Graduate Studies Authority
Bloom Graduate School
UNIVERSITY OF HAIFA

November 17, 2026

Zuckerman STEM* Leadership Program
Call for Nominations – Israeli Postdoctoral Scholars Program 2027/28 Cohort

*STEM fields: Science (Natural, Exact, and Life Sciences), Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics.

Please note that an internal pre-selection process will be conducted by the Graduate Studies Authority – Bloom School to select the University of Haifa's candidates.

University of Haifa Internal Application Deadline: January 6, 2027.

The Zuckerman Israeli Postdoctoral Scholars Program provides additional support for up to two years to Israeli PhD graduates who have been accepted to a postdoctoral program with a stipend at an American university. Candidates are encouraged to apply to a university that offers more specialized training than they would find in Israel.

Upon completion of the program, scholars are expected to return to the Israeli campuses from which they earned their doctorates and gain a faculty position at Israeli Universities.

Scholars are expected to speak to faculty and PhD students about the program, share insights about their research, and talk about collaborating with scientists in the United States.

Candidates for Zuckerman STEM Leadership Programs are assessed based on their academic and research achievements, as well as on personal merit and leadership qualities, without regard to race, religion, gender, ethnicity, or age.

For the 2027-2028 academic year, five Israeli postdoctoral scholarships will be awarded to eight participating universities: Ariel University, Bar-Ilan University, Ben-Gurion University of the Negev, University of Haifa, The Hebrew University of Jerusalem, Technion – Israel Institute of Technology, Tel Aviv University, and Weizmann Institute of Science.

Two of the five scholarships will be awarded to women.
All five candidates will be selected at these universities based on academic merit only.

FUNDING

- Zuckerman Israeli postdoctoral scholarships are awarded for up to two years.
- Zuckerman Israeli postdoctoral scholars receive a stipend of $20,000 per academic year, plus a $5,000 travel allowance to return to Israel once per academic year during their postdoctoral appointment.

- The starting date of the Scholarship in 2027-2028 academic year is October 2027 and no later than March 2028 for up to maximum 24 months from the start date.

ELIGIBILITY

- Candidates must hold a PhD from the University of Haifa. If still studying for a PhD, they must submit their doctoral thesis before October 1, 2027.
- Candidates who commenced their postdoctoral position before October 2026 are not eligible to apply.
- Candidates must be accepted to a postdoctoral program at an American university or research institute that includes a stipend to work and study. They must obtain consent from a potential hosting supervisor at that university or research institute.

<u>תנאי סף נוספים של אוניברסיטת חיפה להגשת מועמדות:</u>

1. יש להתחיל את השתלמות הבתר-דוקטורט באוניברסיטה המארחת בארה"ב לא יאוחר מחמש שנים ממועד הזכאות לתואר דוקטור. התחלת ההשתלמות החל מאוקטובר 2027 ולא יאוחר ממרץ 2028.
2. עבור מועמדים/ות שכבר משתלמים/ות בבתר-דוקטורט באוניברסיטת חיפה, שנת הלימודים תשפ"ז (2026–2027) חייבת להיות לכל היותר השנה השלישית להשתלמותם.
3. במקרה של זכייה במלגת צוקרמן, תידרשו להסדיר את רישומכם כמשתלמים/ות בבתר-דוקטורט באוניברסיטת חיפה לשנה"ל תשפ"ח לצורך העברת כספי המלגה. המלגה תועבר אך ורק לחשבון בנק בישראל על שם המלגאי/ת.

GUIDELINES FOR APPLICATIONS

All application materials must be typed (not handwritten) and submitted in English.
Supporting Documents:

- Curriculum vitae, including a paragraph on demonstrated leadership qualities.
- List of at least three publications, noting the impact factor of the journals in which the papers were published.
- Written confirmation that the candidate is entitled to a PhD degree and the date it was awarded, or administrative confirmation that the candidate's doctoral thesis was sent to referees.
- Research proposal (maximum 3 pages).
- Letter of acceptance to a postdoctoral program at an American university that includes a stipend for work and study.
- Letter of consent from a potential hosting supervisor from the American university.
- Personal statement detailing the candidate's future career plans.
- A simplified 200-word description of intended research.

The applicant must submit all of the above documents in **one consolidated, non-scanned PDF file** via email to Ms. Mor Arazi, Postdoctoral Scholarships Coordinator, Graduate Studies Authority – Bloom Graduate School, at marazi@univ.haifa.ac.il

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In addition, **three letters of recommendation** are required, including a letter from the candidate's PhD supervisor. If possible, one letter should come from a university other than the institution which granted the candidate's PhD. Letters of recommendation must be signed, presented on official institutional letterhead, **and sent directly by the referees to** the email address: marazi@univ.haifa.ac.il.

University of Haifa Internal Application Deadline: January 6, 2027.

Key dates for applications for the 2027-2028 academic year:

- Applications open: November 16, 2026
- **University of Haifa Internal Application Deadline: January 6, 2027**
- Scholarship notification: By March 16, 2026
- Annual Notification of Renewal: Zuckerman Israeli Postdoctoral Scholarships are for up to two years. By May 15th of the first year in the program, scholars must notify their hosting Israeli universities whether they wish to continue in the program for a second year.

For further information, please visit the Zuckerman Program website – Israeli Postdoc Program 2027/2028.