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## Postdoctoral Scholars Program 2026-2027

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**The Zuckerman Postdoctoral Scholars Program attracts high-achieving postdoctoral scholars from premier universities in the United States and Canada to do research at one of eight Israeli universities. Once they complete their research, many Zuckerman postdocs are expected to accept faculty positions at top North American universities, weaving a network of academic collaboration and goodwill that will greatly benefit US-Israeli scientific cooperation.**



### DURATION, FUNDING AND ELIGIBILITY

Zuckerman Postdoctoral Scholarships will be awarded for up to two years.

Candidates may apply to STEM departments in more than one of the 8 participating Israeli universities.

#### ISRAELI UNIVERSITY POSTDOC TRACK

- Postdoctoral scholars receive a scholarship of **\$63,000** per academic year for up to two years.  
  
Of this amount,
  - **\$60,000** is provided by the Zuckerman STEM Leadership Program, of which:
    - > \$51,600 divided into monthly payments of \$4,300 for living expenses.
    - > \$8,400 towards relocation reimbursement for the first year.
    - > \$8,400 towards research and travel to professional conferences for the second year.
  - An additional \$3,000 in research funds is directed to scholars through their supervisors at their Israeli universities.
- Eligibility for the program exclude Israeli citizens. Postdoctoral 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.
- Candidates must hold a PhD degree from a leading American or Canadian university, or if still studying for a PhD, must submit their PhD thesis before October 1, 2026. They should be planning to return to the United States or Canada to compete for an academic position.
- Postdoctoral candidates must obtain consent from a potential hosting supervisor at the Israeli university/universities to which they are applying.

#### JOINT NORTH AMERICAN-ISRAEL POSTDOC TRACK

- Joint Postdoctoral scholars receive a scholarship of **\$63,000** per academic year for up to two years.  
  
Of this amount,
  - **\$60,000** is provided by the Zuckerman STEM Leadership Program, of which:
    - > \$51,600 divided into monthly payments of \$4,300 for living expenses.
    - > \$8,400 towards relocation reimbursement upon completion of at least one year of their two-year scholarship in Israel.
  - An additional \$3,000 in research funds is directed to scholars through their supervisors at their Israeli universities.
- Eligibility for the program exclude Israeli citizens. Joint postdoctoral 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.
- Scholars must spend half of their time at one of eight participating Israeli universities, and the other half at a US or Canadian university.
- Candidates must hold a PhD degree from a leading American or Canadian university, or if still studying for a PhD, must submit their PhD thesis before October 1, 2026.
- Joint postdoctoral candidates must obtain consent from potential hosting supervisors at both the Israeli university and the American or Canadian university to which they are applying.

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