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To: Heads of Academic departments

From: Ayellet Katalan, Head of Academic Visitors and Post Doctoral Fellows Unit

Subject: **Fellowships for Training Abroad for Outstanding Women Postdoctoral Scholars on Behalf of The PBC for the 2025-2026 Academic Year**

The Council for Higher Education has announced its program for the 2025-2026, intended for outstanding women doctoral students who are interested in pursuing postdoctoral training at a leading academic institution abroad. The goal of the program is to integrate these scholars into universities in Israel as academic faculty members upon completion of their postdoctoral training and, in the long term, to increase the number of women academic faculty members (attached PBC circular).

The fellowship amount totals \$36,000 per academic year. The fellowship will be awarded for a maximum of two years.

As per the program's regulations, only candidates who meet the following criteria are to be nominated:

- 1) The candidate possesses Israeli citizenship or holds "permanent resident" status in Israel.
- 2) The candidate has been awarded an additional living stipend.
- 3) The candidate intends to engage in postdoctoral training for a period of no less than two years, and to begin the training period no later than the second semester of the 2025-2026 academic year. **It will be possible to apply for a postdoctoral fellowship in a combined track (part of it to be completed in Israel and part of it abroad).**
- 4) The candidate is expected to receive her doctoral degree no later than one year after beginning the postdoctoral fellowship or has received her doctoral degree within the last 5 years.
- 5) Candidates who have previously held a senior-level academic faculty member position, on the typical tenure track, cannot be nominated. Additionally, Nominations cannot be submitted for candidates who have been previously nominated for the PBC fellowship, and nominations for additional fellowships from the PBC cannot be submitted for the same candidate for the current year.

Eligible candidates are required to submit the following:

- 1) Application form.(see attached).
- 2) Curriculum Vitae (up to two pages) + list of publications. links to articles must be attached if available (mandatory – publication of at least two articles), transcripts from bachelor's, master's, and doctoral degrees (doctoral certification if applicable).
- 3) A brief description of the candidate's dissertation and future plan for the postdoctoral training program.
- 4) Cover letter detailing the location of postdoctoral training and information about the additional funding sources available to the candidate (it is not possible to receive double funding from Israeli public sources).
- 5) Two-three letters of recommendation (one letter must be from the candidate's doctoral advisor).
- 6) Invitation letter from the postdoctoral advisor at the institution abroad.
- 7) Statement declaring the candidate's commitment to completing her postdoctoral training abroad for a period of at least 2 years, and commitment to full-time involvement in academic activities at the university at which she will be completing the postdoctoral training.

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- 8) Declaration that, as the postdoctoral training period abroad nears completion, the candidate will apply for faculty member positions at academic institutions in Israel, and that if she meets the necessary criteria, she will indeed accept a position as a faculty member. If the candidate decides not to return to one of the institutions in Israel, despite meeting the criteria, she will be obligated to return the fellowship.
- 9) A short description (8-10 lines) written by the Dean of the Faculty that addresses the candidate's profile, accomplishments, and potential for getting hired as a faculty member after completing the postdoctoral training period. **This piece should be submitted separately from the other documents.**

Each faculty may only nominate up to two candidates. The candidates must be ranked.

The candidate's application is to be submitted as one PDF file (which includes all the required documents, except that which is specified in point 9 above). Applications are to be submitted by May 4, 2025, via email to: acadvisitors@technion.ac.il.

Sincerely,

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