



15 October 2020

Dear Faculty Members,

Please find the attached **2020-2021 Call for Nominations for the Zuckerman STEM Leadership Program for Postdoctoral Scholars**. [The Zuckerman Postdoctoral Scholars Program](#) attracts high-achieving postdoctoral scholars from premier universities in the United States and Canada to perform research at one of seven Israeli universities. Once they complete their research, Zuckerman Postdocs are expected to accept faculty positions at top North American universities, weaving a network of academic collaboration that will greatly benefit US-Israeli scientific cooperation.

Five postdoctoral scholarships are available for outstanding postdoctoral fellows at the Hebrew University for the 2021-2022 academic year in one of the following two tracks:

1. US/Canadian Postdoc at an Israeli University Track:

A 2-year postdoctoral scholarship through which scholars conduct research at the Hebrew University. The scholarship may be renewed on a competitive basis for an additional 1-2 years, if circumstances permit.

Eligibility: Candidates must be citizens of the United States or Canada or have a documented status that allows them to study and work in the US.

NEW for 2021-22: Up to 2 international candidates who completed a PhD at a US or Canadian university, and who plan to return to North America to compete for an academic position, are eligible to apply.

2. NEW - Joint US-Israel Postdoc Track:

A 2-year joint postdoctoral scholarship through which scholars spend half their time at the Hebrew University, and the other half at a US or Canadian university. Scholars in this track can decide how to divide their time between the two.

Eligibility: Candidates must be citizens of the United States or Canada or have a documented status that allows them to study and work in the US.

Funding:

- **US/Canadian Postdoc at an Israeli University Track:** Scholarship of \$52,000 per academic year for up to two years. Of this amount, \$50,000 is provided by the Zuckerman Fund (\$44,400 for living expenses [\$3,700 per month] and \$5,600 for research and travel to professional conferences). An additional \$2,000 in research funds is provided to scholars by HUJI supervisor.
- **Joint US-Israel Postdoc Track:** Scholarship of \$60,000 per academic year for up to two years. Of this amount, \$50,000 is provided by the Zuckerman Fund (\$44,400 for living expenses [\$3,700 per month] and \$5,600 for research and travel to professional conferences). An additional \$2,000 in research funds is provided by HUJI supervisor.

A final \$8,000 is to be provided for research and travel to professional conferences directly by the scholar's US or Canadian university. (Scholars who are interested in this track should apply to their North American university to receive this stipend). The North American university may provide supplemental funding for living expenses during their stay in the US or Canada.

How to Apply:

Applications should be prepared according to the call [guidelines](#) and submitted to Ms. Keri Rosenbluh (keriro@savion.huji.ac.il) as one single PDF file by the submission deadlines listed below.

Deadlines:

Applications are now being accepted. Applicants are welcome to submit their complete application before one of the following **internal HUJI submission deadlines**:

- **November 1, 2020** (In advance of the November 15, 2020 Zuckerman deadline). Finalists from this round will be announced in early December 2020.
- **December 30, 2020** (In advance of the January 15, 2021 Zuckerman deadline). Finalists from this round will be announced in early March 2021.
- **March 15, 2021** (In advance of the March 31, 2021 Zuckerman deadline). Finalists from this round will be announced in early May 2021.

Selection Criteria:

Candidates for the Zuckerman STEM Leadership Program 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 detailed information regarding eligibility see [here](#).

Further Information:

[Detailed information](#) regarding the postdoc program, funding, application guidelines, and submission can be found online.

We strongly encourage faculty members to reach out to their North American colleagues regarding postdoctoral applicants who may be eligible to apply for this prestigious program.

Sincerely,

Keri Rosenbluh
The International Office