About The Institute

The Israel Institute for Advanced Studies (IIAS) at The Hebrew University of Jerusalem is devoted to academic research. The Institute was founded in 1975 to provide a nurturing and stimulating academic environment, championing outstanding scholarly research in a wide range of disciplines.

The Institute hosts world-class scholars. Research is encouraged in all disciplines. Research proposals may be submitted by any scholar from any country on any topic from a broad range of fields. Academic flexibility, creativity and innovation are encouraged in a receptive and open environment.

Research Groups

Each collaborative Research Group (RG) hosts scholars from Israel and abroad who are in residence at the IIAS in Jerusalem. The IIAS provides a nurturing, stimulating academic environment.

The goal of RGs selection is to bring together a diverse group of scholars who engage in research questions that will benefit from integrative thinking and rich dialogue. RGs are expected to expand individual fellows’ research. Interdisciplinarity with genuine complementarity of scholarship is considered.

The IIAS is open to RGs applications from scholars in all countries and all disciplines. The expectation is that the RG period of residence will result in creative and original research that will be shared with the international research communities.

Period of Residence

The Institute’s academic year runs from September 1 to August 31. Proposals should include a request for a five- or ten-month residency period. Exceptions may be granted to Research Groups in the Experimental Sciences to be in residence for a three-month period.

- The ten-month groups begin September 1
- The five-month groups begin September 1 or March 1
- The three-month groups begin September 1, March 1, or June 1

The size of the core group may be no less than 4 fellows and no more than 8 full-time fellows.

Deadline for Application and Notification

The deadline for submitting research group proposals is December 1, (at least eighteen months prior to the beginning date of residency). The IIAS Academic Committee announces decisions regarding the selection of groups from four to six months after the submission deadline. Rejected proposals may be resubmitted the following year.

We encourage the submission of a pre-proposal (June 1- September 1, 2016). In the pre-proposal the initiator provides a brief outline of the research focus of the RG with a letter of intent. Concurrently the initiator should schedule a meeting with the IIAS director. At this meeting the director will familiarize the initiator with RG residency, both academically and administratively.

To learn more about Research Groups see: http://www.as.huji.ac.il/research_groups

Proposal Submission

For a revised, detailed description of our proposal submission, please visit the IIAS website: http://ias.huji.ac.il/rgopencall