personal Israeli bank account to be opened by the postdoctoral fellow once in Israel.
7. Any request for termination of the postdoctoral training should be addressed in written form to Ms. Mor Arazi, Head of the Postdoctoral Scholarships Section, and should include a letter from the supervisor detailing the reasons for the termination. The notification should 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.
8. The Graduate Studies Authority – Bloom Graduate School reserves the right to request a scientific report at the end of the fellowship year detailing the fellow's research activities and outcomes.

The final deadline for application submission and uploading recommendation letters is July 30, 2026, at 23:59 (Israel Time). Following this time, the portal will close.

For inquiries, please contact Mor Arazi, Postdoctoral Scholarship Coordinator, via email: marazi@univ.haifa.ac.il

Sincerely,



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Dean of Graduate Studies and Head of the Bloom School

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Appendix to the Call for Applications

Instructions for Online Submission: Institutional Postdoctoral Excellence Scholarships (Bloom Scholarship & Institutional Scholarship)

Please read the Call for Applications and the guidelines carefully before submitting your application.

General

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Stage 1 – Postdoctoral Registration

- Candidates who began their studies in the 2025–2026 academic year already possess system access and **do not** need to re-register.
- New candidates are required to register for the 2026–2027 academic year:
 - **Hebrew Speakers:** [Submit via the standard Portal for Admissions.](#)
 - **Non-Hebrew Speakers:** [Submit via the English Language Portal for Admissions.](#)
- Document uploads are not mandatory during this specific stage.

Stage 2 – Scholarship Application Submission

- System login requires the password generated during Stage 1 registration. Registered fellows have the option to reset or generate a new password if necessary.
- Please prepare all required documentation prior to starting.
- **The online form must be completed in English only.**
- Submission must be executed through the designated portal: [Link for Scholarship Application Submission](#)

Important Notes:

- **No Draft Savings:** You cannot save a draft of the form.
- **Single Submission Only:** The form can only be submitted once.
- **No Post-Submission Edits:** You cannot return to make corrections once submitted.
- Upon completing the form, **click "Submit"**.
- **Email Confirmation:** A submission receipt will be sent via email; without this confirmation, your application has not been successfully processed.

- **Automated Referee Alerts:** Once the form is received, automated notification requests will be generated and dispatched to your listed recommenders.
- **Notifications:** Recommenders will receive confirmation upon uploading their letter, and the candidate will receive an automated status update as well.

Technical Support

- **Helpdesk Hotline:** Phone: 04-8240856, Extension 1
- **Email:** helpdesk@campus.haifa.ac.il

Good Luck!