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Information for Newly Appointed Chair Holders

What is an Academic Chair?

An academic chair is a form of academic recognition awarded to a faculty member at the rank of Full Professor or Clinical Full Professor who has demonstrated outstanding academic achievements ("Chair Holder"). A chair is dedicated to a specific field or designated as a Technion-wide chair and generally bears the name of a donor or another individual, in accordance with the terms of the endowment.

Appointment to a chair is an honor both for the appointed faculty member and for the donors who established the chair. The appointment remains in effect for as long as the Chair Holder serves as a Technion faculty member at the relevant rank and in the same field of teaching and research.

The appointment process is conducted in accordance with the [Procedure for the Establishment of Chairs and Appointment of Chair Holders](#) (hereinafter: the "Procedure"). The Chair Holder indicates the name of the chair alongside their name as part of their professional activities and receives an annual research grant to support their academic and research activities ("Chair Grant").

The Chair Grant may be used in accordance with the rules established by the Technion administration and detailed in the [circular issued by the Executive Vice President for Academic Affairs on June 17, 2007](#). Permitted uses include employment of research personnel; purchase of equipment, materials, and literature for research purposes; membership fees in professional associations; travel for scientific collaboration; and conference participation.

What Happens After the Appointment?

1. Receiving the President's Appointment Letter

Following approval of the appointment, you will receive a letter from the President of the Technion notifying you of your appointment to the chair. The letter may also refer to future contact with the donors of the chair and to the unit responsible for coordinating this relationship. Representatives of the External Relations and Resource Development Division will contact you regarding a self-introduction letter for the donors.

2. Indication of Status

In accordance with the Procedure, your status as a Chair Holder must be indicated in the course of your academic and professional activities, for example in signatures on letters and certificates, in media appearances, and in scientific publications. Detailed guidelines will be provided by the External Relations and Resource Development Division.



3. Chair Grant

The Chair Grant will be available to you from October 1 of the upcoming academic year. At the beginning of the academic year, a separate letter will be sent specifying the annual grant amount, the budget number, and the permitted uses of the grant. The grant will be administered through the Research Authority - Technion Research & Development Foundation. A Chair Grant is not paid during a period of unpaid leave.

4. Contact with the Donors of the Chair

Where required by the terms of the endowment, a periodic report on academic activities and research achievements will need to be prepared. As appropriate, representatives of the External Relations Division will contact you and provide the relevant information and guidelines.

For Questions and Further Information

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