

IASH Postdoctoral Fellowships for Excellent Foreign Researchers in Israel CALL FOR PROPOSALS

February 2020

The Israel Academy of Sciences and Humanities is pleased to announce that two-year postdoctoral fellowships for excellent foreign researchers will be awarded for the amount of 157,000.00 NIS (at the exchange rate of 3.45 NIS per USD) per year. The fellowships will be awarded to outstanding scholars in the fields of natural sciences, exact sciences, medicine, life sciences and engineering.

The IASH will fund half each fellowship per year. The recipient researcher will receive at least half of the fellowship in matching from the hosting university.

Universities are encouraged to raise the fellowships even higher, so as to make it considerably superior to the standard postdoc fellowship, which will accentuate the excellence of awardees.

Eligibility:

Researchers who fulfil <u>all</u> of the following 3 conditions qualify:

- 1. The fellowships are limited to researchers in the natural sciences, exact sciences, medicine, life sciences and engineering.
- Candidates should be foreign (non-Israeli) citizens who reside abroad at the time of submission and should be no more than 6 months in Israel when they begin their fellowships.
- 3. Candidates may be no longer than 4 years after attaining their PhD at the time of application (not including maternity leave).

Material required for submission:

- 1. Letter of request for the fellowship by the candidate in English, printed on maximum 2 pages, font size 12 pts., line spacing 1.5
- 2. Letter of commitment from the host researcher in Israel in English, printed on formal university stationery, maximum 2 pages
- 3. A formal letter of commitment of the host university to cover the matching
- 4. CV and list of publications (list only), including journal rankings and impact factors
- 5. Two letters of recommendation only, up to 2 pages each
- 6. Short work plan (2 pages)

All the material should be sent in one PDF file. No hard copy is necessary.

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Submission Deadline:

Candidates should submit their applications directly to Batsheva Shor at batsheva@academy.ac.il by March 15, 2020

Awardees: An IASH committee will select the awardees solely on the basis of excellence.

Comments:

- The awardee will submit an annual report **signed by the host researcher**, on the advancement and achievements of his/her research. The host researcher and the institute must report any change in or termination of the research.
- The Academy will transfer an advance payment of 40% to the university by November 1st and the final payment of 60% following receipt of the annual report of the awardee at the end of the year.
- The funding will be transferred directly through the university to the postdoc.
- It is the responsibility of the university to provide the requested matching funds.
- The funds (including the matching) will not be subjected to any overhead.
- The awardees will participate in an annual meeting and social events to be organized by the IASH.

Schedule:

- Deadline for submission: March 15, 2020.
- The program will start on September 1st 2020. The duration is September 1st through August 31st of every year.

For further information, please contact Batsheva Shor at <u>batsheva@academy.ac.il</u> or by telephone at +972-2-5676207.