

November 2017

**Call for Applications**  
**Tel Aviv University – Freie Universität Berlin**  
**Postdoctoral Exchange Program**

With the goal of strengthening research cooperation and fostering career development of young researchers, Freie Universität Berlin (FUB) and Tel Aviv University (TAU) have established a program to support the annual exchange of postdoctoral researchers between the two universities. The program seeks to build bridges between TAU and FUB, combine the strengths of these renowned research universities and provide young researchers with career opportunities at leading international institutions.

Scholarships are offered to highly qualified, early career postdoctoral researchers, candidates from all fields and disciplines can apply. The selection will be made on a competitive basis. One fellowship will be given to a current postdoc of Freie Universität Berlin to spend a year at Tel Aviv University. Another fellowship will be given to a researcher who completed his/her doctoral studies at Tel Aviv University to spend a year at Freie Universität Berlin.

**Each scholarship is awarded for 12 months, starting on October 1, 2018.**

### **Funding**

All postdocs will receive a one-time relocation allowance of 1,200 USD from their home institution.

Postdocs coming to Tel Aviv will receive a monthly stipend of 1,500 USD from TAU. Postdocs coming to Berlin will receive a monthly stipend of € 1,853 from FUB and are eligible for a monthly child allowance in case of dependent children joining them during their stay in Berlin.

### **Eligibility**

- The candidate must submit his/her PhD thesis prior to the deadline of this call.
- The PhD was awarded no longer than three years prior to the deadline of this call.
- Applicants from Tel Aviv University must have completed their PhD at Tel Aviv University.
- Applicants from Freie Universität Berlin must be postdoctoral researchers at Freie Universität.

Please get in touch with the respective coordinators of the program in case of questions regarding your eligibility to apply for the program.

### Submission and deadlines

Applications should be submitted in English and should include the following documents:

- Research proposal (3 pages)
- Confirmation of PhD, stating the date of award or administrative confirmation that the doctoral thesis has been submitted
- Letter of support from the head of department of the sending institution
- Two letters of recommendation (including one letter from the PhD advisor)
- CV, including list of publications
- Letter of support from the intended host at Tel Aviv University or Freie Universität Berlin, respectively

### Selection criteria

Selection of the postdocs will be conducted by a joint TAU-FUB committee. Special emphasis will be given to:

- Academic excellence of the candidate
- Clearly formulated plan and goals for the time spent at the partner institution
- Level of concreteness of future joint research

### Deadline

Joint proposals should be submitted at the following date:

**February 15, 2018**

Candidates should submit their complete applications (pdf format, one file) simultaneously in Berlin and Tel Aviv. Applications should be sent electronically to the following addresses:

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