



Azrieli International Visiting PhD Fellowship in Israel

Instructions for Application for the Spring 2026 Cohort

<https://azrielifoundation.org/fellows/visiting-phd-fellowship/>

The online application opens September 1, 2025, and closes **October 27, 2025**.

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, and citizenship
- Language proficiency (English and other)
- Contact information

2. Curriculum Vitae (recommended one page)

3. Academic Credentials

- PhD: Start of PhD degree, expected completion
- Additional academic degrees
- Academic distinctions, awards, and scholarships

4. PhD Degree

- Academic institution, country, faculty/department, field, academic supervisor
- Up to date PhD transcript

- Academic Discipline, Field, Subfield

5. List of publications & conferences

- Publications, conference proceedings or other research output
- Impact factor information or ranking quartiles (if available)
- Information on participation in conferences (most recent to least recent), and the nature of participation (panel, paper, organizer, etc.)

6. Fellowship Information

- Academic host in Israel (name, position, department, university, email)
- Fellowship starting date agreed upon with the academic host (start of spring semester in Israel)
- Research Statement

Guidelines for writing the research statement

Please provide a plan of **250 to 500 words** (not including references and charts) for the research project you intend to conduct during your fellowship.

Please relate to the following as much as possible:

- What is the issue or area you wish to address?
- How will your research benefit from working with your Israeli academic host?
- What is unique about your proposed research project?
- What are the research methods you will use to implement your project?
- Does your proposed project relate to your PhD research? If so, how?

***Important:** 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 accessible to scientists and scholars outside of your field.*

6. Personal Essays

- A 650-word personal essay. The essay will address the following questions:
- Describe your research and academic objectives and career goals while reflecting on how an Azrieli Visiting PhD Fellowship will help you attain those objectives and goals.
- How do you envision yourself and your research in ten years from now?
- Provide information that addresses your personal and leadership qualities, accomplishments, and interests beyond your research, such as: hobbies, intellectual curiosity, and engagement with the community.
- Reflect on a person or event that significantly influenced your development and helped mold you into who you are today.
- Two 150-word essays on:
 - What do you hope to accomplish during your fellowship? Please elaborate on your goals and how you intend to achieve them.
 - How do you envision yourself integrating in the Azrieli community, university, and in Israel, during your fellowship?

9. Academic Host's Recommendation

- You will be asked to invite your academic host to submit a letter declaring interest in hosting you at her/his Israeli academic institution during your fellowship. The host will be asked to upload a detailed letter in which he or she indicates willingness to sponsor you during the fellowship.
 1. The host will provide comments regarding the following:
 - The candidate's qualifications and suitability for the research project
 - The candidate's contribution to the project (knowledge, technique etc.)
 - Facilities, resources, experts and the wider environment that will contribute to the research
 - Synergy between the candidate and host and his or her research team/environment
 - Mentorship plan/agreement to achieve the proposal objectives
 - A declaration that he or she understands the obligations entailed with hosting an Azrieli International Visiting PhD Fellow, including writing a progress report at the end of the fellowship and enabling attendance of program-sponsored events
- **Please note:**
 1. **Hosts may sponsor only one candidate per application cycle. There will be two application cycles for the 2025–2026 academic year.**

2. The recommendation letter must be written on a document with official university letterhead (of the university the candidate is applying for) and must include a signature.

10. PhD Supervisor Recommendations

- You will be asked to provide the names and contact info of your current PhD supervisor. He or she will automatically be approached to write a detailed letter of recommendation and to provide an assessment of your abilities.