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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 from the Diverse Populations (Arab Community, Ultra-Orthodox Community, Ethiopian Community) 2026-2027

The Council for Higher Education has announced the program for awarding fellowships for postdoctoral training abroad to outstanding scholars from the Diverse Populations (Arab Community, Ultra-Orthodox Community, Ethiopian Community)

The fellowship amount totals \$36,000 per academic year, with the possibility of an extension for an additional year.

Candidates can be submitted for a program that includes a combined track - part in Israel and part abroad. Details are provided in the attached PBC circular.

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 an additional source of funding for postdoctoral training abroad.
- 3) The candidate intends to engage in postdoctoral training for a period of no less than two years (and begin the training period no later than the second semester of the 2026 academic year).
- 4) The candidate is expected to receive their doctoral degree no later than 6 months after beginning their postdoctoral fellowship or has received their doctoral degree within the last 5 years.
- 5) Candidates who have previously held an academic faculty member position cannot be nominated.

Eligible candidates are required to submit the following:

- 1) Application forms (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 doctoral thesis and the plan for the continuation of Post-Doctoral studies.
- 4) A personal letter (up to one page) outlining the candidate's personal and academic background. In addition, detailing the location of postdoctoral training, details of the research that will be conducted, 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) A signed commitment from the candidate to meet the program's conditions (attached).
- 8) 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.**



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 8 above). Applications are to be submitted by May 4, 2026, via email to: acadvisitors@technion.ac.il :

Sincerely,

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