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To: Heads of Academic Departments

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

**Subject: The PBC's Fellowships for Postdoctoral Training Abroad for Outstanding Scholars in the Artificial Intelligence and Data Science Fields**

The Council for Higher Education has announced the continuation of its program for awarding fellowships for postdoctoral training abroad to outstanding scholars in the Artificial Intelligence and Data Science fields for the 2025-2026 academic year (attached PBC regulations)

The fellowship amount totals \$60,000 per academic year with the possibility of an extension for an additional year.

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.
- 2) The candidate has secured a host institution and advisor (or will be able to by September 1, 2025).
- 3) The candidate has not yet begun their fellowship abroad and intends to start during the following academic year for a period of no less than two years
- 4) The candidate is expected to receive his or her doctoral degree no later than one year after beginning their postdoctoral position or has received his or her doctoral degree within the last 5 years.

**Eligible candidates are required to submit the following:**

- 1) Application form (attached).
- 2) Curriculum Vitae (up to two pages), including a list of publications. Include links to articles if available (at least two publications are mandatory).
- 3) Transcripts for Bachelor's, Master's, and Doctoral degrees (Doctorate confirmation if applicable)
- 4) A summary of the doctoral dissertation (up to 5 pages) and a plan for the post-doctoral fellowship (up to 5 pages) - in English. Additionally, an abstract in English (up to 450 words) to of the doctoral dissertation and an abstract in English (up to 450 words) of the research plan for the post-doctoral fellowship.
- 5) A cover letter detailing the location of postdoctoral training, a description of the research to be conducted, as well as information about the additional funding sources available to the candidate, including the source of funding and the annual grant amount. In the case of an additional grant from an Israeli public funding source, double funding will not be allowed.
- 6) Recommendations: 2-3 recommendation letters, no older than two years, with a maximum length of 2 pages each (one letter must be from the doctoral supervisor).
- 7) Invitation letter from the postdoctoral advisor at the institution abroad.
- 8) A signed commitment from the candidate to meet the program's conditions.
- 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.**



**Submission through the dean's office and according to the faculty submission date.**

**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 1, 2025, via email to: [acadvisitors@technion.ac.il](mailto:acadvisitors@technion.ac.il)**

Sincerely,

Ayellet Katalan

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