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28<sup>th</sup> May, 2012

The Registrar

Sub: **Post doctoral Scholarship for Indian scholars to study in Israel.**

Sir/Madam,

The Government of Israel is offering scholarships for outstanding post-doctoral students from India to pursue their research at Israeli universities. Attached is the invitation to apply for these scholarships along with the application form.

The interested persons may apply.

The details are enclosed for kind information.

Yours sincerely,

  
(Renu Batra)

Encl: As above

Note:-

1. **There is no financial liability on part of UGC.**
2. **No query may please be made to UGC in this regard**



תועדה לתכנון והקצוב | Planning & Budgeting Committee

Jerusalem  
March 1, 2012

To  
The Presidents of the Universities

Greetings,

Re: The PBC Program for Fellowships for Outstanding Post-doctoral Researchers from China and India

1. The Government of Israel considers the development of relations with China and India to be of strategic importance.
2. One of the topics that was cited as important for the promotion of academic ties with these countries is the existence of a program to encourage outstanding post-doctoral researchers from China and India to come research at universities in Israel.
3. Pursuant to this, on January 4, 2012, the PBC approved a program for the award of fellowships to post-doctoral researchers from China and India in Israeli universities as well as the proposed model for its operation and its budgetary framework.
4. According to this program, the Planning and Budgeting Committee (the PBC) will fund each year up to **100** three-year fellowships to outstanding post-doctoral researchers from China and from India. A special steering committee, to be appointed by the Chairman of the PBC, will be entrusted with the academic assessment of candidates and the selection of the winners.

5. The amount of a fellowship will be not less than **NIS 100,000 a year** (in budget year 2012/13 prices) for periods of up to three years; NIS 67,000 per year of this sum will be an allocation by the PBC and a sum amounting to no less than NIS 33,000 per year will be paid by the university to each fellow. The fellowship is intended as participation in the fellow's living expenses.
6. Each university is allowed to submit **up to 40 candidates** who meet the requirements set out in the Rules. Submission of candidacy to the PBC will be solely through the universities. The internal timetables in each institution are binding on the candidates.
7. **Candidates should apply directly to the universities** and their selection by the institutions will be according to internal procedures and subject to the detailed terms of the Rules.
8. We request that you submit the list of the university's candidates, prioritized, on the enclosed form **no later than April 30, 2012 and in 6 complete copies**, with the following appended materials:
  - a. the institution's rules for the selection of candidates.
  - b. an application form for each candidates (to be sent soon).
  - c. the *curriculum vitae* of each candidate, including his or her grades on the bachelor's, master's and doctoral degrees.
  - d. an abstract (of 3 to 5 pages) of the research program.
  - e. Three recommendations and the commitment by the designated Israeli advisor / person responsible for the program in the university, setting out his or her agreement to guide the fellow
  - f. commitment by the candidates and the university to comply with the requirements of the PBC's Rules.

9. The Rules of the program are enclosed.

Yours sincerely,

יועב טאובמן

Yoav Taubman

Coordinator, Budgeting for Universities

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The Rectors of the Universities

The Deputy Directors-General for Finances of the Universities

The Directors of the Budget Departments of the Universities

The Coordinators of Fellowships Programs in the Universities

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Mr. Moshe Vigdor, Director-General of the CHE/PBC

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Mr. Amir Gat, Head of Budgeting for Universities, PBC

## **THE PBC PROGRAM FOR FELLOWSHIPS FOR OUTSTANDING POST-DOCTORAL RESEARCHERS FROM CHINA AND INDIA**

### **Rules and Guidelines**

#### **The Aims of the Program**

1. The development of relations with China and India, while encouraging the State of Israel's research and academic ties with these countries;
2. Increasing the number of outstanding foreign post-doctoral researchers in Israel, while maintaining the trend of strengthening research teams in the universities.

#### **The Fellowships**

3. The Planning and Budgeting Committee will award each year up to 100 fellowships for periods of up to three years to outstanding post-doctoral researchers from China and from India.
4. The amount of the fellowship will be not less than NIS 100,000 per year (in budget year 2012/13 prices), for two years, with the possibility of extending it for a third year. Financing for the fellowship will be on the basis of matching participation by the universities. The PBC's total participation per fellowship is NIS 67,000 per year, with a sum of no less than NIS 33,000 per year paid by the university to each fellow.
5. The award of the fellowship is contingent upon the following conditions:
  - a. The fellow shall make the following commitment to the university:
    - i. not to undertake any paid employment, excluding assisting instruction in the university, and even this shall only be with the written approval of the fellow's advisor and shall not exceed two weekly hours of instruction, for two years only.
    - ii. To request approval from the university for each break in research work of six months or more. The university shall not approve suspension of research work for longer than one year.

- b. The university shall make the following commitment to the PBC:
  - i. not to employ the fellow on account of the fellowship;
  - ii. To provide the fellow with the necessary professional literature and research tools in a way that will enable optimal use of the years of research;
  - iii. To acquaint the fellow with the rules of the program and with the above obligations and rights.

### **Terms for the Selection of Candidates**

6. The candidate shall fulfill the following conditions:
  - a. The candidate shall be a citizen and resident of China or India, and shall not hold Israeli citizenship.
  - b. The candidate shall hold a doctoral degree which, at the time of his or her selection by the university, will have been awarded no more than two years previously, and shall intend to undertake, for a limited period of time, full-time advanced training and research activities in his or her scientific field in an established research group in a university in Israel, under the guidance of a senior researcher who is a member of the academic staff of the university.
  - c. **In exceptional cases**, it will be possible to present the candidacy of a person who has not yet received the doctoral degree, on condition that he or she will provide confirmation from the relevant authority where the doctorate is being carried out, of the fact that the candidate has fulfilled all the academic requirements and has presented his or her doctoral thesis for judgment. In any case, if the candidate does not receive the doctoral degree during the first year of his stay in Israel, he will not be able to continue his activities and the institution will cease his fellowship.

### The Selection of Candidates

7. A special steering committee, to be appointed by the Chairman of the PBC, will be entrusted with the academic assessment of candidates and the selection of the winners. The functions of the committee on behalf of the PBC will be as follows:
  - a. to evaluate the qualifications of candidates proposed to the PBC.
  - b. to select the candidates who will receive fellowships.
  - c. to evaluate the internal procedures for the selection of candidates in the universities.
8. The steering committee will formulate, with the assistance of the institutions, a closed list of leading institutions of higher education in China and in India, and only graduates with doctoral degrees from one of these institutions will be able to apply for a fellowship in this program. This list will be approved by the PBC and will be updated as necessary and published yearly along with the Call for Candidates.
9. **Candidates shall apply directly to the contact person at the university where they wish to train.** Each university shall independently evaluate the suitability of the candidates and shall then submit its candidates to the PBC. The university shall check the candidate's suitability from the point of view of his academic level and research capabilities, and from the point of view of his or her fluency in English. For this purpose, the candidates will be requested to submit to the universities, together with their application files, the results of an international examination of their level of English as a foreign language.
10. The rectors of the universities shall submit to the PBC the candidates that their institutions have recommended, prioritized, and accompanied by the following:
  - a. Explanatory notes on the selection process, the reasons for submitting the candidates, and the commitment regarding the

fulfillment of all conditions. **Candidates who do not meet the basic requirements, as above, shall not be submitted.**

- b. Full details on each candidate, as submitted to the university's selection committee.
  - c. Commitment by the designated Israel advisor / person responsible for the program in the university, setting out his or her agreement to guide the candidate.
  - d. **The commitment of the candidates and the university** that all the necessary conditions set out in the PBC's Rules have been met.
11. It is possible to submit candidates who will commence their advanced training in the institution already during the 2011/12 academic year.
12. Selection of winners will be nation-wide and not on an institutional basis, according to academic excellence and the criteria set by the steering committee and at its discretion. The committee shall take into consideration the list of priorities determined by the institution, but is not obligated to act according to it. Criteria for academic excellence shall be based, *inter alia*, on the academic activities of the candidate, the grade obtained on his or her doctorate, list of publications, list of scientific works and grades.

### **Procedures for Reporting and Payment**

13. The university shall submit to the PBC, by September 30 of each year:
- a. An academic report and a financial report of fellows in the current academic year in each cycle. The academic report, which shall include a short evaluation of each fellow's achievements as well as a recommendation regarding the continuation of the fellowship, shall be signed by the rector of the institution. The financial report shall be signed by the accepted authorized signatories.
  - b. A list of fellows who will continue in the following year, accompanied by confirmation of the continued progression of their studies. For fellows for whom a request to extend the fellowship to a third year



has been submitted, the justifications for the extension will be appended. In addition, the university will report on any break in study that exceeds six months.

- c. Commitment regarding the fulfillment by the university of the conditions set out in section 5 of the Rules.

- 14. The PBC will transfer the funds for the fellowships for the entire year, for all eligible fellows in all cycles of the program, on the basis of these reports. It should be noted that the renewal of a fellowship from year to year is dependent upon a decision of the steering committee, based on the institution's recommendation.



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The PBC Program for Fellowships for Outstanding Post-doctoral  
Researchers from China and India - 2012/2013

Application Form



**INSTRUCTIONS:**

The application form and all supporting documents **must be typed** in English and submitted to the university, according to the guidelines determined at each institution, together with a recent photograph. The application must be signed by the candidate. In addition, the following supporting documents, typed in English, are required:

1. Curriculum vitae including a list of publications.
2. Three letters of recommendation typed in English from Three referees, at the request of the candidate.
3. Commitment by the designated Israeli advisor / person responsible for the program in the university, setting out his or her agreement to guide the fellow.

<b><u>A) PERSONAL INFORMATION</u></b>	
1. Full Name	
2. Citizenship	
3. Passport number	
4. Date of birth	
5. Place of birth	
6. Permanent address	

7. Phone numbers	home: work: mobile:																
8. E-mail address																	
9. Date of arrival in Israel																	
10. Gender	Male / Female																
11. Marital Status (if married, include name of spouse)																	
12. Number and age of children																	
13. Which family members will accompany you?																	
14. Present appointment and place of employment																	
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<b>B) <u>ACADEMIC CAREER</u></b>																	
16. Academic discipline																	
17. Academic studies and university degrees If degrees were conferred with honours, please indicate.																	
18. Title of PhD dissertation																	
19. Submission of PhD thesis (month/year)																	
20. PhD graduation (month/year) If not yet approved, please provide anticipated date.																	
21. Academic awards and distinctions																	

C) <u>PLANNED STUDY AND RESEARCH</u>	
22. Preferred department to conduct your studies/research	
23. Period of proposed research or study	
D) <u>FINANCE</u>	
24. 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 or any other source during the proposed period? If so, please provide details of any such allowances.	
25. 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.	
26. Please indicate any significant fellowships in your discipline not listed above, of which you are aware.	

**Please Note:** The financial aid of this scholarship is adequate only for the living expenses of the fellow himself/herself.

Please provide a summary of your dissertation (3 to 5 pages).

27. Please provide a summary of your present research (if **different** from your dissertation).

28. Please describe your planned research activities for the academic year 2012/2013.

29. Explain, in some detail, the reasons for your choice of institution and academic supervisor and the connection, if any, with your present and planned future work (up to 10-12 lines).

30. Please describe in one paragraph (10-12 lines) what you hope to have achieved at the conclusion of your post-doctoral studies.

I have read the Rules and Guidelines in their entirety, confirm that I shall abide by them and agree to provide any further information which the PBC steering committee for The Program may deem necessary to evaluate my candidacy.

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Date

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Signature