

Rothschild Fellowships – 2017/2018

APPLICATION

Notes to Candidates

Please read the notes carefully, before filling in the attached form:

1. PURPOSE OF THE FELLOWSHIPS

The purpose of the Rothschild Fellowships is to help young scholars of outstanding academic merit and potential to advance in their respective fields.

The Rothschild Fellowships are awards towards postdoctoral study or research abroad.

Fellowships are structured to provide for one year of study abroad. In certain cases, recipients may choose to use fellowship funds over a two year period.

NEW FELLOWSHIP MODEL

Again this year, applicants will be permitted to apply for a **Dual Location Rothschild Fellowship**. Under this model, the Rothschild Fellowship can be used to support several, non-consecutive periods of study abroad, in the form of a joint postdoctoral fellowship between an Israeli research group and a research group abroad, as described below in Section 2i.

Up to 22 Rothschild Fellowships will be awarded for the academic year 2017/2018.

Up to **thirteen** fellowships will be awarded in the Natural, Exact or Life Sciences and Engineering; up to **nine** will be awarded in the Humanities and Social Sciences.

2. ELIGIBILITY

- a) Candidates must be a permanent resident of Israel.
- b) Candidates must have completed or be conducting their PhD at an accredited institution of higher learning in Israel.
- c) Candidates will be eligible only if the doctoral degree was awarded after November 2013 (in outstanding cases exceptions might be considered, and approval from the Secretariat needs to be obtained in advance).
- d) Candidates will be required to provide written confirmation from the relevant academic authorities that they have submitted the thesis before departing for their host institution.
- e) Candidates will be required to arrange for confirmation during 2017/2018 that they were awarded a doctoral degree.
- f) Recipient of a Rothschild Fellowship will be entitled to begin the fellowship only after 1 June 2017, and may not begin the fellowship after 1 December 2017.

- g) A person holding a tenured position at an Israeli university will NOT be considered for a Fellowship.
- h) Persons beginning their postdoctoral studies abroad before June 2017 may not apply for the Fellowship. The Rothschild Fellowship may only be used to fund **the first period of postdoctoral study abroad**.

i) **Dual Location Fellowship**

In some cases, a Fellowship may be awarded to candidates in the **Natural, Exact and Life Sciences and Engineering** who wish to carry out their research abroad over several non-consecutive periods, under the following conditions:

- The fellow will spend, in aggregate, at least twelve months in a research group outside of Israel. This may be done in non-consecutive periods of time over a three-year period during which the Fellow is a postdoctoral fellow at an Israeli institution.
 - The institution proposed by the candidate for his/her postdoctoral research may not be the same as the institution which granted the PhD. Likewise, the Fellowship will not support postdoctoral research with the same mentor who supervised the candidate's doctoral work.
 - Candidates must have full funding for the postdoctoral period spent in Israel.
- j) Candidates are required **to advise the University Academic Secretariat and the Rothschild Fellowships Secretariat whenever supplementary funds become available to them**. Candidates receiving supplementary funds of \$55,000 or more during the fellowship year will not be eligible for a Rothschild Fellowship.
 - k) Partial grants will not be awarded.

3. TERMS OF THE FELLOWSHIPS

The fellowship provides a stipend, travel grant and family allowance.

- a) Amount of the Fellowship: NIS 160,000
- b) Travel grant for fellow and accompanying spouse:

Destination:	USA West Coast	NIS 25,000
	USA East Coast	NIS 18,000
	Europe	NIS 10,000

If the spouse has a travel grant from another source, or if the candidate is single, the grant will be half the above amount.

- c) Family allowance for family members who will accompany the Fellow:
 - Spouse: NIS 14,000
 - Children: NIS 20,000 / each
- d) In order to enable candidates to negotiate multi-year matching funding from their host institution, candidates may opt to use the fellowship funds over a two-year period. In such a

case, fellows will receive NIS 80,000 plus the family allowance and travel grant at the beginning of the first year, and a second payment of NIS 80,000 at the beginning of the second year.

Fellows may split funding over two years provided the total annual funds available to them amount to at least \$40,000 and do not exceed \$75,000 in each of the two years (not including family allowance).

- e) Candidates splitting time between Israel and abroad will be able to use the funds only towards the costs related to time spent abroad.

4. APPLICATION FORM AND SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS

The application form and all supporting documents **must be submitted in English** to the university, according to the guidelines determined at each institution, along with a recent digital photograph embedded in the file. In addition, the following supporting documents, **in English**, are required:

- i. Curriculum vitae including the list of publications (according to the sample attached to the application form)
- ii. **Two letters of recommendation** typed in English from two referees, at the request of the candidate. One of the referees should be the present or immediate past supervisor of the candidate. These letters should be regarded as confidential and submitted by the referees directly to the university authority.

Referees are requested to a) compare the candidate to scientists and scholars in their field at a comparable academic stage; b) compare the candidate to other students with whom they have been in close contact; and c) whenever possible, compare to past recipients of the Rothschild Fellowship.

A third (optional) letter of recommendation from a **senior** academic at another university, who is qualified to assess the applicant's current and proposed research, may be submitted.

- iii. One academic paper (preferably published) or dissertation chapter in English that the candidate has authored or co-authored, if available.

Consideration will be given only to complete applications.

A candidate pre-selected by the university will be required to upload his/her application and additional materials to the Yad Hanadiv web-portal as instructed by the university.

Some pre-selected candidates will be invited for an interview by the Rothschild Fellowships Committee. The interview will be conducted in English, and will be held on 23 and 24 January 2017, for candidates in the Natural, Exact or Life Sciences and Engineering, and on 21 March 2017, for candidates in the Humanities and Social Sciences.