**Graduate Studies Track (PhD)**

**Application form**

**Please read the following instructions and follow them carefully:**

1. This form may be downloaded in Word format from the Azrieli Foundation website (https://azrielifoundation.org/fellows/). Handwritten applications will not be accepted. Please submit your final copy in a single PDF format which includes all appropriate attachments in the right order.
2. Due to the international nature of the Azrieli Fellows Program Selection Committees, the following application and all complementary material are to be submitted in English.
3. The deadline for receipt of university approved applications by the Azrieli Fellows Program is February 16, 2020. However, candidates will be required by their academic institution to submit their applications internally (within the university) earlier than the above-mentioned date.
4. The Azrieli Fellowship Selection Committees will meet between March and May 2020. Shortlisted candidates will be invited to participate in an interview in

mid-May 2020.

**A. Personal Information**

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| First Name | English → |  | → עברית | |  |
| Last Name |  |  |
| Preferred Name (= How would you like us to refer to you?) (Optional) | | | |  | |

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| Date of Birth |  |
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| Faculty/Department |  |
| Starting Date of PhD Program |  |
| PhD Track | ☐ Regular ☐ Direct or Combined |

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| Have you submitted a Research Proposal  to the University authorities? | ☐ Yes ☐ No |
| Date of Submission |  |
| Has your Research Proposal been approved? | ☐ Yes ☐ No |
| Date of Approval |  |
| **If your Research Proposal has been approved, please attach a copy in a separate PDF file** | |
| **Please attach an updated CV following this page** | |

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| **Please attach a clear and recent passport-style photo of yourself** |  |

**A. Personal Information (continued)**

**Tell us briefly about yourself (up to 250 words)**

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**Describe your Service (up to 120 words)**

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**Describe your interests and hobbies (up to 150 words)**

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**How did you hear about the Azrieli Fellows Program?**

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**B. Academic Credentials**

1. Higher Education (post-high school)

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| **Year**  **(From-To)** | **Academic Institution** | **Degree Received** | **Faculty/Department** | **Grade Average (GPA)** | **Class Rank  (if available)** |
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1. Academic distinctions, awards, and scholarships

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| **Year** | **Details** |
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1. List (or attach a list) of publications you have authored or co-authored.

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| **Year** | **Details** |
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1. Attach to this form a full transcript of courses you have taken during the first year of your PhD, along with grades where available**.**

**B. Academic Credentials** (continued):

1. Details of **Masters** Studies (to be attached to this form)

* Transcripts: Courses and Grades
* Grade Average (GPA) and Class Rank, **Where Available**
* Name of the academic supervisor/s
* Certification of Receipt of Degree
* Subject of Thesis and Final Grade
* One-page Abstract of Thesis (in English)
* Copy of Full Thesis **in a Separate PDF file**

1. Details of **Undergraduate** Studies (to be attached to this form)

* Transcripts: Courses and Grades
* Grade Average (GPA) and Class Rank, **Where Available**
* Certification of receipt of degree

1. For applicants in a Direct Track for PhD, please attach:

* Grade Average (GPA) and Class Rank, **Where Available**
* Course Descriptions and Grades of Any Courses Already Taken in the Direct Track.
* Copies of 2 Research Papers or Work Which Can Showcase Your Research Abilities.

If Papers are in Hebrew, Please Provide a One-Page Summary in English for Each Paper.

**Please mark with a "B" all attachments relevant to this section  
and attach them following this page**

**C. PhD Research**

1. **Planned field and subject of research**Please attach a summary of up to 120 words of your area and topic of research.  
   This is in addition to the Research Statement requested below.
2. **Research Statement**   
   Please provide a 2-5 page research statement that includes the following:

* State the issue or area you wish to address in your research.
* Describe the current status of research in this area.
* Provide the context and set the stage for your research program.
* Describe your tentative research plan.
* State the significance of your research. How is your proposed research program unique and innovative? In what sense does it differ from previous work done in the field, and particularly in your research group in recent years? What conceptual or technical barriers need to be overcome in the development of your proposal?
* The review committee is multidisciplinary and members may not have specialist knowledge in the proposed area of your study. Make sure your research statement is written in a manner that is accessible to scientists and scholars outside of your field.

1. Name your Supervisor or Supervisors

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**Please mark with a "C" all forms & papers relevant to this section  
and attach them following this page.**

**D. Leadership and Community Engagement**

Answers to this section should be attached to this form, typed in 12 pt. font, double spaced

1. Please describe your personal background, e.g., childhood, family, community, etc. (up to 150 words).
2. Please describe two significant, formative events in your life, one from your childhood and one from adulthood (up to 150 words for each event).
3. Please describe any significant voluntary activity you have been, or are currently involved in. This may include volunteer work in the community, emissary work abroad, involvement in youth movements, university campus activity, etc. Provide details of the type of work you did. What did you contribute to the activity, and what did you gain from being involved? (Up to 150 words).
4. Describe an experience or event in your life in which someone demonstrated leadership and had an impact on you. Why was that person an effective leader? (Up to 150 words)
5. Write a five-sentence paragraph to convince high school students to accept an element of your thesis topic for their final matriculation project (“Avodat Gemer”).
6. What was the most unexpected thing that you have ever done in your life?
7. What improvements would you like to see in Israel in the next 20 years? What should be done today in order to reach these goals? (Up to 150 words).

**Please mark with a "D" all forms & papers relevant to this section  
and attach them following this page.**

**E. Additional Material**

1. Please provide **three** letters ofreference, one from your academic supervisor, each to include the attached Referee Form (see page 12).
2. Letters and forms should be sent by the referees directly to the university administration, within the time limit set by the university. It is the candidate's responsibility to inform his or her referees, to which address within the university the references should be mailed and by when they should be submitted.
3. Please list the names and telephone numbers of your referees here:

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|  | **Full Name** | **Academic Institution** | **Email Address** | **Telephone Number** |
| **Referee #1 (supervisor)** |  |  |  |  |
| **Referee #2** |  |  |  |  |
| **Referee #3** |  |  |  |  |

1. Please sign the Consent Form (page 8).
2. Make sure the Nominating Institution Statement Form is signed by the Rector or Dean of your university. See the attached form (page 9).
3. Please complete the *Snapshot of Your Application* summary form, (page 10).
4. If you have any additional information that you feel is significant and will enable us to know you better, please provide it here:

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**Please mark with an "E" all forms & papers relevant to this section.  
Please attach them following this page.**

**Consent**

I understand and agree that the information submitted, generated or accumulated about me, within the framework of my candidacy to the Azrieli Fellows Program, or my participation in the program (if I am accepted), will be stored in a database belonging to Keren Azrieli (Israel) (A.R.) (“AFI”)) for the purposes of (1) operating and managing the program; (2) managing my involvement and connection with the program as a candidate, participant, or graduate; (3) meeting the operational needs of AFI; (4) managing the advertising and publicity of the program in print and electronic media, including publication of my photo in relation to my participation in the program as well as provision of general information regarding my research.

It is my understanding that AFI will not share information about me with third parties, other than the following parties, and for the purposes that said information about me was collected: The Azrieli Foundation (Canada)((“AFC”), which funds the Azrieli Fellows Program; suppliers and service providers hired for purposes of operating the program, Israeli and Canadian governmental authorities that may require said information according to law or in connection with a review of the program, and the Azrieli Fellows Program selection committees and jurors.

By submitting the Application Form and any information supporting my application, I consent to the collection, generation, use, processing, storage and retention of my personal data by AFC and AFI (collectively, the “Foundation”) for the purpose(s) described in this document. I am aware that I am under no legal obligation to provide information about myself, and that I have provided this information of my own free will and agreement.

I also authorize the Foundation to disclose my personal data information to both affiliated third parties and independent/non-affiliated third parties, whether local or foreign, as described in this document.

**DECLARATION**

I hereby declare that all information provided in this application is correct.

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**Nominating Institution Statement Form**

1. This is to certify that the nominee \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_   
   is a full time research student at our institution,   
   and a PhD candidate in the field of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.
2. This is to certify that the nominee is being supervised academically   
   by \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ who is a senior faculty member in our university   
   at the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ department/faculty.
3. This is to certify that should the nominee win an Azrieli Fellowship,   
   she or he will be fully exempt from all tuitions and fees at this institution   
   for the duration of his or her Azrieli Fellowship.

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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**Snapshot of Your Application**

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| Name of University |  | |
| Name of Candidate |  | |
| Field of Research  (e.g. Modern History, Molecular Biology, Comparative Literature) | |  |

**PhD information**

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| PhD Track | ☐ Regular ☐ Direct or Combined | |
| Starting Date of PhD |  | |
| Has Research Proposal been submitted? | ☐ Yes ☐ No | |
| Has Research Proposal been approved? | ☐ Yes ☐ No | |
| Date of Research Proposal’s Submission |  | |
| Name of Supervisor/s |  |  |
| Research Topic (Title of Proposal) |  | |
| Referees | Name | Affiliation |
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**Masters Information**

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| Name of University |  |
| Field/Department |  |
| Grade Average (GPA) |  |
| Name of Supervisor/s |  |
| Thesis Topic |  |
| Thesis Grade |  |

**Undergraduate (BA/BSc) Information**

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| Name of University |  |
| Field/Department |  |
| Grade Average (GPA) |  |

**Checklist**

**The checklist is for your convenience only**

**There is NO need to submit this sheet**

**A. PERSONAL INFORMATION** General

Photo

CV

Service

Hobbies

**B. ACADEMIC CREDENTIALS** Higher Education

Awards & distinctions

Publications

First year PhD

Masters Studies

Undergraduate Studies

Direct Track (If applicable)

**C. PHD RESEARCH** Questions 1–3

(Including Attached Research Statement)

**D. LEADERSHIP & COMMUNITY** Questions 1–7

**E. ADDITIONAL MATERIALS** Referee Details

Consent

Nominating Institution Statement Form

Snapshot of Your Application

https://azrielifoundation.org/fellows/

**GOOD LUCK!**

**Confidential Referee Form for the PhD Track**

**Dear Referee, Thank you for agreeing to serve as a referee for the Azrieli Fellowship Program.**

**Please attach to this form a letter of reference, providing an evaluation of the candidate's academic merit, originality, and creativity.** Note that the Azrieli Foundation encourages innovative, frontline research paths taken by excellent students. Therefore, please relate to the uniqueness of the proposed research, how it differs from previous work done in the field, and where possible, how it differs from the course of research pursued in the supervisor's research group in recent years.

**Both the form and the letter should be submitted directly to the university administration, within the time limit set by the university**. It is the candidate's responsibility to check with his/her university regarding the deadline for submission of references and to which office and to inform the referee of this information.

**Name of Candidate**: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**Field of Study**: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**University attended:** \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Evaluate the candidate's abilities and performance, by checking the appropriate box below:

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|  | **Excellent** | **Very Good** | **Average** |
| **Academic excellence** |  |  |  |
| **Originality** |  |  |  |
| **Research ability** |  |  |  |
| **Critical thinking & judgment** |  |  |  |
| **Independence** |  |  |  |
| **Perseverance** |  |  |  |
| **Interest in discovery** |  |  |  |
| **Communication skills** |  |  |  |
| **Leadership & interpersonal skills** |  |  |  |

If you were to compare the candidate with other students in the same field whom you've known at this stage of their academic career, how would you rate the candidate in *overall academic ability and promise for research?*  Please rank this candidate among the top PhD students that you have supervised (or known very well): For example, I rate this student as being 3rd among 15 students).

**I rank \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ as being \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ among \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ PhD students at a similar stage, whom I have supervised / known well.**

Referee Name, Position, Institution: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_Signature: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_