



Azrieli Fellowships in Architecture

Call for Applications

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**AZRIELI FELLOWS PROGRAM
GRADUATE STUDIES FELLOWSHIPS**

Guidelines for:

**Architecture & Urban Planning
Masters Fellowships**
(research - thesis track)

Architecture PhD Fellowships

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Mission

The Azrieli Fellows Program promotes excellence in graduate studies at accredited institutions of higher learning in Israel. This competitive and prestigious program provides generous financial support to the best and brightest graduate students, from Israel and abroad, who will use their training to become leaders in their respective fields.

Our goal is to create a cadre of leading professionals and academics who will increase the pool of technological and scholarly human resources in Israel.

This network of leading professionals and academics will raise Israel's profile internationally and maintain strong links between Israel and the rest of the world.

The program is funded by The Azrieli Foundation, which was established to realize the philanthropic vision of David J. Azrieli.

Eligibility - Who can become an Azrieli Fellow?

Graduate students at Israeli universities, in the fields and at the degree levels outlined in these guidelines, are eligible to participate in the Azrieli Fellows Program.

The Fellowships are awarded on the basis of outstanding academic merit and other exceptional personal achievements, without regard to race, religion, gender, ethnicity or age.

Candidates are assessed based on their past academic performance, as well as their potential to make cutting edge contributions to their respective fields. Aspects of personal merit and leadership abilities are also taken into consideration.

Students who wish to apply must be nominated by an accredited academic institution.

Academic Fields and Duration of Fellowship

The Azrieli Fellows Program is currently open to students in the following fields and academic degree levels. The chart below outlines what is offered and the duration of the Fellowship:

Field	Track	Duration of Fellowship	Commencing
Architecture & Urban Planning	Masters	1 year (with option for renewing for up to 1 more year)	October 2020
Architecture	PhD	Up to 3 years	October 2020
Sciences	PhD	Up to 3 years	October 2020
Education	PhD	Up to 3 years	October 2020
Social Sciences	PhD	Up to 3 years	October 2020
Humanities	PhD	Up to 3 years	October 2020

Participating Institutions – Architecture Fellowships

The academic institutions eligible to nominate candidates for the Architecture Fellowships - Masters (thesis) Track and PhD Track are:

1. Technion-Israel Institute of Technology
2. Tel Aviv University

For the Architecture & Urban Planning Fellowship - Masters Track:

These institutions will be asked to nominate candidates from within their Research (thesis) Masters programs, who hold undergraduate degrees from one of the five schools of architecture offering a 5-year B.Arch. or B.Sc. in Architecture degree.

These institutions include:

1. Technion- Israel Institute of Technology
2. Tel Aviv University
3. Ariel University
4. Bezalel Academy of Arts & Design Jerusalem
5. NB Haifa School of Design (WIZO Academy Haifa)

Value of the Fellowship

For Masters Students in Architecture & Urban Planning	
Basic Fellowship	NIS 72,000
For conference travel & research expenses	Up to NIS 14,000
Annual Total	Up to NIS 86,000
For PhD Students in Architecture	
Basic Fellowship	NIS 108,000
For conference travel & research expenses	Up to NIS 14,000
Annual Total	Up to NIS 122,000

Additional Income Policy:

1. The Azrieli Fellows Program is intended to enable students to focus solely on their research at the university. The Fellowships are intended for students who are not employed and do not receive any additional income from employment or living stipends.
2. The Azrieli Foundation has no objection to the student's receipt of additional research grants provided they are intended to cover research expenses only.
3. The Azrieli Foundation has no objection to the student's receipt of supplementary funding to the basic fellowship from the academic institution at which they are enrolled, in accordance with the policies set by that institution.
4. Regarding employment, the Program will make an exception when said employment is directly connected to the students' Masters or Doctoral training (that is, teaching, tutoring, or other research-related roles) for up to four hours per week, subject to approval of the Foundation. Special requests for additional hours and/or specific needs will be considered, at the discretion of the Foundation.


The Number of Azrieli Fellows

The chart below shows the maximum number of Fellows the program can accept per year in the Graduate Studies Program (Masters and PhD):


Field	New Fellows accepted per year
Sciences (PhD)	Up to 10
Education (PhD)	Up to 2
Social Sciences (PhD)	Up to 4
Humanities (PhD)	Up to 4
Architecture & Urban Planning * (Masters)	Up to 4
Architecture * (PhD)	Up to 1
Total	Up to 25

*The Azrieli Fellows Program will have the capacity to accept the number of students per field as outlined in these guidelines, but reserves the right to accept less than the indicated number in a given year.

In addition to fellowships in Graduate Studies, the Azrieli Fellows Program supports:

 Postdoctoral Fellowships at Israeli universities for researchers who are Canadian citizens or have completed their PhD degree at a Canadian university.

Guidelines are provided under separate cover.

 Faculty Fellowships for positions in the Israeli academia.

Guidelines are provided under separate cover.

The Azrieli Fellows Program supports a steady state of over 100 Fellows per year, including all levels of fellowships mentioned here.

Architecture & Urban Planning Track (Masters) - Research Track

1. The Azrieli Fellowships are offered to students of Architecture or Urban Planning who, at the time of application, are **enrolled in a research Masters program in architecture**.
2. Students may apply for a fellowship **in their first** semester of studies and **no later than their fourth** semester of studies.
3. Applications are considered from students of Architecture, Urban Planning, or related fields with a specialization in Urban Planning.
4. In order to be eligible for an Azrieli Fellowship in this track, applicants must have completed a five-year B.Arch. or B.Sc. in Architecture at an accredited academic institution.
5. The fellowship is offered for **one** year, with an option for renewal for up to **one more** additional year.
6. The option for renewal will be considered by the Azrieli Foundation toward the end of the first fellowship year, based on the candidate's record of excellence, and an examination of the research objectives for the period of renewal.
7. The Azrieli Fellows Program management will send out Calls for Submission to the academic institutions in Israel offering a research Masters degree in Architecture (M.Arch. or M.Sc.). In 2020-21, these institutions are the Technion - Israel Institute of Technology, and Tel Aviv University.
8. Each institution will be requested to submit **up to four nominations** from students in their Masters programs (research). At least two of the nominees will be required to hold undergraduate degrees from institutions other than Technion or Tel Aviv University (ie: Bezalel Academy, Ariel University, and WIZO Academy).
9. The institutions will be requested to set up internal selection committees to examine candidates based on criteria set forth by the Azrieli Foundation. Representatives of the Azrieli Foundation may be present at the internal committee meetings as observers.
10. The Azrieli Fellows Program can support up to four new Fellows each year in this category, but reserves the right to accept less than the indicated number in a given year.
11. The Azrieli Foundation reserves the right to halt financial support at any time during the fellowship period, in the event that the Fellow does not meet his/her obligations to remain in good standing (see section entitled "Obligations of the Azrieli Fellow").

Architecture - PhD Track

1. The Azrieli PhD Fellowships in Architecture are offered to students of the Technion and Tel Aviv University, as the two academic institutions that offer a PhD degree in Architecture.
2. Candidates are eligible to apply if they have an approved Research Proposal by the time of application.
3. In order to be eligible for an Azrieli Fellowship in this track, applicants must have completed a five-year B.Arch. or B.Sc. in Architecture at an accredited academic institution.
4. Each academic institution is asked to submit up to two nominations for the Architecture PhD fellowship track.
5. Up to one new Azrieli Fellow may be selected each year in the Architecture PhD fellowship track.
6. The Fellowship is offered for up to three years. Fellows will be required to provide reports to the Program's management, which will be signed and approved by their academic supervisors. Progress Report forms will be provided by the Program management.
7. The Azrieli Foundation reserves the right to halt financial support before completion of a Fellow's studies or the three years, in the event that that the Fellow does not meet his/her obligations to remain in good standing (see section entitled "Obligations of the Azrieli Fellow").

How to Apply

1. The Azrieli Fellows Program management will send out Calls for Submission of Applications, Program guidelines and Application Forms to the Technion's Faculty of Architecture and the Tel Aviv University's School of Architecture, who will be responsible for disseminating this information to their students and faculty members.
2. Students interested in applying should approach the relevant administrative office at their academic institution, where they will be provided with the relevant forms and instructions. **Applications should be submitted through the university administration, and not directly to the Foundation.**
3. The academic institution will select nominees and submit their applications to the Azrieli Fellows Program management.
4. Guidelines and application forms may be downloaded from The Azrieli Foundation website at: <https://azrielifoundation.org/fellows/>
5. The deadline for receipt of university nominated and approved applications by The Azrieli Foundation is February 25, 2020. **Candidates are advised to check with their academic institutions regarding internal deadlines for submission of application materials.**
6. The Azrieli Interview Board will meet during the last two weeks of May 2020. Candidates may be called upon to participate in an interview during this time period.

Obligations of the Azrieli Fellow

In order to maintain good standing, Azrieli Fellows will be required to sign a form committing themselves to the fulfillment of the following obligations:

1. Academic Excellence:

Fellows are obligated to maintain a level of academic excellence throughout the Program – as defined by the university in which they are enrolled.

2. Progress reports:

Regular progress reports must be submitted by the Fellow to the Program management twice a year. These reports should outline the Fellow's coursework including marks where relevant, describe any teaching done by the Fellow during this period, and include a list of papers published up to that point. The report must be signed by the Fellow's academic supervisor who may comment where relevant.

3. Community Work:

Azrieli Fellows are expected to volunteer 40 hours over the course of the academic year at in an a-political or non-partisan activity or program to be approved in advance and in writing by the Azrieli Fellows Program management. Travel expenses will be covered by the Foundation.

4. Participation in Program-sponsored events:

In order to foster the exchange of ideas between Azrieli Fellows, and to maintain a sense of group identification, the Program will sponsor several events during the academic year at which Fellows may socialize and share their research and study activities. Some of these events might include: a 'Fellows Forum' series (see section 5 below), the annual celebration, informal dinners sponsored by the Program, and an end of year party.

5. Azrieli Fellows Forums:

The Azrieli Fellows Forums are held approximately 6 times a year, providing the opportunity for Fellows to socialize and share their research and study activities in a multi-disciplinary environment. At these meetings, Fellows present lectures in English on elements of their research. Fellows are encouraged to consult their supervisors for guidance in preparing these lectures.

Obligations of the Azrieli Fellow (continued)**6. Publications:**

The work produced by the Fellows during the course of their graduate studies (research papers, Masters and Doctoral theses) will be eligible for publication in an on-line journal that the Foundation will establish and fund entitled “The Azrieli Review.” If possible, the Foundation will also enter into an agreement with one of the university presses in Israel to publish the best dissertations in book form through a program to be called “The Azrieli Series.”

Any written work published by the Fellows while in the Program (eg: articles published in journals, etc.) must acknowledge the support of the Azrieli Foundation in a written dedication. Fellows will also be asked to submit an abstract of their dissertation and published works to the Azrieli Fellows Program management for use in any publicity material produced by the Program, or for presentation on the Foundation website.

7. Alumni Activities:

Fellows will be asked to act as ambassadors for the Azrieli Fellows Program – to talk about their experiences with others, to publicize the Fellowship to their colleagues and to potential candidates, and to participate in information sessions for new candidates that may be held in their region. Alumni will be invited to attend ongoing Program activities and events. In the future, it is expected that alumni will assist in the selection process for incoming students.

Obligations of the Academic Institution

1. To submit **no** more than the number of nominees requested by the Azrieli Fellows Program management in a given year.
2. To ensure that nominees at the Masters level have finished at least one semester of their Masters studies by the beginning of the Fellowship.
3. To ensure that nominees at the PhD level have an approved Research Proposal by the time of application.
4. To ensure and sign the Nominating Institution Statement Form (attached to the Application Form) which states that the nominee:
 - is a full time research student.
 - has an academic advisor who is a senior faculty member in his/her field of study
 - will be exempt from tuition and other institutional payments should s/he win a Fellowship.
5. To ensure and report to the Program management that each Fellow is continuing her/his studies and progressing with research and coursework in a manner that is satisfactory to the university. Progress Report Forms will be provided by the Azrieli Fellows Program management.
6. To report on any halting of research that lasts more than six months.
7. To ensure that the Fellow does not receive any additional living stipend during the course of the Fellowship. The Azrieli Foundation has no objection to the Fellow's receipt of additional research grants provided they are intended to cover research expenses only. The Azrieli Foundation has no objection to the student's receipt of supplementary funding to the basic fellowship from the academic institution at which they are enrolled, in accordance with the amounts and policies set by that institution.
8. To ensure that during the course of the Fellowship, the Fellow's research is run only within the framework of the university.
9. To ensure that any employment taken on by the Fellow is in direct connection to her/his academic training (that is, teaching, tutoring, or other research-related roles) and does not exceed four teaching hours per week, unless otherwise approved by the Foundation.
10. To enable the Fellows' participation in the program sponsored events during the academic year.

Obligations of the Academic Institution (continued)

11. The Fellowship is a gift to the students. The university will be the pipeline through which payment is transferred from the Azrieli Foundation to the students. No overhead will be paid to the university. The university will not deduct any amount from the Fellowship payment without the agreement of the Azrieli Fellows Program management.
12. Financial arrangements are outlined in a separate contract between each university and the Azrieli Foundation.

Timetable

Deadline for receipt of university nominated and approved applications by The Azrieli Foundation *	February 25, 2020
Selection Committee meetings and interviews	May 2020
Winners to be announced	June 2020
Program starts	October 2020

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