

The **Azrieli Fellows Program** promotes excellence in research and graduate studies at accredited institutions of higher learning in Israel. This prestigious and competitive program, established in 2007, provides financial support to the best and brightest scholars from Israel and around the world. These scholars use their training to become leaders in their respective fields and raise Israel's profile internationally, maintaining strong academic and professional links between Israel and the rest of the world.

Beginning in the 2010/2011 academic year, the program will welcome the best and brightest postdoctoral scholars who wish to undertake postdoctoral research in Israel. Applicants must be Canadian citizens or have completed a doctorate at a Canadian university. The time candidates spend conducting research in Israel will provide them with valuable tools that will help them realize their professional goals through collaborative association with Israel's world-class academic institutions and researchers.

It is the intention of the Azrieli Fellows Program to expand to welcome postdoctoral candidates from around the world to develop their areas of research in Israel. The program will eventually support a steady state of twelve Azrieli Fellows from Canada and other countries.

Participating Israeli Institutions

The Israeli institutions at which Azrieli Fellows may pursue their research are:

1. Bar-Ilan University
2. Ben-Gurion University
3. Technion-Israel Institute of Technology
4. Tel Aviv University
5. The Hebrew University of Jerusalem
6. University of Haifa
7. Weizmann Institute of Science

Eligibility:

The Azrieli Fellows Program is currently open to scholars at the postdoctoral level who are **Canadian citizens** or who have completed their **doctorates at Canadian universities**. Scholars may undertake postdoctoral research in **any field of study**. Candidates may apply at an early stage of their professional career and no later than four years after completion of their doctoral dissertation. Candidates must not hold a tenure or tenure-track faculty position.

The fellowships are awarded on the basis of academic excellence. Candidates are assessed on their potential to make cutting-edge contributions to their respective fields. Aspects of personal merit and leadership abilities are also taken into consideration without regard to race, religion, gender, ethnicity or age.

Scholars who wish to apply must obtain an academic sponsor. The academic sponsor must be a faculty member at one of the seven participating Israeli academic institutions. Candidates must ensure that this sponsor is willing to actively support the research proposal because it is closely connected to and complements his or her area of expertise. Candidates must have written support from their academic sponsor illustrating the enthusiasm the sponsor has to actively collaborate on the proposed research. We will not be able to process an application without an academic sponsor.

Duration:

The duration of the fellowship is up to two years.

How to Apply:

1. Application forms may be downloaded from the Azrieli Foundation website at:
www.azrielifoundation.org.
 2. Applications should be submitted directly to the Azrieli Foundation.
 3. Candidates must obtain an **academic sponsor** who is a faculty member at one of the seven Israeli academic institutions. The academic sponsor should write a letter of support illustrating his or her interest in actively collaborating on the candidate's research while in Israel. The sponsor should submit this letter, written on institution letterhead, directly to the Azrieli Foundation.
 4. Candidates must have two additional letters of reference from those familiar with their academic background. These letters should speak to the candidate's excellent academic performance and personal achievements. These letters should be sent directly to the Azrieli Foundation.
 5. The deadline for receipt of applications by the Azrieli Foundation is **November 10, 2009**.
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Value of the Fellowship

The value of the fellowship will be **CND\$35,000** annually. The Azrieli Foundation has no objection to the student's receipt of additional research grants provided they are from non-Israeli sources.

Obligations of an Azrieli Fellow

In order to maintain good standing, Azrieli Fellows will be required to sign a form committing themselves to the fulfillment of the following obligations:

1. Academic Excellence

Fellows are obligated to maintain a high level of academic excellence throughout the program. Regular progress reports must be submitted by the Fellow to the Azrieli Fellows Program management. The report will describe the research done up until that point and must be signed by the Fellow's academic sponsor, who may be requested to provide comments.

2. Community Work

Azrieli Fellows will be asked to volunteer a certain number of hours over the course of the academic year at a program to be approved by the Azrieli Fellows Program management.

3. Participation in Program-sponsored Events

In order to foster the exchange of ideas between Azrieli Fellows, both Israeli and International, and to maintain a sense of group identification, the program will sponsor several events during the academic year at which Fellows may socialize and share their research and study activities. These events include: the Fellows gala, the Azrieli Fellows forums and an end-of-year gathering in June.

4. Publications

The work produced by the Fellows during the course of their research in Israel may be eligible for publication in an on-line journal that the Foundation plans to establish called "The Azrieli Review." Any written work published by the Fellows while participating in the program must acknowledge the support of the Azrieli Foundation in a written dedication. Fellows will also be asked to submit an abstract of their dissertation and published works to the Azrieli Fellows Program management for use in any publicity material produced by the program, or for presentation on the Foundation website.

5. Alumni Activities

Fellows will be part of a growing global community of Azrieli Fellows alumni. Fellows will be asked to share their experiences with others, to publicize the Program to their colleagues and to participate in information sessions for new candidates that may be held in their region. In the future, it is expected that alumni will assist in the selection process for incoming students.

Timetable

Deadline for receipt of applications by the Azrieli Foundation	November 10, 2009
Azrieli Fellows to be announced	February 2010 (possibly earlier)
Program begins	Fall 2010