

CALL FOR APPLICATIONS Azrieli Fellowships for Graduate Studies 2026–2027 תשלפ"ז

The Azrieli Foundation is pleased to announce the **20th call** for applications to the **Azrieli Fellows Program**, supporting excellence in graduate studies at Israeli academic institutions

We invite all participating academic institutions to nominate their outstanding graduate students for an Azrieli Fellowship starting in the **2026-2027 (תשפ"ז)** academic year.

Please note the following changes to our guidelines:

1. Page 7 (general)

Allowances in eligibility and submission of applications are made for parental or medical leave, and considered for other career interruptions, *including war-related delays*.

2. Page 7 (for candidates in the Natural Sciences):

- Candidates must have started their PhD studies after October 1, 2024. This PhD starting date is now relevant for Regular Track PhD students and also for Combined (sometimes called Direct) Track PhD students.
- The starting date for candidates in a Direct BA to PhD track remains earlier, October 1, 2023.

3. Pages 7-9:

- Candidates are eligible to apply for an Azrieli Fellowship in the **Natural Sciences, Social Sciences, Humanities, and Education** if they have submitted a Research Proposal to the academic institution by **February 23, 2026**.
- Research Proposals do not require approval at the time of application; however, they must be approved no later than **October 1, 2026**.

Application Process:

1. Submitting candidates' applications for the Azrieli Graduate Studies Fellowships will be online. However, the initial internal process within your institution may be conducted offline as in the past.

For your convenience, we are also attaching:

- a. A copy of the application form as a Word document – is needed for the internal offline process conducted by the academic institution.
- b. Instructions for accessing the digital application - for the online submission
- c. Confidential Referee Forms to be provided by each recommender

2. Updated guidelines are available in PDF format (attached under separate cover), and will also be available on our website, at
<https://azrielifoundation.org/fellows/>

Important Dates

Submission of applications to the Azrieli Foundation	February 23, 2026
Selection committees meet	March-April 2026
Interviews* of short-listed candidates (on Zoom)	May 2026
Winners and honourable mentions are announced	June 2026

* Short-listed candidates will be called upon to participate in an interview in May 2025 and may receive advance notice of only a few days. Please make your candidates aware of this possibility.

**Some technical changes have been made to our online application portal regarding the timing of when you upload the applicants' recommendations. Please contact us if you have any questions.

Good luck to all candidates! If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact us.

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