



**The Zuckerman STEM Leadership Program
Post-Doctoral Scholarships at Tel-Aviv University
Call for Applications 2016-17**



Program Mission

The **NEW Zuckerman STEM Leadership Program** is designed to transform Israel's scientific landscape, dramatically expanding its talent pool by attracting the highest-achieving post-doctoral researchers from the best universities in the United States and Canada. Zuckerman Scholars will join the faculties of the Hebrew University, the Technion, Tel-Aviv University and the Weizmann Institute for a two year post-doctoral studies in the field of STEM.

In addition, Zuckerman Scholars will enjoy joint programming and activities specially organized for them by the host universities, such as touring, educational experiences, social programs. These programs will be aimed at strengthening the Scholars' knowledge of, and connection to Israel, and to cultivate an *esprit de corps* in relation to the Zuckerman Scholars Program.

Funding and Duration

Each Zuckerman Post-doctoral Scholar will be awarded \$50,000 per year for two years, with \$36,000 each year devoted to living expenses and \$14,000 each year for research (\$10,000) and travel (\$4000) expenses. In addition, the Selection Committee may under special circumstances extend the scholarship period for a given Zuckerman Scholar to up to four years.

The first Zuckerman Post-doctoral Scholars are expected to begin in October 2016.

Eligible to apply:

- Applicants must be holders of a Ph.D. degree.
- Applicants who do not yet hold a Ph.D. degree must submit the Ph.D. thesis before 10/2016.
- Fellows are required to arrive in Israel no later than 1 October 2016.
- Applicants who commenced their post-doctoral position at Tel-Aviv University before October 2015 are not eligible to apply.

Supporting Documents:

1. Application form.
2. Curriculum vitae, including a paragraph on demonstrated leadership qualities.
3. List of Publications.
4. A confirmation that the candidate is entitled to a Ph.D. degree and the date it was awarded, or an administrative confirmation that the doctoral thesis was sent to the referees.
5. A short (1-2 pages) research proposal.
6. A letter of consent from a potential supervisor from Tel-Aviv University.
7. Three letters of recommendation (including a letter from the Ph.D. supervisor and if possible, one not from the University where the Ph.D. was granted).

Applications should be sent by the hosting supervisor via email as one pdf file to shlomita@tauex.tau.ac.il.

Letters of recommendation can be sent directly and separately by referees.

Deadline for Applications: April 15, 2016

Selection

The Zuckerman Selection Committee will select the most worthy candidates for the Zuckerman Post-doctoral Scholarship.

Selection criteria include outstanding academic and research records, letters of recommendation and demonstrated leadership qualities.

Expected Notification of Results: May 2016