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To: Academic Unit Heads

From: Executive Vice President for Academic Affairs

Subject: Rothschild Fellowship (Yad Hanadiv) 2027–2028

Yad Hanadiv offers up to 25 Rothschild Fellowships to outstanding early-career researchers who wish to pursue postdoctoral studies abroad. Up to fourteen fellowships will be awarded in Natural, Exact and Life Sciences & Engineering, up to six in Humanities and Social Sciences, and up to five in Brain, Mind and Language research. Each fellowship will support one year of postdoctoral study abroad.

Eligibility and Requirements for the Rothschild Fellowship:

- Candidates must be permanent residents of the State of Israel.
- Candidates must be Technion graduates who were awarded their PhD after November 2023.
- Candidates must provide confirmation that they have submitted their dissertation before departing for postdoctoral training abroad and, during the 2027–2028 academic year, that they have been awarded a doctoral degree.
- Candidates who hold a tenured position at an academic institution in Israel or who have already begun their postdoctoral training abroad are not eligible.
- The postdoctoral appointment must begin between June 1, 2027 and December 1, 2027.

Fellowship Terms:

- The fellowship amount is NIS 210,000.
- Relocation grant for the fellow and an accompanying spouse: USA, West Coast: NIS 40,000
USA, East Coast: NIS 32,000
Europe: NIS 20,000
Fellows traveling without a spouse will be awarded 50% of the applicable relocation grant.
half of the relevant amount above.
- Allowance for accompanying family members: Spouse: NIS 20,000, Children: NIS 25,000 per child

Candidates who receive additional funding from other sources exceeding \$75,000 will not be eligible for the Rothschild Fellowship but will remain eligible for relocation and family support. Candidates are required to notify Yad Hanadiv and the Technion of any additional funding or fellowships for postdoctoral training abroad that they receive from other sources. Partial fellowships will not be awarded.



Required Documents

1. [A Yad Hanadiv application form](#).
2. [CV](#) in English, including a list of publications formatted following the template 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, a letter of recommendation from the second advisor may also be submitted. The letters of recommendation will remain confidential and should be sent by the recommenders directly to the Head of the Unit. Candidates are not permitted to view the letters of recommendation. The Foundation emphasizes that the recommenders should be asked to compare the candidate with other scientists at the same stage, to other trainees they have supervised, and, if possible, also to past Rothschild Fellowship recipients.
4. We recommend including an additional letter of recommendation from a senior academic at another university who can evaluate the candidate's current research and its significance, as well as the importance of the planned research. These letters may not come from the prospective postdoctoral advisor or from the department in which the postdoctoral training will be conducted.
5. One publication written by the candidate, with or without co-authors, that has been published in a scientific journal, in English, or a chapter from the doctoral dissertation.
6. We recommend including a letter of invitation from the prospective host institution. If applicable, more than one letter of invitation may be included. The letter should be brief and should confirm the invitation only; it should not serve as a letter of recommendation.

Candidates should submit the required documents to the Head of their Academic Unit by the deadline specified by the faculty. Following an internal review process, each Academic Unit will submit to the Office for Academic Staff the application files of up to three candidates, ranked by the Head of the Unit.

The files are to be submitted as a single PDF file, in the order of the documents detailed above. In addition, a table listing all candidates must be included, divided into candidates selected for submission, along with their ranking by the faculty, and candidates who were not selected. In accordance with the Foundation's requirements, the following information must be included: first and last name, year of birth, gender, faculty, and dissertation topic. The files should be submitted by email to: sec.evpa@technion.ac.il, no later than **October 8, 2026**.

Selection of Technion Candidates and Notification

1. The Technion will select its nominees for the fellowship. Selected nominees will be asked to upload their application materials to Yad Hanadiv's designated online portal. Both selected and non-selected candidates will be notified of the outcome.



2. Nominees will be notified by Yad Hanadiv whether they have been invited for an interview.
3. Interviews in the fields of Natural, Exact and Life Sciences & Engineering will take place on February 10–11, 2027, interviews in the Social Sciences and Humanities will take place on February 15, 2027, and interviews in the fields of Brain, Mind, and Language research will take place on February 25, 2027.
4. Yad Hanadiv will notify candidates who are awarded the fellowship, as well as those who are invited for an interview but are not ultimately selected.

Sincerely,

Professor Oded Rabinovitch