# 4. PROGRAMME INFORMATION AND PROGRAMME TERMS November 2026 (for January 2027 deadline) **

## General Information and Programme Policy

1. The Clore Scholars Programme was established in 1991 by the Clore Israel Foundation, with the aim of promoting outstanding young Israeli scientists, and in the hope that the programme will contribute significantly to furthering scientific excellence in Israel. The programme is directed by an independent Board of seven members, comprised of senior academic scientists, the Chairman of the Clore Israel Foundation, one of the Foundation Trustees, and leading public figures from the worlds of high tech and business.
2. Institutions participating in the programme are as follows: Bar-Ilan University, Ben-Gurion University of the Negev, Hebrew University of Jerusalem, Reichman University, Technion - Israel Institution of Technology, Tel Aviv University, University of Haifa and Weizmann Institution of Science.
3. Scholars are selected each year from among students and researchers pursuing a career in all fields of the natural sciences, including mathematics, physics, chemistry, the life sciences, earth sciences, computer science, agriculture, engineering and technology. Applications will be accepted by students enrolled in Statistics and Data Science departments, however, these applications must be from candidates whose research pertains to the area of the exact sciences and must be included with those from the Department of Mathematics. It is important to note that a distinction is made between scientists working in the fields of Statistics and Data Science and students who use statistics and data analysis in their research. It is important to reiterate that submissions are made only from candidates whose research pertains to the area of the exact or life sciences.
4. The Scholarship for the next academic year is intended for Doctoral students in the Sciences who fulfil the following criteria:
   i. Students who have begun their doctoral studies not more than one and a half years before the deadline date for the submission of the application, i.e. **no earlier than 17.7.2025**.**
   Please note: It is recognized that there may be exceptional circumstances, such as pregnancy, birth of a child or illness, where an application may need to be postponed. Such exceptions will be considered individually. Requests for postponement should be submitted by the academic institution to the Programme Coordinator via email. Students must have at least two years of their doctoral studies to complete.
   ii. Students who have submitted, or are in the process of submitting, their doctoral proposal (including students whose proposal submission date has been postponed as a result of the current situation), even if the proposal is not yet approved. In this case, the submitting institution is obliged to notify the programme coordinator immediately upon receipt of approval of the doctoral proposal. The awarding of the scholarship is dependent on this approval.

iii. It is possible to submit candidates on a Direct to PhD programme who have commenced their Doctorate at a date that is in accordance with the University regulations for that programme, but only on condition that their doctoral proposal is in the process of being submitted (see note ii above).

5. The Scholarship is intended for excelling students in the Sciences and will only be awarded on the basis of excellence in their studies and research.
6. The Scholarship is intended only for students who have Israeli citizenship and who are studying in Israel at the participating academic institutions (see note 2).
7. The Scholarship is intended only for students who are conducting their research in the framework of the submitting academic institution and who are not employed by any other body.
8. The academic institution must ensure that applicants are not already receiving a scholarship from another organisation.
9. The academic institution is required to submit yearly reports to the Scholarship Programme, notifying that each recipient is continuing their studies to a satisfactory standard and to report on any disruption to the recipient's studies and research for a period of longer than six months. A period of disruption longer than one year will not be permitted.
10. Up to ten new scholars per year are appointed for a maximum three-year scholarship. The stipend is NIS 100,000 per year and is paid via the academic institution. The scholarship term is for three academic years or until the thesis has been submitted. In addition, recipients receive a one-time grant of $11,000, which is comprised of a personal prize of the shekel equivalent of $3,500 and an allowance for research-related expenses of $7,500 (up to $2,500 per year). The personal prize is presented to the recipient as a cheque in Shekels at the Award Ceremony and is to be used by the scholar for personal purchases not related to research. The Research Expenses payment is transferred in Dollars to the academic institute with the first payment of each Academic year (the September payment) and is to be used by the scholar for research related expenses such as computers, conferences etc.
11. In certain cases, the selection committees may wish to personally interview candidates.
12. A separate agreement has been signed between each academic institution and the Clore Scholars Programme and details the relevant financial arrangements.
13. A quota of applications is fixed for each academic institution in relation to the number of doctoral students in the sciences in that institution, including students on an MD/PhD programme. In the case of MD/PhD students, an extra two applications are allowed in addition to the institution's set quota. Should an institution submit more than two MD/PhD students, only two of them will be allowed above the set quota. The academic institution must submit no more than the appropriate number of applications, which will be noted in the Call for Applications sent to each institution.
14. The fixed quota for each academic institution relates only to the number of submitted candidates and not to the number of award recipients. The only consideration that the selection committee will make is on the basis of excellence in studies and research. The selection committees do not take the candidate's academic institution into account when making their decision.

15. Applications will be submitted by the academic institutions to the Clore Scholars Programme according to the relevant regulations and terms.
16. The academic institution must commit to exempting the scholarship recipient from tutorial fees, as is the practice with all such scholarships. Please note that this exemption applies to both PhD and MD/PhD studies.
17. The academic institution must ensure that the scholarship recipient will not be employed outside the academic institution and that the research is carried out within the framework of the academic institution. The academic institution must ensure that applicants are not already receiving a scholarship from another organisation.
18. The academic institution must commit to not debiting any sum from the scholarship funds without prior permission from the Clore Scholars Programme.
19. Scholarship recipients may receive additional grants from other sources only according to the following conditions:
    i. Additional income from internal sources in the academic institution, on the condition that the income is not more than 50% of the Clore Scholarship payment.
    ii. This income, together with the Clore Scholarship, will not be more than the maximum allowed by the academic institution.
    iii. While it is acceptable that recipients may receive additional prizes during their scholarship period, they may not receive additional funding, either as a salary or a scholarship, unless specific permission is granted. Requests for permission to receive additional scholarships should be submitted by the academic institution to the Programme Coordinator via email. It is not acceptable for recipients to receive any form of funding from a private company.
    iv. During the period in which the Clore Scholarship is being received, the recipient may not be employed in teaching by the academic Institution for a period greater than a quarter of the total acceptable teaching shift period.
20. It is not possible to freeze, postpone or otherwise put a scholarship on hold.
21. It is not permitted to submit any candidates who are already the recipients of a PhD.
22. Each November**, the Clore Scholars Programme will issue a Call for Applications, sending the relevant application documents to all the academic institutions by email. It is incumbent on the institutions to submit their applications by email in PDF format as per the regulations detailed in the Applications Submission Regulations document (document # 5).
23. The Clore Scholars application submission deadline is **Sunday, 17 January 2027****. Students are required to submit their application form to their academic institution by the application deadline date set by that institution.
24. The announcement regarding the scholarship recipients will be published by **the end of June 2027**.**
25. The decision of the Clore Scholars Programme Board is final and binding and not open to appeal.

26. Applications to the Clore Scholars Programme may not be concurrently submitted to the scholarship programmes of the Adams Foundation, Azrieli Foundation or the Edmond de Rothschild Foundation. In addition, applicants may not concurrently submit an application for a scholarship from any of the Malag/VATAT programmes for outstanding doctoral students.

The Clore Scholars Programme Coordinator's email address is as follows: **scholars@clorefoundation.org.il**

** **PLEASE NOTE:** All dates may be subject to change, depending on the situation in the country.