



President's Scholarships for Outstanding Doctoral Students in the Faculty of Humanities (2024/25)

Last date to submit applications: February 8, 2024

We are pleased to announce the program for the President's Scholarships for outstanding doctoral students in the Faculty of Humanities of the Hebrew University of Jerusalem for the 2024/25 academic year. The aim of the scholarships is to enable outstanding doctoral students to devote most of their time and energy to research and study.

The program is an integral part of the Jack, Joseph and Morton Mandel School for Advanced Study in the Humanities. Under the aegis of the School, the following programs are combined: the MA Honors Program, the PhD Honors Program, the Mandel Scholion Center, and the Buber Society of Fellows. These four programs are housed in the Mandel Building, an intellectual forum that encourages communication among the fellows.

Mandel School students are eligible for a research budget that helps cover expenses for research and for editing publications. They may also apply for travel grants for up to one year of research abroad.

The Scholarship

Applications for the 2025 2024 academic year are open to those who will be registered as doctoral students at this year. Candidates may apply for the scholarship if: (a) They completed or are in their last year of the MA studies; (b) They are in the first stages of their doctoral studies (no more than 2 years since registering for the degree); (c) They are in a direct doctoral track.

Departments may submit applications of students who are completing their requirements for a Ph.D. MA students who would like to submit their application must register by **July 1, 2024**, at the Authority for Research Students as conditional students for 2024-2025, complete all their study obligations by **September 30, 2024**, and submit their eligibility for a Master's degree by **December 31, 2024**. Scholarships will not be granted to students who did not complete their MA studies (including receiving a grade on their thesis) by **January 1, 2025**.

Students are eligible for a scholarship for four years at the most.

NOTE: Ph.D. students who are in Stage B at the time of application will be granted a scholarship for 3 years, provided that they begin the third year of the Ph.D. in 2024-2025. If the student submits the doctoral thesis by the end of the three years of the scholarship, a continuation of the scholarship will be approved in the fourth year, until the doctorate is approved or will be given until the end of the year if students begin postdoctoral studies.

The yearly scholarship is 60,000 NIS. The students in the Faculty of Humanities receive an additional 15,000 NIS per year, altogether 75,000 NIS. Additionally, the recipients will be exempt from tuition (except those who already receive a tuition exemption as Teaching Assistants). Renewal of the grant from year to year is not automatic. Every year the Mandel School's Scholarships Committee will examine each recipient's eligibility for the following year. The committee has the authority to withhold the



grant, if it finds that the recipient is not fulfilling the conditions of the grant as stipulated.

The scholarship will be paid starting from October of every year, in monthly installments, throughout the four years, or until the doctoral dissertation has been approved (the earlier of the two). The continuation of scholarships from year to year is not automatic. The Scholarship Committee of each faculty (or school) will check the student's scholarship renewal for the following year. The committee has the authority to stop the scholarship if it concludes that the recipient no longer meets the conditions as expected.

Scholarship Recipients' Obligations

The scholarship is meant to allow outstanding doctoral students to devote the majority of their time to research, and as such the following requirements apply:

- 1) Scholarship recipients cannot work for wages at more than half-time jobs, according to the scholarship regulations; see the following link: <https://academic-secretary.huji.ac.il/sites/default/files/acs/files/mihya.pdf>.
- 2) The expectation is that scholarship recipients will move within a year from Stage 1 to Stage 2 and that they will finish writing their doctoral dissertation within 3 years at the most from when they are accepted to Stage 2.
- 3) Scholarship recipients will be students at the Hebrew University throughout their doctoral studies.
- 4) Recipients of the scholarships are required to be present for at least two days a week in the offices allotted to them in the Mandel Building at the Hebrew University. Most of their academic activity will remain at the Hebrew University. The recipients are the elite of the students and as such, are expected to initiate and participate in seminars, conferences, and workshops on campus so that their activities will become the focus of the student university community.

In case the student plans to travel for an extended period (a semester or more), s/he will formally make a request from the committee in advance within a reasonable amount of time. The request should include:

- 1) Explanation of the importance of the trip abroad and its expected contribution to the research.
- 2) Approval of the advisor, including an explanation of how he/she will stay in touch with the student during the trip abroad.
- 3) Approval from the host institution or from the host researcher (where there is a formal invitation) stating whether the stay is funded from the scholarship or by the host institution.

The Faculty Scholarship Committee will discuss the request and its recommendation will be forwarded to the Vice-Rector. A scholarship recipient who travels without the Committee's approval will have the scholarship terminated.



Combination with other Scholarships

A scholarship recipient may receive scholarships from more than one source on the condition that the sum of the scholarships does not exceed the allowable amount according to the scholarship regulations; see the [attached link](#).

Please note that if the awardee of the President's scholarship receives a similar scholarship from another source, s/he will have to choose which scholarship to accept.

Each faculty is entitled to impose additional obligations to receive the scholarship. Faculties are allowed to apply other limitations on the amount of the total scholarship.

Additional information and registration

<http://scholarships.huji.ac.il>

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