

Rothschild Fellowships 2023/2024

Guidelines for Universities

1. GENERAL

The Rothschild Fellowships are awarded for postdoctoral study and research abroad.

The purpose of the Rothschild Fellowships is to help young scholars of outstanding academic merit and potential advance in their respective fields, with the aim of enhancing their prospective contribution to academic and scientific life in Israel. Upon completion of their research and study abroad, it is expected that Rothschild Fellows will return to Israel, advancing the calibre of academic research.

Fellowships are provided for one year of study abroad.

Up to 25 Rothschild Fellowships will be awarded for the academic year 2023/2024.

Up to **fourteen** Fellowships will be awarded in the Natural, Exact or Life Sciences and Engineering; up to **six** will be awarded in the Humanities and general Social Sciences; and up to **five** will be awarded in Mind, Brain and Language.

Accordingly, universities are requested to submit three separate groups of candidates:

- a) Natural, Exact or Life Sciences and Engineering
- b) Humanities and Social Sciences
- c) Brain, Mind and Language

2. ELIGIBILITY

- a) The candidate must be a permanent resident of Israel.
- b) The candidate must have completed or currently be conducting his/her PhD research at an accredited institution of higher learning in Israel.
- c) Candidates will be eligible only if the doctoral degree was awarded after November 2019 (exceptions may be considered in certain cases with prior approval from the Secretariat).
- d) Those holding a tenured position at an Israeli university will not be considered for a Fellowship (except in rare circumstances).
- e) Those beginning their postdoctoral studies abroad **before June 2023 may not apply** for the Fellowship. The Rothschild Fellowship may only be used to fund **the first period of postdoctoral study abroad**.
- f) Candidates are required to advise the University Academic Secretariat and the Rothschild Fellowships Secretariat whenever supplementary funds become available to them. Candidates

receiving supplementary funds of \$65,000 or more during the Fellowship year will not be able to receive the Fellowship.

- g) Partial grants will not be awarded.

3. TERMS OF FELLOWSHIPS

- a) Fellowship award amount: NIS 180,000

- b) Relocation grant for fellow and accompanying spouse:

Destination:	US West Coast	NIS 25,000
	US East Coast	NIS 18,000
	Europe	NIS 10,000

Single candidates will be awarded half the above amount.

- c) Allowance for family members who will accompany the Fellow:

Spouse:	NIS 20,000
Children:	NIS 25,000 / each

4. HOW TO NOMINATE CANDIDATES

- a) **Publicity**

Universities are asked to widely publicize the call for submissions, including the information contained above, the deadline for submitting applications, the Notes to Applicants document and Application Form (attached), and any other information deemed relevant by the university.

Copies of announcements and other forms of publicity regarding the Fellowships should be sent to the Secretariat of the Rothschild Fellowships.

- b) **Receipt of applications**

The university is responsible for processing the application form and supporting documents of the candidates, typed in English, as described below in section 5.

- c) **Pre-selection**

The universities are requested to pre-select candidates.

- d) **Letters from the University Rector**

The Rector of the university (or equivalent) is requested to write three separate letters to the Secretariat of the Rothschild Fellowships – one for up to **twelve** candidates in Natural, Exact or Life Sciences and Engineering, another for up to **six** candidates in Humanities and Social Sciences, and a third for up to **five** candidates in Brain, Mind and Language, (to include, Psychology, Cognitive Science, Psycholinguistics and other interdisciplinary quantitative Social Sciences such as Architecture, Business Administration, Science Education, etc.)

Each letter must include the following:

- i) A list of pre-selected candidates, their academic disciplines **and departmental affiliations**. Please alphabetize the list and refrain from ranking.
- ii) Please prepare a list of candidates who were pre-selected and those not pre-selected, **using the attached Excel table**. This list should include **all the names of candidates** who submitted applications to their department, faculty or directly through the Academic Secretariat.

Letters (including the lists) should be submitted in electronic form only.

5. APPLICATION FORM AND SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS

Each candidate's file should include:

- a) An electronic copy of the Application Form with a recent digital photograph inserted into the file
- b) A curriculum vitae including the list of publications (according to the sample included)
- c) One or more letters of invitation or acceptance from the future host or host institution, **if available**. Letters should be concise and express the intention to serve as the future academic home of the candidate. **These should not be letters of recommendation.**
- d) **Two letters of recommendation** typed in English from two referees, at the request of the candidate. One of the referees should be the candidate's present or immediate past supervisor. Candidates with two doctoral supervisors may submit letters from both. The letters should be regarded as confidential and submitted by the referees directly to the university authority.

Referees are requested to: i) compare the candidate to scientists and scholars in their field at similar academic stages; ii) compare the candidate to other students with whom they have been in close contact; and iii) whenever possible, compare to past recipients of the Rothschild Fellowship.

- e) **An additional letter of recommendation** from a **senior** academic at another university, who is qualified to assess the applicant's current and proposed research, may be submitted. Candidates are highly encouraged to do so.

None of the three letters of recommendation should be from the future host of the candidate or from the department at which the candidate plans to conduct the postdoctoral research.

- f) One academic paper, article (preferably published) or dissertation chapter in English that the candidate has authored or co-authored. The article should clearly indicate the name and issue of the journal where it was published or accepted for publication.

Applications to the Rothschild Fellowships 2023/2024 may only be submitted electronically. Universities will receive a link to a secure website through which the applicants will be required to upload their applications and all supporting documents.

Letters of recommendation must be uploaded by university staff.

We are ready to provide university administrators with any assistance they may require in submitting the applications. Please feel free to contact Ms. Natania Isaak-Weschler with any questions.

6. DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSION

The three separate letters from the Rector as well as the applications and supporting documents for the three Committees must reach the Secretariat **no later than 6 November 2022**.

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7. NOTIFICATION TO CANDIDATES

- a) Candidates not pre-selected should be so advised by the university (Academic Secretariat) as soon as possible, including those whose candidacy was disqualified at the department or faculty level.
- b) Candidates invited to an interview will be notified by the university. Please note that interviews will be held on 16 and 17 January 2023 for candidates in the Natural, Exact and Life Sciences and Engineering, on 13 February for candidates in Brain, Mind and Language and on 9 March for candidates in the Humanities and Social Sciences. Upon receipt of notifications from the Secretariat, the university should advise candidates who have not been invited for an interview to that effect.
- d) Candidates invited for an interview but not awarded a Fellowship, will receive notification from the Rothschild Fellowships Secretariat.
- e) Candidates awarded a Fellowship, and their respective universities will receive notice thereof from the Rothschild Fellowships Secretariat at the earliest opportunity.