



Azrieli International Postdoctoral Fellowship in Israel

Instructions for Application for the 2027–28 Cohort

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

The online application opens August 9, 2026, and closes November 11, 2026.

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. 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 positions (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 accomplishments.

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 Essays

- A 650-word personal essay. The essay will address the following questions:
 - o Describe research/academic objectives and career goals.
 - o Reflect on how the Azrieli International Postdoctoral Fellowship will help you attain those objectives and goals.
 - o What is unique and innovative about your research?
 - o How do you envision yourself and your research 10 years from now?
 - o 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.

- o Reflect on a person or event that significantly influenced your development and helped mould you into who you are today.
- Two 150-word essays:
 - o Describe an initiative or a change that you led or played a significant part in. Explain your role and your contribution. How did you enlist others to help you? How did you deal with the challenges you encountered?
 - o How do you see yourself fitting in with and/or contributing to your fellow researchers or the society in which you live?

8. Postdoctoral Research Proposal

- 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 a broad, non-specialist audience
- Research proposal of up to 1500 words, not including references

Guidelines for writing the research proposal

- Please upload a research proposal of up to 1500 words, not including references. This proposal will describe the significance of the research that you plan to undertake during your fellowship, 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. Guidelines for writing the proposal include the following:

- o Explain how the research sponsor and associated environment will be critical to accomplishing the proposed research.
- o Include a statement about where your PhD thesis fits in relation to the proposed research. Note: The postdoctoral fellowship may be used to further develop concepts or expand research questions that formed your PhD thesis, but may include additional information on activities, projects, or artistic works that have relevance to the proposal may be included.
- o Provide a timeline for the project, including the proposed 2-3 years of Azrieli Fellowship funding and beyond the term of the fellowship, if applicable.
- o Describe your research in clear language and avoid technical jargon. Specialist terminology may be used but should be explained. The proposal should be aimed at academic, but non-specialist, reviewers from diverse disciplines.

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.
 1. 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
 - A declaration that he or she understands the obligations entailed with hosting an Azrieli International Postdoctoral Fellow, including writing a progress report twice a year and enabling the Fellow's attendance in program-sponsored events
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- **Please note:**
 1. **Academic sponsors can only sponsor one candidate throughout the Azrieli Fellows' application process.**
 2. **The recommendation letter must be written on a document with official university letterhead (of the university the candidate is applying to) and must include a signature.**



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.