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Call for Applications – Combined Postdoctoral Fellowships for Outstanding Women Researchers - Academic Year 2025–2026

Purpose of the Fellowship

The Commission for Diversity, Equity and Inclusion at the University of Haifa invites applications for two fellowships for outstanding women postdoctoral researchers. The fellowships are intended for candidates planning to undertake a combined postdoctoral program at the University of Haifa, comprising a research period in Israel and another abroad.

Fellowship Details

- **Selection Criteria:** Recipients will be selected by an evaluation committee based on academic excellence and research potential. The evaluation will take into consideration letters of recommendation, scientific publications, participation in international conferences, awards and scholarships, research achievements, potential for future integration as leading academic faculty members, and the committee's overall assessment.
- **Fellowship Amount:** NIS 70,000, to be awarded during the 2025–2026 academic year, subject to the recipient's commitment to fulfilling the objectives of the program.
- **Number of Fellowships:** 2.
- **Payment Terms & Repayment Policy:** In accordance with the decision of the Commission for Diversity, Equity and Inclusion, the fellowship will be paid in two installments during August and September 2026. A recipient who does not undertake the fellowship, or who fails to comply with the fellowship conditions and related commitments, will be required to repay all or part of the fellowship funds.
- **Funding Ceiling:** The total amount of fellowships and grants received by the candidate from all sources during the fellowship year (2025–2026) may not exceed NIS 180,000. If this ceiling is exceeded, the fellowship amount will be adjusted accordingly.
- **No Double Funding:** This fellowship may not be held concurrently with the Commission's fellowship for outstanding postdoctoral researchers from diverse populations, or with fellowships funded through the Planning and Budgeting Committee (PBC/VATAT). Candidates may apply for multiple fellowships simultaneously; however, a candidate awarded more than one fellowship may accept only one.
- **Full-Time Commitment:** During the fellowship period, the fellow is expected to devote her full time to academic activities at the institution where the postdoctoral research is being conducted.

The Combined Postdoctoral Track

1. The combined-track fellowship will be awarded to candidates who meet all eligibility criteria and present both a compelling academic and personal rationale for choosing a combined postdoctoral track in Israel and abroad.
2. Awarding of the fellowship is contingent upon submitting documentation that demonstrates an established, structured research collaboration between the candidate, a supervisor at a research university abroad, and a supervisor at the University of Haifa. Approval of the proposed research plan and its implementation by both supervisors is required.
3. The combined postdoctoral fellowship is for one year. The fellowship will commence during 2026, and the recipient must spend at least six weeks at the host institution abroad (either consecutively or cumulatively) between September and December 2026.

Eligibility Requirements

1. The fellowship is open to candidates who are Israeli citizens or permanent residents of Israel.
2. Candidates must have been awarded, or become eligible for, a PhD degree on or after August 1, 2022, and meet one of the following conditions:
 - Have obtained approval from a University of Haifa faculty member to undertake postdoctoral research at the University of Haifa.
 - Be a current postdoctoral researcher at the University of Haifa, currently in no later than her fourth year of postdoctoral training.
3. Candidates must either have been accepted to a postdoctoral position abroad with a host institution and supervisor, or be in the process of applying for such a position.
4. Candidates holding a senior academic faculty appointment (at the rank of Lecturer/Assistant Professor or equivalent and above), whether on a tenure-track, regular, or adjunct basis at any academic institution in Israel or abroad, are not eligible to apply.

Application and Evaluation Process

1. Applications must be submitted directly by the candidate to the Authority for Graduate Studies-Bloom Graduate School.
2. Applications will be reviewed by a committee chaired by the Dean of the Graduate Studies Authority and Head of the Bloom Graduate School, based on scientific excellence and institutional considerations.

Application Submission

Applicants must complete the online application form [[link](#)] and upload **one consolidated PDF file** (digital, not scanned) containing the following documents in the exact order listed below:

1. [Structured Curriculum Vitae Form](#) (CV) including academic education, conference participation, publications, and research abstracts [[link](#)]
2. Proof of eligibility for the PhD degree.

3. A statement (up to one page) outlining the academic and personal rationale for choosing a combined postdoctoral track involving research in Israel and abroad, including a formal commitment to spend at least six weeks at the host institution abroad between September and December 2026.
4. A letter of approval from the University of Haifa postdoctoral supervisor confirming the proposed research plan and its implementation.
5. An invitation letter from the overseas postdoctoral supervisor confirming an established research collaboration with the candidate (if the supervisor has already been identified). If not yet available, this document must be submitted by September 1, 2026. *Candidates who have already submitted this letter as part of a PBC (VATAT) fellowship application are exempt from re-submitting it.*

The application file should be sent by email to: marazi@univ.haifa.ac.il

Letters of Recommendation

Applicants are required to arrange for two to three signed letters of recommendation (maximum two pages each) from senior academic researchers familiar with the applicant's work. Each letter should include details about the recommender (discipline, institution, etc.), the nature of their relationship with the applicant, and an assessment of the applicant's research (including its scientific significance, originality, innovation, and academic achievements).

- At least one letter must be from the applicant's PhD supervisor.
- Recommendation letters must have been written within the past two years.
- **Submission:** It is the applicant's responsibility to contact the recommenders. Recommenders must send their letters directly via email to marazi@univ.haifa.ac.il
- no later than **July 15, 2026**.
- *Candidates whose recommendation letters have already been submitted as part of a PBC (VATAT) fellowship application are exempt from re-submitting them.*

Application Deadline: July 15, 2026

Sincerely,



Prof. Irit Akirav

Dean, Graduate Studies Authority
Head, Bloom Graduate School



Prof. Arin Salamah-Qudsi
Head, Diversity, Equity,
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