



January 18, 2026

To: Members of the Senior Academic Staff  
From: Executive Vice President for Academic Affairs

Dear Faculty Members,

**Re: Call for Nominations for the 2025–2026 Technion Academic Excellence Prizes**

You are invited to propose members of the senior academic staff as candidates for the 2025 – 2026 Technion Israel Institute of Technology Academic Excellence Prizes, awarded in recognition of outstanding achievements in research, education, and contribution to the Technion.

**The Prizes**

**1. Norman Seiden Faculty Prize for Academic Excellence**

One prize in the amount of \$30,000, comprising \$25,000 as a research grant and \$5,000 as a personal award.

**2. Diane Sherman Prize for Medical Innovation for a Better World**

One prize in the amount of \$18,000, comprising \$13,000 as a research grant and \$5,000 as a personal award, or alternatively, two prizes in the amount of \$9,000 each, comprising \$4,000 as a research grant and \$5,000 as a personal award per prize.

**3. Cooper Award for Excellence in Research**

Three prizes in the amount of CAD 5,000 each, awarded as personal prizes.

The personal prizes are subject to tax as required by law.

**Submission Instructions**

In accordance with the Technion Academic Excellence Prizes Procedure (attached), each member of the senior academic staff may nominate candidates for the prizes. The President, the Vice Presidents, and the members of the judging committee may not be nominated for an excellence award. Self-nominations are not permitted.

Each nomination must include the following documents:

1. A justification letter



2. The candidate's complete CV, including a link to their CRIS profile or a comprehensive list of publications
3. Two letters of recommendation

Nominating faculty members are responsible for preparing and submitting nomination files to the candidate's dean. After consulting with the unit's preparatory committee (or its subcommittee), deans shall submit all nomination files to the Office for Academic Staff. Submissions must include a summary of the consultation process and a ranked list of candidates.

#### **Selection Process**

Winners will be determined by the Academic Staff Excellence Awards Committee. The Committee's decision shall be final.

#### **Notification and Award Ceremony**

Written notifications will be sent to the winners and to the deans prior to the Board of Governors meeting, scheduled to take place between June 7 and June 11, 2026. The awards will be conferred at an official ceremony during the Board of Governors meeting.

#### **Submission of Nomination Files**

Faculty deans are requested to submit the nomination files (consolidated to a single PDF file per candidate) by email to the Office for Academic Staff to Michal Meyer, at [michalmeyer@technion.ac.il](mailto:michalmeyer@technion.ac.il), until **Sunday, March 1, 2026**.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'O. M.', written over a horizontal line.

Executive Vice President for Academic Affairs

Attachment: Technion Academic Excellence Prizes Procedure

Cc: Prof. Uri Sivan, Technion President  
Members of Technion Management