

Fulbright Postdoctoral Fellowships at Weizmann Institute of Science

Program Overview

Fulbright Israel is looking for the brightest and most innovative scholars who aspire to research in Israel and join the Fulbright heritage.

Fulbright Israel administers the Fulbright Academic Program in Israel, and plans to award up to three U.S. postdoctoral scholars who seek to pursue research at the Weizmann Institute of Science. Grants are open to researchers in all academic disciplines and support research programs in Israel for up to 24 months.

Each candidate should try to arrange his/her institutional affiliations at the Weizmann Institute of Science independently, including development of the research program for the proposed visit. According to Fulbright Israel policy, Fulbright postdoctoral fellows must hold official postdoctoral fellow status at their host institutions in Israel, including access to campus resources.

Please contact the Fulbright Israel office at USPrograms@fulbright.org.il with any questions or assistance with identifying suitable hosts or contacts.

AWARD LENGTH

Up to two academic years, minimum of one academic year.

AWARD DATES

Grants may begin any time between July 2025 - May 2026, as agreed upon with host institution.

LOCATIONS

Research activity will take place at the [Weizmann Institute of Science](#). The Weizmann Institute is located in Rehovot, Israel, just south of Tel Aviv. The Weizmann Institute was founded by Dr. Chaim Weizmann (1874-1952) in 1934. The Weizmann Institute of Science was the first to introduce cancer research in Israel and the first to build particle accelerators.

One Nobel laureate and three Turing Award laureates have been associated with the Weizmann Institute of Science.

DISCIPLINE TYPE

Applications are sought in all disciplines

SPECIAL FEATURES

During their grant period, Fulbright U.S. Scholars in Israel may apply for a short-term regional travel grant (five to 14 days) for participation in a variety of activities including faculty and student lectures, graduate or faculty seminars, curriculum development, public lectures, panel presentations, needs assessment, conferences, or some combination thereof.

APPLICATION DEADLINE

Monday, September 16, 2024

ACTIVITY

Research

DEGREE REQUIREMENTS

Ph.D. (or other terminal degree) required

Grant Benefits

STIPEND

\$95,000 (\$47,500 per academic year for two years).

ESTIMATED TRAVEL AND RELOCATION ALLOWANCE

- Reimbursement of Travel expenses of up to \$1,700 (U.S. – Israel, under the *Fly America act*) for Fulbright fellows (and spouses)
- Partial reimbursement of children's education expenses and fees.
- The Weizmann Institute will provide additional relocation expenses reimbursement of up to additional \$3,000 per year for grantees accompanied by dependents (total of \$6,000 per two years).
- Please note: This will be reimbursed against receipts (for relocation expenses such as travel, medical insurance) granted by the Weizmann Institute of Science.

SPECIAL AWARD BENEFITS

- Professional travel budget (for scientific conferences during the postdoctoral term) of up to \$3,000 per year granted by the Weizmann Institute of Science
- Limited accident and medical coverage for the grantee only
- Mandatory attendance at Fulbright Israel-sponsored arrival orientation
- Opportunities to participate in a variety of cultural and academic events organized by Fulbright Israel.

Eligibility Criteria

Eligibility requirements apply at the time of application. For full details on all Fulbright U.S. Scholar program eligibility requirements, visit [CIES](#). In addition:

- To be eligible for a Fulbright fellowship, candidates must have received their Ph.D. degrees no earlier than July 2020. Additionally, applicants must receive their Ph.D. before they leave to Israel to begin their postdoctoral work.
- The Weizmann Institute must provide grantees with Postdoctoral status, including access to campus resources (such a letter is not required at the time of application).
- Each candidate is responsible for arranging their institutional affiliations at Weizmann Institute independently, including development of the program of work for the proposed visit through contacts at the Weizmann Institute.

AREAS OF INTEREST

The Weizmann Institute of Science is a science institution. Grantees may apply for any discipline offered at the institution.

- [Faculty Biochemistry](#)
- [Faculty of Biology](#)
- [Faculty of Chemistry](#)
- [Faculty of Mathematics and Computer Sciences](#)
- [Faculty of Physics](#)
- [Department of Science Teaching](#)
- [The Scientific Archeology Unit](#)

Applicants and their grants must meet **all** of the following requirements at the time of application, unless specific exemptions apply:

- U.S. citizenship (permanent residence is not sufficient).
- Sound physical and mental health: selected candidates are required to submit a Medical History and Examination Report before their grants can be finalized.
- Grants shall not authorize engagement in pastoral, missionary, or other professional religious activities.
- Grants shall not authorize engagement in activities for which a license to practice medicine or nursing is required.
- Applicants are required to disclose any prior convictions of a felony or a misdemeanor, including Driving Under the Influence (DUI) or Driving While Intoxicated (DWI), but excluding minor traffic violations. FFSB regulations can be found [here](#) (Chapter 600/Section 626 Ineligibility Factors).

The following individuals are **ineligible**:

- Recent college graduates with limited professional experience are ineligible for consideration under the Fulbright Scholar Program. Instead, such applicants can visit the [Fulbright Student Program](#).
- Graduate or doctoral students seeking funding to complete their degrees are ineligible for consideration under the Fulbright Scholar Program. Instead, such applicants can visit the [Fulbright Student Program](#).
- Candidates who have resided abroad for five or more consecutive years in the six-year period preceding the date of application are ineligible. In this case, a period of nine months or more during a calendar year is considered to constitute a full year abroad.
- Employees and their immediate families (i.e. spouses and dependent children) of the U.S. Department of State and of public or private organizations under contract to the U.S. Department of State are ineligible to apply for a Fulbright grant until one year after termination of such employment.

Note: Recipients of a Fulbright Scholar grant are eligible to apply for another Fulbright Scholar grant two years after the date of completion of the previous grant. (For serial or Flex grants, the two-year period begins at the end of the final grant in the series.)

Evaluation Criteria

For full details on the Fulbright Post-Doctoral Scholar Program review process, visit [CIES](#). During its review of the recommended pool of applications, Fulbright Israel applies the following criteria:

- Academic excellence is the primary criterion for the evaluation of candidates.
- In addition to describing the research planned, a post-doctoral project proposal should also provide a concise description of the broader cultural goals of a post-doctoral experience in Israel: what the candidate would like to learn about Israel, what activities, in addition to research, do they expect to become involved in, and how the candidate expects to share their Israeli experiences upon return to the US.
- Leadership qualities are an important evaluation criterion.
- Preference will be given to candidates who have not had substantial, recent professional experience in Israel.

Applicants might be invited for a Zoom interview with a Fulbright commission.

The Foundation reserves the exclusive right to determine, within the framework of applicable law and regulations, the qualitative standards for the evaluation of applications forwarded to it by the responsible agency in the United States. The Weizmann Institute of Science is not under any obligation to provide the reasons for its decisions regarding the allocation of Fellowships.

Please note: Candidates who have served in the Armed Forces of the United States will be given preference, provided their qualifications are approximately equivalent to those of other candidates.

Application Procedures

INVITATION REQUIREMENT

A letter of invitation is required.

INVITATION REQUIREMENT ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

A letter of invitation from the Weizmann Institute of Science is required. Please contact the Fulbright program in Israel at USPrograms@fulbright.org.il for assistance with identifying suitable host contacts.

LANGUAGE PROFICIENCY REQUIREMENTS

None, English is sufficient.