

# Azrieli International Postdoctoral Fellowship

Program Announcement: 2020-2021 Academic Year



## Overview

As part of the [Azrieli Fellows Program](#), the Azrieli International Postdoctoral Fellowship provides financial support for eligible scholars **in any academic discipline** to conduct research at seven institutions in Israel. The program provides awardees opportunities for professional mentorship, interdisciplinary exchange, leadership training and an active alumni program to develop academic leaders who will promote academic and professional links between Israel and the rest of the world. **Applications are due October 30, 2019**. Full application instructions are available [here](#). Online submission will open on **Sept. 1, 2019**.

## Eligibility

The Azrieli International Postdoctoral Fellowship is open to:

1. Canadian citizens who have obtained their PhD degree at a recognized Canadian **OR** International university
2. Citizens of any nationality who have obtained their PhD degree at a recognized Canadian university

Applicants must have received their PhD diploma no more than 4 years prior to the application date, with allowances for interruptions such as parental or medical leave. Current PhD candidates will be required to submit official documentation indicating a thesis defence date that is no later than June 30, 2020. Applicants who hold a faculty appointment will not be considered. All applicants are required to have a sponsor who is a faculty member at one of the eligible Israeli institutions, and who will confirm the suitability of the candidate for the proposed research.

## Eligible Host Institutions

1. Bar-Ilan University
2. Ben-Gurion University
3. Technion-Israel Institute of Technology
4. Tel Aviv University
5. The Hebrew University of Jerusalem
6. University of Haifa
7. Weizmann Institute of Science

## Summary of Application Requirements (must be in English)

1. **Cover letter/Personal Statement:** indicating academic interests and goals
2. **Sponsor Letter of Support:** Candidates must identify an academic sponsor from one of the eligible institutions. Sponsors must submit a letter confirming his/her support of the candidate's research plan
3. **Letters of Recommendation:** from two academic references who are familiar with the applicant's research
4. **Research Statement:** a 3 page proposal, not including figures, tables and bibliography outlining the research plan and significance of the research
5. **Curriculum vitae**
6. **Writing or other sample of academic contribution**

## Selection Criteria

The fellowships are awarded on the basis of academic excellence and independent research ability. Candidates are assessed on their potential to make cutting-edge contributions to their respective fields. Leadership abilities and community engagement are an important consideration. Applications are evaluated without regard to religion, gender, ethnicity or age.

## Selection Process

Applications are submitted in an online submission process, then evaluated and ranked by an interdisciplinary committee of Israeli and Canadian scholars. Finalists will be selected by Skype interview from the list of top-ranked candidates.

## Fellowship Value and Duration

Fellows will receive a one-year stipend of NLS 145,000, with the possibility for renewal after evaluation. The Azrieli Foundation does not restrict candidates from holding other funding concurrently. Fellows must be based in Israel, with no more than 25% of their research activities conducted outside of Israel.

## Responsibilities of Azrieli Fellows

1. **High academic standards:** Fellows are required to provide interim and final progress reports
2. **Community service:** Fellows are asked to participate in volunteer activities of a non-political or non-partisan nature for a total of 40 hours during the tenure of the fellowship. (Guidance will be provided by the Azrieli Foundation based on interests, location and language).
3. **Participation** in Azrieli Fellows Program events.

## Key dates

August 1, 2019	Program Announcement
Sept. 1, 2019	Online submission process opens
<b>Oct. 30, 2019</b>	<b>Application deadline</b>
January, 2020	First round decisions
Early February, 2020	Skype Interviews
Early March, 2020	Award notification
April 2, 2020	Award Acceptance deadline
October, 2020	Start of Fellowship

## Inquiries

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