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To: Academic Unit Heads

From: Executive Vice President for Academic Affairs

Subject: Rothschild Fellowship (Yad Hanadiv) 2026–2027

Yad Hanadiv offers up to 25 fellowships (14 fellowships in the fields of Engineering, Exact Sciences and Life Sciences, 6 fellowships in the fields of Social Sciences and the Humanities, and 5 fellowships in the fields of Brain, Mind, and Language research) for outstanding young researchers who wish to pursue postdoctoral training abroad. The Rothschild Fellowship is provided for one year.

The following outlines the terms of the fellowship and how to nominate candidates.

Eligibility and Requirements for the Rothschild Fellowship:

- Candidates must be permanent residents of the State of Israel.
- Candidates must be graduates of the Technion who received their PhD after November 2022.
- Candidates must provide confirmation that they will submit their thesis before departing for postdoctoral training abroad and that they will be awarded a doctoral degree during the 2026–2027 academic year.
- Candidates who hold a permanent position at an academic institution in Israel or who have already begun their postdoctoral training abroad are not eligible.

Postdoctoral start date: Not before June 1, 2026 and not after December 1, 2026.

Fellowship Terms:

- ◆ Fellowship amount: 210,000 NIS.
- ◆ Family allowance: 20,000 NIS for a spouse/partner, and 25,000 NIS per child.
- ◆ The total relocation stipend will depend on the location where the candidate pursues their postdoctoral training:
 - United States (West Coast): 40,000 NIS per couple
 - United States (East Coast): 32,000 NIS per couple
 - Europe: 20,000 NIS per couple

A single person will receive half of the relevant amount.

Candidates who receive additional funding from other sources in an amount that exceeds \$75,000 will not be eligible for the Rothschild Fellowship (however, such candidates are eligible for nomination and may go through the screening process). It is the candidate's responsibility to notify the Foundation's secretariat of any additional scholarship or fellowship received from another source for a postdoctoral position abroad. No partial scholarships will be awarded.

Required Documents:

1. A completed [Yad Hanadiv application](#) form.
2. CV in English, including a list of publications formatted in accordance with the [formatting guidelines](#) requested by Yad Hanadiv.
3. Two letters of recommendation, written in English. One of the letters must be from the candidate's doctoral advisor. If the candidate has two doctoral advisors, an additional letter can be included. **The letters of recommendation will remain confidential and are to be sent by the recommender directly to the Unit Head. Candidates are not permitted to see the letters of recommendation.** The Foundation requests that the recommendation letter writers be asked to compare the candidate to other scientists who are in the same stage, to other students whom they advised, and, if possible, also to past Rothschild Fellowship recipients.
4. We recommend including an additional letter from a senior-level scientist outside of the Technion who can evaluate the candidate's current research and the importance of the research that the candidate plans to pursue in the future. None of the letters may be from the future advisor or from the department in which the candidate will conduct the postdoctoral training.
5. One publication written by the candidate (with or without co-authors) that has been published in a scientific journal or a chapter from the doctoral dissertation, in English only.
6. We recommend including a letter or letters of invitation (if available) from the future host or hosting university where the candidate hopes to pursue their training. Note that this **should not be a letter of recommendation**. The letter is to be succinct and refer only to the invitation itself.

Candidates are to submit all required documents to the Head of the Academic Unit by the date specified by the faculty. After an internal screening process has been completed, each faculty will submit three candidates' files, ranked by the Unit Head, to the Office for Academic Staff.

The documents are to be submitted to the Office for Academic Staff via email to: sec.evpaa@technion.ac.il. For each candidate, documents must be submitted as separate PDF files and as one single PDF file in the same order as the documents appear above. All documents must be submitted **no later than September 28, 2025**. In addition to the candidates' files, each faculty must include a list of all the candidates who applied. This list is to be submitted separately from the one noting the candidates who were selected, and the faculty is to include a ranking of the applicants. The list of candidates is to be displayed in a table, which includes the following information: first and last name, birth year, gender, academic faculty/unit, and dissertation topic/title.



Selection

1. The Technion will select its candidates for the fellowship. Candidates selected by the Technion will be asked to upload their documents to Yad Hanadiv's designated online portal. Both selected and non-selected candidates will be notified.
2. Candidates will be notified by the Secretariat of the Rothschild Fellowships if they are invited to an interview or do not progress.
3. The Interviews in Exact Sciences and Engineering will take place on February 2–3, 2026. Interviews for those in Brain, Mind, and Language research will take place on February 12, 2026, and interviews for Social Sciences and the Humanities will take place on February 16, 2026.
4. Candidates who receive the fellowship for postdoctoral training abroad, as well as those who have been invited for an interview but were not selected for the fellowship, will be notified by the Rothschild Fellowships Secretariat.

Sincerely,

Professor Naama Brenner