Office for Academic Staff
לשכת הסגל האקדמי

November 1, 2026
To: Heads of Academic departments
From: Ayellet Katalan, Head of Academic Visitors and Post Doctoral Fellows Unit

Re: **Academic Visitors and Post Doctoral Fellows**

As in previous years, the Technion will continue its support program for academic visitors and postdoctoral fellows.
Details regarding the funding arrangements and the selection of candidates are provided below.

Please note several budgetary changes aimed at increasing the number of postdoctoral fellows at the Technion while maintaining a high standard of academic excellence.

Please submit your list of candidates, along with the required materials, **by 3 January 2027**.

Please submit the candidates in **two separate lists**:

1. Academic Visitors
2. Postdoctoral Fellows

Along with the curriculum vitae and letters of recommendation, please also submit an accompanying explanatory letter in which the unit outlines its rationale for selecting the candidates and determining their order of priority. Please pay close attention to the clarity and detail of the justifications so that we may select the most deserving candidates.

Sample forms are attached and may also be downloaded from the Academic Staff Office website.

Sincerely,
Ayellet

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Academic Visitors Supported by the Lady Davis Fellowship Trust

Units may propose candidates for the ranks of *Visiting Professor* or *Visiting Associate Professor*. Priority will be determined based on the candidate's academic standing, the proposed research program, and the significance of the collaboration with Technion faculty members and students.

The duration of the visit shall be **between two months to twelve months**.
For each candidate, please submit **one PDF file** containing:

1. The "invitation of an academic visitor" form (attached).
2. Curriculum vitae, including a list of publications.
3. A letter from the host detailing the proposed joint research plan during the visit and the visitor's contribution to the host unit.

The unit's submission must also include a detailed explanation of the unit's considerations in inviting the visitor (Unit Preparatory Committee Report), including the priority ranking.

Monthly Grants for Academic Visitors

- The monthly grant up to **NIS 25,000**.
- Technion participation through the Lady Davis Fellowship Trust:
    - Visiting Professor: **NIS 8,400 per month**
    - Visiting Associate Professor: **NIS 6,300 per month**
- Visitors from abroad are entitled to a round-trip economy-class airline ticket
- Technion participation requires complementary funding from the host of **no less than NIS 2,100 per month**.

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Postdoctoral Fellows

Following an assessment of our needs and the options available to us, we would like to inform you of several changes aimed at increasing the number of postdoctoral fellows at the Technion while maintaining a high standard of academic excellence. The main changes are outlined below.

Item	Previous Policy	New Policy	Expected Benefit
Technion budget allocation	NIS 2.2 million	NIS 3 million	Increased number of fellowships.
Candidate submission deadline	1 January	1 January. If the need arises and budgetary resources permit, a second call for applications will be issued.	—
Start date of the postdoctoral fellowship	Beginning of the following academic year, i.e., 1 October.	Flexible start date throughout the year, beginning on the date the award notification is issued.	Greater flexibility for both the supervisor and the fellow.
Duration of the postdoctoral fellowship	One year, with the option of extension for an additional year.	Two years, subject to the Dean's approval based on research progress and the signing of a continuation form. The appointment will be issued for one year at a time.	Greater security for both the fellow and the supervisor, a longer-term budgetary outlook, and the ability to plan budgets more effectively.
Budget management	Annual, ongoing budget	Rolling, multi-year budget	Greater flexibility in budget management.

We hope these changes will enable us to increase the number of outstanding postdoctoral fellows and further advance research and education at the Technion.

Each faculty may submit **up to three new candidates**, who must be graduates of other institutions and must have completed their doctorate within the five years prior to the beginning of the fellowship. For further information, please refer to the Technion Postdoctoral Regulations.
In addition, please submit a separate list of postdoctoral fellows who received a fellowship for the 2025–2026 academic year and for whom the unit seeks an extension for an additional year. Continuing candidates do not require ranking or the submission of any documents.
For each new postdoctoral candidate, please submit **one PDF file** containing:

1. The "Invitation of a Postdoctoral Fellow" form (attached).
2. Curriculum vitae.
3. Two letters of recommendation – at least one from outside the faculty.
4. A letter from the supervisor describing the work plan, the importance of the fellowship to the research, and confirmation that the supervisor will be present in Israel during the fellowship period.

The unit's submission must include an explanation of the considerations for inviting the fellows, including the priority ranking (Faculty Preparatory Committee Report).
The fellowship will be awarded for a period of **up to two years**.

Monthly Fellowship Amounts for Technion-Funded Postdoctoral Fellows

- Technion Fund: **NIS 6,300**
- Lady Davis Fellowship Trust: **NIS 6,850**
- Aly Kaufman Fund: **NIS 9,450** + **USD 1,500** for conference travel
- Zeff/Fine Fund: **NIS 6,300** + **USD 1,500** for conference travel

Supervisors are required to provide funding from their own sources of **at least NIS 2,650 per month**. These amounts may be increased from the supervisor's sources up to a maximum total of **NIS 15,750 per month**.
At the supervisor's discretion, they may also contribute to the cost of an airline ticket for the fellow.