

## **Rothschild Fellowships for Physician Researchers 2027/2028**

### **Application Guidelines**

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## **1. MISSION**

The Rothschild Fellowships have been a mainstay of Yad Hanadiv's support for excellence in Israeli academia since the programme was established in 1979. In 2022 Yad Hanadiv introduced Physician-Researchers Fellowships for holders of MD/PhD degrees from Israeli institutions (as well as for candidates without a PhD degree who have demonstrated significant research achievements) to conduct research abroad. The purpose of the Fellowships is to help physicians with outstanding research potential advance in their respective fields, with the aim of enabling them to establish themselves as leading Physician-Researchers upon their return to Israel.

The Fellowships provide support for up to two years. Candidates are expected to be primarily engaged in academic research throughout the Fellowship period. Some clinical work may be permitted, provided it is supported by other sources and that it represents only a minor component of the Fellowship.

Up to seven Rothschild Fellowships for Physician-Researchers will be awarded for the 2027/2028 academic year.

Upon completion of their research and study abroad, it is expected that Rothschild Fellows will return to Israel, advancing the calibre of academic research. The programme has supported over 880 fellows to date.

The following guidelines outline details of the Rothschild Fellowships for Physician-Researchers.

## 2. ELIGIBILITY FOR ROTHSCHILD FELLOWSHIP FOR PHYSICIAN-RESEARCHERS

All physicians completing their residency at *any medical centre in Israel* are invited to submit their candidacy, provided they meet the following criteria:

1. Candidates must be permanent residents of Israel.
2. Candidates should have a PhD from an accredited institution of higher learning. In some cases, candidates without a PhD degree will be considered, provided they have **demonstrated significant research achievements (see FAQ)**.
3. Candidates must have completed their residency, or 'aleph-level' exams, in an eligible Israeli hospital/medical centre.
4. Candidates will be eligible only if the residency was completed after August 2023. (If you would like to discuss extension options, please contact Rothschild Fellowships at [Rothschild.fellowships@yadhanadiv.org.il](mailto:Rothschild.fellowships@yadhanadiv.org.il) and exceptions may be considered).
5. Applications must be submitted by the candidate's hospital / medical centre only. No direct submissions will be accepted. Each medical centre may submit up to **3 candidates only**.
6. Those holding a tenured position at an Israeli university will not be considered for the Fellowship (except in rare circumstances).
7. Recipients of a Rothschild Fellowship will be required to begin the fellowship between 1 June 2027 and 1 December 2027. Those beginning their postdoctoral studies abroad **before June 2027 may not apply** for the Fellowship. The Rothschild Fellowship may only be used to fund **the first period of postdoctoral study abroad**.
8. Candidates may receive supplementary funding of up to USD 80,000 per year. When calculating supplementary funding, the following types of funding will not be taken into account: support from other sources for research grants, research-related expenses, or travel to academic conferences and symposia. Funding from other sources for health insurance or other employee-related benefits will also not be taken into account.
9. Yad Hanadiv is a sponsor of Kalaniyot. Therefore, while applicants may apply to both programmes, those selected as Rothschild Fellows will not be eligible to receive overlapping funding from Kalaniyot during the tenure of their Rothschild Fellowship.
10. Candidates are required to submit a financial declaration to the Rothschild Fellowships Secretariat whenever they receive supplementary funding or become eligible to receive such funding. Failure to disclose all supplementary funding or competing funding opportunities (i.e., the possibility of receiving another fellowship during the period covered by the Rothschild Fellowship) will result in the loss of eligibility.

11. The purpose of the Rothschild Fellowship is to enable as many outstanding Israeli early-career researchers as possible to undertake their first postdoctoral fellowship abroad. If a fellow secures external funding exceeding \$80,000 during the fellowship tenure, they will lose eligibility for the primary fellowship award – though they will retain eligibility for family support. Fellows should not negotiate a reduction in external funding solely to circumvent this limit.
12. However, fellows remain permitted to decline an offer to participate in a postdoctoral programme elsewhere.
13. Partial grants will not be awarded.

### **3. TERMS OF THE FELLOWSHIP**

1. Up to seven Rothschild Fellowships for Physician-Researchers will be awarded for the 2027/2028 academic year.
2. Fellowships are provided for one year of study abroad.
3. The Fellowship award amount is NIS 260,000.
4. Allowances for family members who will accompany the Fellow:
  - 4.1. Spouse: NIS 20,000
  - 4.2. Children: NIS 25,000 / each
5. Candidates are strongly encouraged to use the Rothschild Fellowships funds to secure matching funds from their hosts. Funds may be used over a two-year period.

## 5. GUIDELINES: Application Form and Supporting Documents

1. Once confirmed by the medical centre (and only after receiving the university's confirmation), candidates are required to submit applications via Yad Hanadiv's online system, Priza, using the following link: <https://yadhanadiv.priza.net/signUpLink.aspx>. The online form follows the exact same questionnaire as the Application Form.
2. Complete the online application. Refer to the Frequently Asked Questions section for more information.
3. In addition to the application form, the following supporting documents, in English, are required:
  - a. Curriculum vitae, including the list of publications (according to the sample in Annex 1)
  - b. One academic paper, article (preferably published) or dissertation chapter **in English** that the candidate has authored or co-authored. The article should **clearly indicate** the name and issue of the journal where it was published or accepted for publication.
  - c. One or more letters of invitation or acceptance from the future host or host institution, if available. These letters should be concise and express the intention to serve as the future academic home of the candidate. **They should not be letters of recommendation.**
  - d. Recommendation letters:
    - i. Two letters of recommendation typed in English from two referees, at the request of the candidate. One of the referees should be the candidate's present or immediate past PhD supervisor or research supervisor (for candidates without a PhD). Candidates with two doctoral supervisors may submit letters from both. These letters should be regarded as confidential.
    - ii. An additional letter of recommendation from a senior academic at another university, who is qualified to assess the applicant's current and proposed research, may be submitted. Candidates are highly encouraged to do so.
    - iii. A future host or individual in their department cannot be asked to write a letter of recommendation if the candidate has already submitted an invitation or acceptance letter from said host / department.
    - iv. Referees are requested to: (i) compare the candidate to scientists and scholars in their field at similar academic stages; (ii) compare the candidate to other students with whom they have been in close contact; and (iii) whenever possible, compare the candidate to past recipients of the Rothschild Fellowship.
    - v. Letters of recommendation must be in English and **regarded as confidential**. They must be submitted by referees directly to the Secretariat of the Rothschild Fellowships ([Rothschild.fellowships@yadhanadiv.org.il](mailto:Rothschild.fellowships@yadhanadiv.org.il)).

4. When filling out the application questionnaire, please take into consideration that the Committee Members come from a variety of disciplines, and it is important that you write in a language accessible to non-specialists.
5. Consideration will be given only to complete applications with all supporting documents.

## 6. TIMETABLE

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| Internal submission of applications to hospitals                                             | Internal deadlines are set independently by each hospital.                                                                                                                          |
| Deadline for receipt of hospital-nominated applications*                                     | 3 December 2026                                                                                                                                                                     |
| Nomination confirmation                                                                      | Hospitals will contact applicants to confirm their nominations after receiving approval of the nomination lists from Yad Hanadiv.                                                   |
| Submission of applications to Yad Hanadiv                                                    | Within 7 days of the date on the hospital's nomination confirmation (including letters of recommendation, which should be sent directly to the Rothschild Fellowships secretariat). |
| Notification of candidates by Yad Hanadiv (regarding whether they proceed to the next stage) | 15/01/27                                                                                                                                                                            |
| Interviews at Yad Hanadiv's offices, Jerusalem                                               | 1 February 2027                                                                                                                                                                     |

\* Candidates must submit their applications **by the internal deadline set by their medical centre**, which will be earlier than the date mentioned above.

## 7. INTERVIEWS

- Interview dates are set as per the timetable above.
- Interviews will be held **in person** at Yad Hanadiv's offices, George Washington St 4, Jerusalem.

- The interview will be held in **English** and will be up to 20 minutes long.
- **Presentations are not allowed.**
- We highly recommend reviewing [our committee](#) members and their fields of expertise before the interview. Note that there may be changes to committee members and we encourage you to check our website ahead of the interview.
- You will have an opportunity to submit an updated CV / letter of acceptance before the interview.

## 8. Frequently Asked Questions

1. What research experience do I need if I do not have a PhD?

You must have significant research experience that showcases: your ability to lead independent research; conduct rigorous scientific inquiry; apply translational research and varied research methodologies; and high-quality publications. It is expected that by the end of the fellowship, Rothschild Fellows will be able to establish a research laboratory at a hospital or research institution as independent researchers.

2. What level of clinical work is allowed?

The purpose of the grant is to support research. Therefore, only minimal clinical research is allowed. The Fellowship is not suitable for those seeking a primarily clinical fellowship with minor research components.

3. Are invitation letters mandatory? What should they include?

Invitation letters are optional at this stage, and we encourage you to still apply even if you have not yet decided where you will undertake your postdoctoral fellowship. If provided, invitation letters should be concise and express the institution's intention to serve as your future academic home.

4. Can I apply if I do not yet know where I will do my postdoc?

Yes. In the application form, simply list the institutions you are considering for your postdoctoral fellowship.

5. Should I include references in my answers, and if so, are they included in the word count?

References are not obligatory. If used, references should be kept to a minimum and added at the end of the relevant answer. References are not included in the word count.

6. Can I include illustrations in my answers?

Yes, illustrations can be uploaded to the web portal, and you may refer to them in your answers.

7. What should be included in the Professional Experience and Appointments section of the CV? Should I include non-academic professional experience and appointments?

Please list all academic and any relevant non-academic professional experience in this section. Keep the information brief, including your role and the name of the laboratory and university or company. There is no need to describe your responsibilities or research in detail.

8. I previously applied and was not accepted. Can I reapply?

Yes, candidates can reapply as long as they still meet the eligibility requirements.

9. Can I update my application after submission?

No. Once submitted, applications are sent to committee reviews and cannot be updated. However, candidates invited for an interview will have an opportunity to update the following: 1) CV with updated publications / awards list; 2) Invitation letters.

10. I have received another grant totalling over \$80,000. Can I still apply for the Rothschild Fellowship?

If you have received funding worth more than \$80,000, you are not eligible for the Fellowship. If a Fellow secures external funding exceeding \$80,000 during the Fellowship tenure, they will lose eligibility for the Rothschild Fellowship award – though they will remain eligible for family support. Fellows should not negotiate a reduction in external funding solely to circumvent this limit.

11. Does the Fellowship include any support towards health insurance and/or research funds?

No, the Fellowship does not provide funding for any insurance or research expenses.

12. Does the Fellowship support visa applications?

No, but we can provide a confirmation letter that you have been awarded the Fellowship.

13. Is the Fellowship paid directly to the university or to the Fellow?

The Fellowship is paid directly to the Fellow's Israeli bank account.

# Curriculum Vitae\*

## [name]

### Personal Details

- *Phone:*
- *Address:*
- *Email:*
- *Languages:*

### Education, Training and Military Service (or Other Relevant Experience)

- *[Years]* : MSc /MA/PhD [Discipline, Affiliation, Name of supervisor]
- *[Years]* : Residency [Clinical Field, Affiliation]
- *[Years]* : Clinical Internship [Affiliation]
- *[Years]* : MD in [Discipline, Affiliation]
- *[Years]* : BSc/BA. (Magna cum Laude) in [Discipline, Affiliation]
- *[Years]* : Military Service or Other Relevant Experience (optional) [Please specify and include a brief description (up to 20 words)]
- *[Years]* : High School [name of school, city/location]

### Licenses and Certifications

### Professional Experience and Appointments

- *[Years]* :
- *[Years]* :
- *[Years]* :

### Teaching (Please list courses taught)

- *[Years]* : List course name, co-lecture if relevant, institution

### Honours and Awards (Including Membership in Professional Societies)

### Publications (*applicant name in bold, include Quartile and Impact Factor if available*)

- Published**
- Accepted for Publication**
- Submitted**

## **Conferences and Symposia (Papers Presented)**

## **Other Noteworthy Activities and Skills**

\*Please use this template as provided and include only the information requested under each heading.

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**Application Form**

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| <b>A) <u>PERSONAL INFORMATION</u></b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |                                   |
| 1. Full name (in English and Hebrew)                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |                                   |
| 2. ID number                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |                                   |
| 3. Current address                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |                                   |
| 4. Mobile phone number                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |                                   |
| 5. Email address                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |                                   |
| 6. Present appointment and place of employment                                                                                                                                                                                                               |                                   |
| <b>B) <u>ACADEMIC CAREER</u></b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |                                   |
| 7. Secondary (High) school (name and location)                                                                                                                                                                                                               |                                   |
| 8. Academic studies and university degrees (including your current degree). Please provide only the year in which each degree was conferred, the degree awarded, and the awarding institution. If a degree was conferred with honours, please indicate this. | <i>Year – Degree – University</i> |
| 9. Academic awards and distinctions                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |                                   |
| 10. Title of PhD dissertation and <b>name of supervisor</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                  |                                   |
| 11. Submission/approval date of PhD thesis (month/year); if not yet submitted, please provide anticipated date                                                                                                                                               |                                   |
| 12. Please provide a summary of your dissertation (up to 450 words)                                                                                                                                                                                          |                                   |

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| 13. If you do not have a PhD, please elaborate on your research experience and your main research project to date, including the field and framework in which you carried it out (up to 450 words) |  |
| 14. Clinical field                                                                                                                                                                                 |  |
| 15. Periods of academic study and research <u>outside</u> Israel; please provide date, location, and field of study                                                                                |  |

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| <b>C) <u>PLANNED STUDY AND RESEARCH ABROAD</u><sup>1</sup></b>                                                                                                                      |  |
| 16. Institution(s) abroad where you intend to conduct your studies/research.<br>List institutions to which you have applied and provide acceptance letters, if available.           |  |
| 17. When do you plan to begin your research abroad?                                                                                                                                 |  |
| 18. Period of proposed research or study (estimated duration)                                                                                                                       |  |
| 19. Please provide a summary of your present research, if different from questions 12–13 (up to 400 words).                                                                         |  |
| 20. Please describe your planned research activities for postdoctoral studies (up to 650 words).                                                                                    |  |
| 21. Explain the reasons for your choice of country, institution and academic supervisor abroad, and the connection, if any, with present and planned future work (up to 130 words). |  |
| 22. Please describe what you hope to have achieved by the end of your research period abroad (up to 130 words).                                                                     |  |
| <b>D) <u>FINANCIAL INFORMATION</u></b>                                                                                                                                              |  |

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<sup>1</sup> Please take into consideration that the Committee Members come from a variety of disciplines, and it is therefore important that you avoid jargon and use language that is accessible to non-specialists.

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| 27. Do you expect to receive a salary, partial salary, scholarship, fellowship, grant, sabbatical allowance, study allowance or any other payment from any source, including your present university / hospital, host university during the proposed period abroad? If so, please provide details. |                                                  |
| 28. You are highly encouraged to apply for a fellowship, scholarship or grant from another institution. Please indicate to which fellowships, if any, you have applied.                                                                                                                            |                                                  |
| <b>E) OTHER INFORMATION</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |                                                  |
| 29. Please include any additional information you would like the selection committee to consider.                                                                                                                                                                                                  |                                                  |
| <b>F) REFERENCES</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |                                                  |
| 30. State the name and affiliation of the people who have agreed to write letters of evaluation. Please indicate your relationship to them. <b>Your supervisor(s) should be listed first.</b>                                                                                                      | 1. Name – affiliation – relationship<br>2.<br>3. |

☐ I have read the Notes to Candidates in their entirety, confirm that I shall adhere to the stipulations contained therein, and agree to provide any further information that the Rothschild Fellowships Committee may deem necessary to evaluate my candidacy (**please check the box to indicate your agreement**).