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Dear Faculty,

We are pleased to inform you of the newly launched **Excellence Fellowship Program for International Postdoctoral Researchers** (2021 Call for Applications attached).¹

The Excellence Fellowship Program is a joint endeavor of the Council for Higher Education in Israel and the Israel Academy of Sciences and Humanities, through which Israel seeks to attract top young recent PhD graduates for postdoctoral positions with leading scientists and scholars in Israel on cutting-edge research in **all fields of science, social science and humanities**.

Funding

A total of **20 fellowships** will be provided to incoming postdoctoral researchers to conduct research in one of Israel's universities; at least 15 fellowships will be allocated in Sciences, Technology, Engineering and Math (STEM), and up to 5 fellowships will be allocated in the Humanities and the Social Sciences. The fellowships will be awarded for **two years** for the amount of **160,000 NIS (~\$47,000) per year**.

Matching Funds: Candidates are obligated to have the commitment of the supervisor to provide the required matching for this fellowship: **At least 25%** in the Humanities and the Social Sciences, and **at least 50%** in the fields of STEM.

Eligibility

- The fellowship program is open to international candidates who have received a PhD from a recognized higher education institution outside of Israel less than 4 years from the time of application (not including parental or medical leave), or who will receive a PhD from a recognized higher education institution outside of Israel prior to the commencement of the fellowship.
- Israeli citizens or residents, and candidates who commenced a postdoctoral position in Israel prior to September 1, 2020, may not apply.
- Candidates are required to have been accepted to a postdoctoral position under the supervision of a faculty member at The Hebrew University of Jerusalem and their obligation to provide the required matching.

Application

Applications are now being accepted. Candidates are requested to submit their complete applications (as per the guidelines and application form) via the university's Scholarships and Awards System: <http://scholarships.huji.ac.il>.

Internal HUJI Submission Deadline: January 3, 2021

¹ This program replaces the Council of Higher Education Postdoctoral Fellowships for China and India

Selection Process

The Hebrew University will conduct an internal evaluation process and submit selected candidates to the Israel Academy of Sciences and Humanities. A committee comprising members of the Israel Academy of Science and the Humanities, the Israel Young Academy, and leading scholars and scientists in Israeli academia, will select the fellows on the basis of academic and research excellence. **Awardees will be notified by May 2021.**

Further Information

Full details can be found in the attached call and [here](#).

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We strongly encourage faculty members to share this call with outstanding postdoctoral candidates who may be eligible to apply for this prestigious program.

Best Wishes,

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