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To:
Department Heads/ School Heads
Chairpersons of Doctoral Degree Committees
Academic Faculty Staff Members

Re: Call for Submissions – Institutional Excellence Scholarships for Outstanding Doctoral Students
Academic Year 2026-2027

The Graduate Studies Authority-Bloom School (hereinafter: GSA) will award in academic year 2026-2027 competitive scholarships to doctoral students from all disciplines.

The purpose of the scholarships is to enable outstanding students to devote most of their time and effort to continuous, uninterrupted studies and research and to create appropriate conditions that will support the completion of their doctoral dissertation within a normative period of four years, as set by the academic regulations.

An institutional refereeing committee will review the applications and decide whether a student is entitled to a scholarship, based on academic criteria that apply to the applicants and subject to the availability of budgets. The committee is authorized to determine additional criteria for the awarding of scholarships.

The scholarships are intended for students who practice their research at the University of Haifa alone, and do not receive other academic scholarships.

Submission of online scholarship applications will be allowed **only after the execution of registration** for a doctoral degree in the University of Haifa for the academic year 2026-2027. Applying for a scholarship requires the student to provide recommendations and the student's supervisor to undertake financial obligation to provide matching funding from a budget which is anchored in the Research Authority of the University of Haifa. Requests for dividing the matching according to different amounts or times or for reduction of the matching amount will be turned down.

Review of candidate files will be pending the acceptance of a recorded confirmation of the supervisor via an online form, attesting to his/her willingness to carry on his/her financial obligation and to the matching amount committed.

Submission of applications to every institutional scholarship, that is publicized by the 2026-2027 call, including the upload of the required recommendations will be administered through a single round of application (A second round will not be conducted). Accordingly, all candidate files will be submitted via an online form till **30.7.2026 at 23:59**. Later than this date, the online form will be blocked and sending applications will not be possible.

Details of the Scholarships Offered:

1. "Bloom" Scholarship- 12 scholarships of 340,000 NIS each

<u>Academic Year</u>	<u>GSA's funding</u>	<u>Supervisor's funding</u>
2026-2027	75,000 NIS	10,000 NIS
2027-2028	75,000 NIS	10,000 NIS
2028-2029	75,000 NIS	10,000 NIS
2029-2030	75,000 NIS	10,000 NIS
Total	300,000 NIS	40,000 NIS

The Bloom scholarships are the most prestigious scholarships awarded to PhD students at the University of Haifa. They are granted on individual excellence in studies and scientific research.

In view of the aforesaid, supervisors are encouraged to apply careful and strict judgment in the selection of candidates for this scholarship and to recommend the most excellent students, whose contribution and importance to scientific research are expected to be highly notable.

Candidates who have met the prerequisites of the Bloom Scholarship, but were not selected- their application will be discussed with respect to the other institutional scholarships ("Bareket"/ "Kelim Shluvim").

Prerequisites for submitting a Bloom scholarship application (meeting all of the following criteria is essential)

1. New doctoral students in the regular track, beginning their studies in the first semester of 2026-2027, that have been accepted as regular students until 30.7.2026. The scholarship will be paid starting from the first semester of academic year 2026-2027.
2. Active presentation in a scientific conference/ publication or submission of an article/ book chapter.
3. Attained a final average grade in the Master's degree, which is equal to 90 and above (transcripts for second degree should be attached).
4. The supervisor's obligation to finance a matching of 10,000 NIS per annum, 4 years in total, during academic years 2026-2027 to 2029-2030 from a research budget that is anchored in the Research Authority of the University of Haifa.

2. "Bareket" Scholarship- 10 scholarships of 240,000 NIS each

Academic Year	GSA's funding	Supervisor's funding
2026-2027	50,000 NIS	10,000 NIS
2027-2028	50,000 NIS	10,000 NIS
2028-2029	50,000 NIS	10,000 NIS
2029-2030	50,000 NIS	10,000 NIS
Total	200,000 NIS	40,000 NIS

Prerequisites for submitting a "Bareket" scholarship application (meeting all of the following criteria is essential)

1. New doctoral students in the regular track, beginning their studies in the first semester of 2026-2027, that have been accepted as regular students until 30.7.2026. The scholarship will be paid starting from the first semester of academic year 2026-2027.
2. A limited number of scholarships will be awarded to New doctoral students in the regular track, beginning their studies in the first semester of 2026-2027, that have been accepted as regular students until 1.11.2026.
The scholarship will be paid starting from the first semester of academic year 2026-2027.
3. The supervisor's obligation to finance a matching of 10,000 NIS per annum, 4 years in total, during academic years 2026-2027 to 2029-2030 from a research budget that is anchored in the Research Authority of the University of Haifa.

3. "Kelim Shluvim" Scholarship- 60 scholarships

Track A- Combined scholarship of 160,000 NIS in total, awarded for 4 years

Academic Year	GSA's funding	Supervisor's funding
2026-2027	30,000 NIS	10,000 NIS
2027-2028	30,000 NIS	10,000 NIS
2028-2029	30,000 NIS	10,000 NIS
2029-2030	30,000 NIS	10,000 NIS
Total	120,000 NIS	40,000 NIS

Prerequisites for submitting a "Kelim Shluvim"(A) scholarship application (meeting all of the following criteria is essential)

1. New doctoral students in the regular track, beginning their studies in the first semester of 2026-2027, that have been accepted as regular students until 30.7.2026. The scholarship will be paid starting from the first semester of academic year 2026-2027.
2. A limited number of scholarships will be awarded to New doctoral students in the regular track, beginning their studies in the first semester of 2026-2027, that have been accepted as regular students until 1.11.2026.

The scholarship will be paid starting from the first semester of academic year 2026-2027.

- The supervisor's obligation to finance a matching of 10,000 NIS per annum, 4 years in total, during academic years 2026-2027 to 2029-2030 from a research budget that is anchored in the Research Authority of the University of Haifa. 10,000 NIS represents the minimum threshold, which is required for the purpose of "Kelim Shluvum" scholarship. It is recommended to provide matching funding of 30,000 NIS per year, in order to guarantee the student a minimum monthly stipend of 5,000 NIS.

Track B- Combined scholarship of **120,000 NIS** in total, awarded for **3 years**

Academic Year	GSA's funding	Supervisor's funding
2026-2027	30,000 NIS	10,000 NIS
2027-2028	30,000 NIS	10,000 NIS
2028-2029	30,000 NIS	10,000 NIS
Total	90,000 NIS	30,000 NIS

Prerequisites for submitting a "Kelim Shluvum"(B) scholarship application (meeting all of the following criteria is essential)

- Doctoral students in the regular track, beginning their studies in the first semester or the second semester of 2025-2026 (academic year 2026-2027 will be the second year of their PhD studies).
- Doctoral students in the direct track, beginning the doctoral stage of their studies (stage B, after the approval of their research proposal) in academic year 2026-2027 first semester only, and that are not recipients of the President's Scholarship for Students in the Direct PhD Track Program.
- The supervisor's obligation to finance a matching of 10,000 NIS per annum, 3 years in total, during academic years 2026-2027 to 2028-2029 from a research budget that is anchored in the Research Authority of the University of Haifa. 10,000 NIS represents the minimum threshold, which is required for the purpose of "Kelim Shluvum" scholarship. It is recommended to provide matching funding of 30,000 NIS per year, in order to guarantee the student a minimum monthly stipend of 5,000 NIS.

Criteria for the Selection of Candidates

- Academic excellence, as reflected in active conference participation, winning of awards and publication of articles/book chapters.
- High learning and research achievements, supported by recommendations and the candidates' CVs, as well as their academic ranking among their course mates/class.
- The importance of the PhD research, its uniqueness, originality, and innovation.

Process for the Selection of Qualified Candidates

- the institutional refereeing committee will review and approve the final pool of scholarship applications, taking into consideration the candidates' records, on competitive basis, and subject to the institution's considerations and budget availability.
- Applications that fail to meet the above-mentioned prerequisites will not be reviewed.

Commitments of the Scholarship Awardee:

- To maintain academic continuity and complete the PhD dissertation within a maximum of 4 years from the beginning of the doctoral degree in the regular track or within a maximum of 3 years from the beginning of the doctoral stage of the direct track.
- To devote most of his/her time and effort to research. Engaging in paid work is subject to the approval of the supervisor only. The approval of a scholarship and its payment do not exhibit an employer employee relationship between the University and the scholarship recipient. Awarding of a scholarship will not be in exchange for work on the part of the student, except for research performed by the student.
- Approval of his/her research proposal on time, and no later than after the end of four semesters, counting from the semester of admission to PhD studies.

4. In the event of termination of studies or failure to comply with academic standards, the student will be subject to the scholarship regulations in effect at that time. Termination of studies will result in immediate cancellation of the scholarship and a requirement to re-imburse scholarship payments.
5. The scholarship will be paid in NIS and its award is subject to the opening of an Israeli bank account. Scholarship payments will be transferred only to this account.
6. Finding that false information provided by the student has served as a basis for awarding the scholarship and/or failure to notify the University of changes in information provided as part of the scholarship application, will result in revoking the scholarship.

Submission Process

Candidates will submit their application using an online form, through one of these two links: [Hebrew/English](#). Access to the online system can be gained only after the payment of PhD degree registration fee by the student according to the instructions below:

Candidates who are Israeli citizens will register by this [link](#).

International candidates will register for a PhD degree by this [link](#). (In case of any difficulty, please contact Ms. Meirav Barky, at: mbarky@univ.haifa.ac.il).

Payment of PhD registration fee is due as early as **10 days** before filling out the application in the online system, since processing the payment prompts the log-in password for the online system. It will not be possible to fill out a scholarship application unless you have the password available.

The following documents need to be prepared in advance for uploading them to the online system.

1. For Bloom scholarship- a document attesting to active participation in an international or local scientific conference as first speaker, or a copy of the first page of an article/ book chapter, that has been published/ submitted.
2. Copies of diplomas/ certificates of eligibility for the bachelor's and master's degrees.
3. Transcripts for the bachelor's and master's degrees.
4. CV (a [link](#) to a structured CV form is available in the online system).
5. An official letter from the institution where the candidate studied his/her master's degree, which indicates on the ranking of his/her overall grade average within their cohort/ class (if available).
6. A description of the expected research plan (limited to 300 words), the importance of the research, its uniqueness and innovation or applicative contribution (limited to 300 words).
7. Signed personal declaration (use this [link](#) for the declaration form).
8. Recommendations- Insert the personal details of your recommenders on the online form:
Name; Family Name; up-to-date Email Address.
Requests for recommendation will be sent by the online system directly to the recommenders, who were named by the candidate.

Your attention that recommendations are required from each of the PhD supervisors and one from an additional faculty member, who is familiar with the candidate and his academic qualifications. The deadline for sending recommendations is **30.7.2026 till 23:59**.

Emphases to candidates for filling the scholarship application

1. The last date for submission of applications and sending recommendations is **30.7.2026 till 23:59**.

Later than this date, the online form will be blocked and submitting applications will not be possible.

All the aforementioned scholarships require a matching funding from the supervisor of 10,000 NIS per annum. In the event that a candidate file is rejected by the institutional refereeing committee in their deliberation of the Bloom Scholarship (12 scholarships), and the Bareket Scholarship (10 scholarships) the candidate's nomination for the 60 scholarships of "Kelim Shluvim" shall be discussed. Double funding from the scholarships that are included in this call is not permitted.

2. Previous University of Haifa doctoral students or past recipients of an institutional scholarship on behalf of the Graduate Studies Authority-Bloom School, who discontinued their doctoral degree may not apply for this scholarship.
3. The scholarship is not intended to Students employed by the university in administrative or academic positions.

4. The online application form is utilized with all the scholarships that are part of this call. It is not possible to upload complementary documents after the form has been submitted and the candidate received a confirmation for sending. Candidate files with missing documents will not be reviewed, therefore it is advisable to be prepared in advance with every required document.

5. It is **not** possible to apply for scholarships and to perform registration at the same time. According to the aforesaid, **registration to PhD is due as early as 10 days before filling the application in the online system**, for the purpose of receiving the log-in password and gaining access to the online scholarship application process.

6. Upon completion of the online form, applicants need to press the "Submit" button.

In response to this action, the applicant will receive an email confirmation for his/her submission. Not receiving an application confirmation means that the form has not been recorded in the online system and therefore the application will not be processed.

5. After the online form has been recorded, automatic email notifications will be sent to the student's recommenders for uploading their recommendations to the form.

Best Regards,



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