

Azrieli International Postdoctoral Fellowship in Israel

Instructions for Application for the 2021 Cohort

<https://azrielifoundation.org/fellows/internationalpostdoctoral/>

Online application opens September 1, 2020 and ends November 1, 2020

Applicants will be asked to complete several tasks in the online system and provide detailed information as follows:

1. Personal Information

Name, date of birth, country of birth, citizenship, language proficiency (English and other), contact information

2. Academic Credentials

- PhD: Abstract, transcript (a detailed record of marks or grades that has been generated by the university), diploma or documentation of completion
- Additional academic degrees
- Academic distinctions, awards and scholarships
- Academic appointments (teaching positions, research affiliations, etc.)
- Previous postdoctoral training (if applicable)

3. List of Publications

- Publications, conference proceedings or other research output
- Impact Factor information or ranking quartiles

4. Writing Sample

An example of a scholarly work (published research, journal article, book chapter, etc.) that best demonstrates research accomplishment.

5. Conferences

Information on participation in conferences (most recent to least recent), and the nature of participation (panel, paper, organizer, etc.)

6. Curriculum Vitae

7. Personal Essay

Guidelines for writing the essay

- Describe your research and academic objectives, and career goals while reflecting on how an Azrieli International Postdoctoral Fellowship will help attain those objectives and goals.
- What is unique and innovative about your research?
- How do you envision yourself and your research in ten years from now?
- Reflect on a person or event that significantly influenced your philosophy or approach and attitude towards research, teaching, and your academic career.
- Provide information that addresses your personal qualities, accomplishments and interests beyond your research, such as engagement with the community (inside or outside academia), intellectual curiosity, and leadership qualities.
- The essay should not exceed 750 words.

8. Proposed Postdoctoral Research

- Details about the academic sponsor at the host university in Israel
- Starting date of fellowship agreed upon with the academic sponsor
- Summary of up to 250 words describing the research aimed at non-specialists
- Research proposal of up to 1500 words, not including references

Guidelines for writing the proposal

- The proposal will describe the significance of the research, its potential for advancing knowledge in the field, its compatibility with the work of your host research group or supervisor, and how it will advance you toward your future career plans.
- Include a statement about where your PhD thesis fits in relation to the proposed research. Note that the fellowship may **not** be used only to complete a research project without increasing its scope.
- Hyperlinks to additional information on activities, projects, or artistic works that have relevance to the proposal may be included.
- Provide a timeline for the project.
- The proposal should be aimed at academic, but non-specialist, reviewers from diverse disciplines. Specialist terminology should be explained.

9. Academic Sponsor's Recommendation

You will be asked to invite your academic sponsor to submit a letter declaring interest in hosting you at the sponsor's university during your postdoctoral fellowship.

The sponsor will be asked to upload a detailed letter in which he or she indicates willingness to sponsor you during the fellowship.

The sponsor will provide comments regarding the following:

- The candidate's qualifications and suitability for the research project
- The candidate's contribution to the project (knowledge, methodology etc.)
- Facilities, resources, experts and the wider environment that will contribute to the research

- Synergy between the candidate and sponsor and his or her research team/environment
- Mentorship plan/agreement to achieve the proposal objectives

10. Referee Recommendations

You will be asked to provide two names of referees in your scientific field who are familiar with your academic and research history. These referees will automatically be approached to write detailed letters of recommendation.