

Rothschild Fellowships 2024/2025

Application

Notes to Candidates

Please read the notes carefully, before filling in the attached form:

1. PURPOSE OF THE FELLOWSHIPS

The purpose of the Rothschild Fellowships is to help young scholars of outstanding academic merit and potential advance in their respective fields, with the aim of enhancing their prospective contribution to academic and scientific life in Israel. Upon completion of their research and study abroad, it is expected that Rothschild Fellows will return to Israel, advancing the calibre of academic research.

Fellowships are provided for one year of study abroad.

Up to 25 Rothschild Fellowships will be awarded for the academic year 2024/2025.

Up to **fourteen** Fellowships will be awarded in the Natural, Exact or Life Sciences and Engineering; up to **six** will be awarded in the Humanities and general Social Sciences; and up to **five** will be awarded in and up to **five** will be awarded in Brain, Mind and Language.

2. ELIGIBILITY

- a) Candidates must be a permanent resident of Israel.
- b) Candidates must have completed or be conducting their PhD at an accredited institution of higher learning in Israel.
- c) Candidates will be eligible only if the doctoral degree was awarded after November 2020 (exceptions may be considered in certain cases with prior approval from the Secretariat).
- d) Candidates will be required to provide written confirmation from the relevant academic authorities that they have submitted the thesis before departing for their host institution.
- e) Candidates will be required to arrange for confirmation during 2024/2025 that they were awarded a doctoral degree.
- f) Recipient of a Rothschild Fellowship will be entitled to begin the fellowship only after 1 June 2024 and may not begin the fellowship after 1 December 2024.
- g) Candidates holding a tenured position at an Israeli university will not be considered for a Fellowship (except in rare circumstances).

- h) Those beginning their postdoctoral studies abroad **before June ~~2023-2024~~ may not apply** for the Fellowship. The Rothschild Fellowship may only be used to fund **the first period of postdoctoral study abroad**.
- i) Candidates are required **to advise the University Academic Secretariat and the Rothschild Fellowships Secretariat whenever supplementary funds become available to them**. Candidates receiving supplementary funds of \$65,000 or more during the Fellowship year will not be able to receive a Rothschild Fellowship.
- j) Partial grants will not be awarded.

3. TERMS OF THE FELLOWSHIPS

- a) Fellowship award amount: NIS 180,000
- b) Relocation grant for fellow and accompanying spouse:

Destination:	USA West Coast	NIS 25,000
	USA East Coast	NIS 18,000
	Europe	NIS 10,000

Single candidates will be awarded half of the above amount.

- c) Allowance for family members who will accompany the Fellow:

Spouse:	NIS 20,000
Children:	NIS 25,000 / each

4. APPLICATION FORM AND SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS

The application form and all supporting documents **must be submitted in English** to the university, according to the guidelines determined at each institution, along with a recent digital photograph inserted into the file. In addition to the application form, the following supporting documents, **in English**, are required:

- i. Curriculum vitae including the list of publications (according to the sample attached to the application form)
- ii. One or more letters of invitation or acceptance from the future host or host institution, if available. These letters should be **concise** and express the intention to serve as the future academic home of the candidate. **They should not be letters of recommendation.**
- iii. **Two letters of recommendation** typed in English from two referees, at the request of the candidate. One of the referees should be the candidate's present or immediate past supervisor. Candidates with two doctoral supervisors may submit letters from both. These letters should be regarded as confidential and submitted by the referees directly to the university authority.

Referees are requested to (i) compare the candidate to scientists and scholars in their field at similar academic stages; (ii) compare the candidate to other students with whom they have been in close contact, and (iii) whenever possible, compare to past recipients of the Rothschild Fellowship.

- iv. **An additional letter of recommendation** from a **senior** academic at another university, who is qualified to assess the applicant's current and proposed research, may be submitted. Candidates are highly encouraged to do so.

None of the three letters of recommendation should be from the future host of the candidate or from the department at which the candidate plans to conduct the postdoctoral research.

- v. One academic paper, article (preferably published) or dissertation chapter in English that the candidate has authored or co-authored. The article should **clearly indicate** the name and issue of the journal where it was published or accepted for publication.

Consideration will be given only to complete applications.

A candidate pre-selected by the university will be required to upload his/her application and additional materials to the Yad Hanadiv web-portal as instructed by the university.

Some pre-selected candidates will be invited for an interview by the Rothschild Fellowships Committee. The interview will be conducted in English and will be held on 15 and 16 January 2024 for candidates in the Natural, Exact and Life Sciences and Engineering; on 12 February for candidates in Brain, Mind and Language; and on 7 March for candidates in the Humanities and Social Sciences.