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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 Ultra-Orthodox Community**
2024-2025 Cohort

The Council for Higher Education has announced its program for awarding fellowships for postdoctoral training abroad to outstanding scholars from the ultra-Orthodox community.

The fellowship amount totals \$36,000 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 an additional source of funding for pursuing 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 2024-2025 academic year). **It will be possible to apply for a postdoctoral fellowship in a combined track (part of it to be completed in Israel and part of it abroad).**
- 4) The candidate is expected to receive their doctoral degree no later than one year 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. In addition, candidates who have been previously nominated by the Technion for this fellowship are not eligible, and candidates cannot be nominated for more than one fellowship from the PBC of the Council for Higher Education.

Eligible candidates are required to submit the following:

- 1) Completed application (see attached).
- 2) Curriculum Vitae (CV), including a list of publications.
- 3) Documentation confirming the candidate's enrollment in/completion of graduate studies.
- 4) Cover letter 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.
- 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) Statement declaring the candidate's commitment to completing postdoctoral training abroad for a period of at least 2 years, and commitment to full-time involvement in academic activities at the university at which he or she will be completing the postdoctoral training.



- 8) Declaration that, as the postdoctoral training period abroad nears completion, the candidate will apply for faculty member positions at academic institutions in Israel, and that if he or she meets the necessary criteria, he/she will indeed accept a position as a faculty member. If the candidate decides not to return to one of the institutions in Israel, despite meeting the criteria, he/she will be obligated to return the fellowship.
- 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.**

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 April 15, 2024, via email to: acadvisitors@technion.ac.il

Sincerely,

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