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**Subject: UNESCO/Israel Co-Sponsored Fellowships for
Post Doctoral Studies - 2009 Cycle**

Madam/Sir,

On behalf of the Director-General and the Government of Israel, I have pleasure in informing you that, within the framework of UNESCO's Co-Sponsored Fellowships Scheme, Israel has generously offered 10 fellowships to be awarded to post-doctoral candidates from developing countries interested in undertaking research in universities/institutions in Israel. It is hoped that in this manner impetus can be given to research in all fields of study and to promoting the active involvement of deserving young candidates in research that can contribute to the solution of the problems of contemporary society.

Aware of your Government's interest in the strengthening and the enhancement of the role of the academic community, we are confident that it will attach great importance to these fellowships and will be in a position to disseminate this offer widely. It would be appreciated if you could transmit this offer to interested governmental and non-governmental bodies. In particular, scientific research institutes and institutes of higher education should be encouraged to nominate meritorious candidates through your National Commission.

The target group, eligibility criteria, conditions for application, application procedures and terms of the fellowships are detailed in Annex I. Please refer to Annex II for the list of the Universities/Institutes hosting these fellowships in Israel.

This programme is offered in open competition. The number of fellowships put at the disposal of UNESCO under this programme being

limited, only candidates with the necessary qualifications will have a chance to be selected. It should be emphasized that the research fellowships are intended for persons who demonstrate outstanding intellectual promise, imagination and personal commitment, and who may be expected to make significant contribution to their country. Special attention will be paid to applications on behalf of young women and to candidatures from the least developed countries.

Owing to the fact that English will be the medium of communication in the host institutions in Israel, this letter is available in English ONLY. Please note that all applications should be addressed to the chosen university (see Annex III). Only applicants approved by the Israeli universities concerned are required to submit their dossiers to UNESCO. As the deadline set for this submission is **30 October 2009**, potential candidates are encouraged to send their application files to the chosen university as soon as possible (i.e., at least one month before this date).

I am confident that this joint UNESCO/Israel venture will serve to strengthen UNESCO's efforts to encourage the participation of young professionals in global development issues.

Please accept, Madam/Sir, the assurances of my highest consideration.

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Chief,
Fellowships Programme Section



cc: UNESCO Field offices
Israel National Commission for UNESCO
Council for Higher Education
Permanent Delegation of Israel to UNESCO
Mr. Georges Haddad, DIR/ED/HED
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Enclosures: Annex I (Conditions and Procedures)
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State of Israel

**Ministry
of Education**

**Council for Higher Education
Planning and Budgeting Committee**

**Ministry of
Foreign Affairs**

Israel National Commission for UNESCO

UNESCO/ISRAEL Co-Sponsored Fellowships for Post-Doctoral Studies

2009 CYCLE

A. INTRODUCTION

Within the framework of UNESCO's Co-Sponsored Fellowships Scheme, a joint programme is being launched with Israel's Planning and Budgeting Committee of the Council for Higher Education, and, the Israel National Commission for UNESCO, with a view to promoting post-doctoral study and research. Ten (10) fellowships will be awarded to post-doctoral candidates from developing countries interested in undertaking research in state-of-the-art universities/institutions in Israel. Candidates should be young professionals originating from UNESCO's developing Member States who, through their enthusiasm and innovative research are making valuable contributions.

The UNESCO/Israel Co-Sponsored Fellowship Programme focuses on UNESCO's premise that people are the world's greatest resource and that innovation and excellence, especially in the young, deserve to be encouraged through the concerted efforts of the international community. The award of the fellowships constitutes a key strategy through which impetus is being given to the enhancement of the role of young women and men, in devising solutions to problems confronting humankind today and tomorrow.

B. TARGET GROUP

The programme is designed to identify and reward 10 deserving, committed and talented young women and men from the developing world, active in research in various academic fields with an emphasis on science and technology and water studies.

Candidates must be engaged in pursuing research at the post-doctoral level in all fields of academic studies.

Special attention will be given to candidatures on behalf of women and from the Least Developed Countries (LDCs).

C. ELIGIBILITY

Applicants must meet the following general criteria:

1. Be from a developing country listed in Annex II.
2. Candidates must have received within three years their **PhD degree**.
3. Only candidates with the necessary qualifications, who demonstrate outstanding intellectual promise and personal qualities, shall be considered under this programme.

4. Candidates must be able to integrate an on-going research programme being conducted at one of the universities/institutes listed (Annex III).
5. Candidates must be able to communicate in English and are required to provide the TOEFL scores (Test of English as a Foreign Language) obtained.
6. Applicants must be in good health, both physically and mentally.

D. CONDITIONS FOR APPLICATION:

1. Fields of study: Open to all academic subjects with priority given to engineering, sciences and water technology
2. Duration of Proposed Study/Research: 1 Academic Year
(Where warranted, the fellowship may be extended for up to an additional year)
3. Closing Date for Submission of Documents to UNESCO by Applicants Approved by Israeli universities: **30 October 2009**
4. Starting Date of Research: **During academic year 2009/2010**
5. Place of study: Israel
(In one of the universities/institutes listed in Annex III)

(It should be understood that upon termination of the fellowship, the beneficiary must return to the country of residence so that the knowledge acquired is put to beneficial use in national/local research and training programmes).

6. Modality of Study:

Research must be carried out under the direction of a member of the senior academic faculty of one of the 7 host universities/institutions mentioned in Annex III

7. Application Procedures:

Approved applicants by Israeli University must submit to the UNESCO Fellowships Programme Section (Address: 7, Place de Fontenoy, 75700 Paris, France) the required documentation with the prescribed application form not later than **30 October 2009**. The candidates should provide UNESCO an acceptance letter from one of the Israel Universities in the attached list. Each interested candidate will specify in the application the university/institute in Israel where he/she intends to work. After ensuring that the dossiers are complete, UNESCO will then transmit the candidatures received to the Vice President for Research of the chosen university as soon as possible.

Potential candidates are invited to visit the internet website of the various universities/institutes shown in Annex III where they will find pertinent information on Research and Development facilities and centres, research activities, and on senior academic staff, etc.

IMPORTANT: Each host university/institute in Israel must transmit the list of candidates received from UNESCO under this programme by **October 2009** to the Planning and Budgeting Committee of the Council of Higher Education.

Potential candidates are encouraged therefore, to submit their applications **as soon as possible**, as each participating university/institute may reach its quota and close the enrolment for this programme before this date.

The application **must** have the following attachments in **duplicate**:

- i) The completed post-doctoral fellowship application form.
- ii) Curriculum vitae.
- iii) Certified copies of degrees or diplomas (including transcript of grades), including proof of having obtained a PhD degree (or its equivalent).
- iv) Two letters of recommendation from leading personalities in the candidate's field of study/research (at least one not from candidate's own university) or from someone familiar with the candidate's work.
- v) Title and summary of the Ph.D. dissertation/thesis written by the candidate including official record of studies towards graduate degree.
- vi) Name, title and remarks of the principal advisor on candidate's doctoral dissertation/thesis.
- vii) A short description of one page of the research work the candidate would like to pursue during the post-doctoral training period.
- viii) Duly completed UNESCO medical examination form.
- ix) A letter of endorsement from the National Commission for UNESCO of the candidate's country.

Additional Information:

Additional information and assistance can be obtained by contacting **directly** either the university/institute in Israel where placement is desired, or, the Embassy (or the representatives) of Israel in the candidate's country. Only the listed universities/institutes in Israel can provide ample information on study/research being currently conducted by them. The name of the Vice President for Research in the participating universities/institutes is included with a view to facilitating communication between interested candidates and the host institute.

UNESCO and Israel attach the greatest importance to originality and quality. Consideration will be given only to well-planned projects where the necessary contacts with the host university/institute in Israel have been made and that

demonstrate innovation, imagination and relevance, and, which promise to contribute to knowledge in science and technology and water studies.

Files which are incomplete or which are received after the deadline for application, as well as candidatures that do not fulfil the requirements mentioned above, will not be taken into consideration.

E. FACILITIES OFFERED BY ISRAEL

The fellowship, generously financed by the Planning and Budgeting Committee of the Council for Higher Education of Israel and the Israel National Commission for UNESCO, shall consist of the following:

An all inclusive lump-sum contribution equivalent in local currency to **US\$20,000** per year for each selected beneficiary to support her/him during study/research in Israel. The amount offered should cover the international travel costs for the approved itinerary, accommodation, meals, books, local transportation, telephone expenses, medical insurance, and, incidentals, etc.

(Note: No provision to finance or lodge family members is made. Facilities will not be available to provide appropriate living conditions, and, the amount of the fellowship is adequate only for the living expenses of the fellow himself/herself.)

F. SELECTION OF BENEFICIARIES

Each of the seven participating universities/institutes in Israel will make their own direct final selection of the most deserving candidates and will transmit the names of those selected to the Israel National Commission for UNESCO, who will then request the Fellowships Programme Section to issue the letters of award.

As UNESCO is an inter-governmental organization and, therefore, bound to respect equitable geographical distribution, **no more than one (1) fellowship** should be awarded to any Member State.

Candidates not informed of their selection by **30 October 2009** should consider that their applications were not retained during the selection process.

**UNESCO/ISRAEL Co-Sponsored Fellowships for Post-Doctoral
Studies in Science and Technology
(Including Water Research)
2009 Cycle**

List of Invited Member States (98)

AFRICA (32 Member States)

Angola	Equatorial Guinea	Niger
Benin	Eritrea	Rwanda
Burkina Faso	Ethiopia	Sao Tome and Principe
Burundi	Gambia	Senegal
Cape Verde	Guinea	Sierra Leone
Central African Republic	Guinea Bissau	Somalia
Chad	Lesotho	Togo
Comoros	Liberia	United Republic of Tanzania
Democratic Republic of Congo	Madagascar	Swaziland
Djibouti	Malawi	Zambia
	Mali	
	Mozambique	

ASIA AND THE PACIFIC (16 Member States)

Afghanistan	Lao People's Democratic Republic	Samoa
Bangladesh	Maldives	Solomon Islands
Bhutan	Mongolia	Timor-Leste
Cambodia	Myanmar	Uzbekistan
Kiribati	Nepal	Vanuatu
Kyrgyzstan		

EUROPE (21 Member States)

Albania	Czech Republic	Romania
Armenia	Estonia	Russian Federation
Azerbaijan	Georgia	Serbia
Belarus	Hungary	Slovakia
Bosnia and Herzegovina	Latvia	The Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia
Bulgaria	Lithuania	Ukraine
Croatia	Poland	
	Republic of Moldova	

LATIN AMERICA AND THE CARIBBEAN (27 Member States)

Argentina	Haiti
Belize	Honduras
Bolivia	Jamaica
Brazil	Mexico
Chile	Nicaragua
Colombia	Panama
Costa Rica	Paraguay
Dominica	Peru
Dominican Republic	Saint Kitts and Nevis
Ecuador	Saint Lucia
El Salvador	Saint Vincent and the Grenadines
Grenada	Uruguay
Guatemala	Venezuela
Guyana	

ARAB STATES (2 Member States)

Mauritania
Yemen

Host Universities in Israel

1. **The Hebrew University of Jerusalem** -Mt. Scopus, Jerusalem 91905
Prof. Hervé Bercovier, Vice-President for Research and Development
Web: www.info.huji.ac.il
E-Mail: herve.bercovier@ard.huji.ac.il
Telephone: 972-2-6586628/Fax: 972-2-5664740
2. **The Technion – Israel Institute of Technology** – Haifa 32000
Prof. Oded Shmueli, Vice-President for Research Development
Web: www.technion.ac.il
E-Mail: oshmu@cs.technion.ac.il
Telephone: 972-4-8292527/Fax: 972-4-8294609
3. **Tel-Aviv University** – P.O. Box 39040, Tel-Aviv 69978
Prof. Ehud Gazit, Vice-President for Research and Development
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E-Mail: ehudg@post.tau.ac.il ; gazitadm@tauex.tau.ac.il
Telephone: 972-3-6409030/Fax: 972-3-6409407/5448
4. **Bar-Ilan University** – Box 90000 Ramat-Gan 52900
Prof. Harold Basch, Vice-President for Research and Development
Web: www.biu.ac.il
E-Mail: birnd@mail.biu.ac.il
Telephone: 972-3-5318441/Fax: 972-3-5356088
5. **The University of Haifa** – Haifa 31905
Prof. Majid Al-Haj, Vice-President for Research and Development
Web: www.haifa.ac.il
E-Mail: m.alhaj@univ.haifa.ac.il
Telephone: 972-4-8240930/Fax: 972-4-8249865
6. **Ben-Gurion University of the Negev** – POB 653, Beer Sheva 84105
Prof. Moti Herskowitz, Vice-President for Research and Development
Web: www.bgu.ac.il
E-Mail: herskow@bgu.ac.il
Telephone: 972-8-6472421-4/Fax: 972-8-6477745
7. **The Weizmann Institute of Science** – P.O. Box 26,Rehovot 76100
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8. **The Open University of Israel** - Raanana
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UNESCO FELLOWSHIP MEDICAL EXAMINATION FORM

Confidential

This form shall be completed by a recognized physician no more than four months before the actual date of the studies and should be accompanied by a chest X-Ray of less than six months. In order to preserve confidentiality, this form may be sent in a sealed envelope marked "Medical report - Confidential" followed by the fellowship candidate's name, his/her nationality and the Programme/Project concerned.

PART I
MEDICAL EXAMINATION REPORT

I hereby authorize any of the doctors, hospitals or clinics mentioned in this form to provide UNESCO Medical Service with copies of all my medical records in order to enable the Organization to assess my physical and mental health and fitness for intensive study in a foreign country.

I certify that the statements made by me in answer to the questions below are, to the best of my knowledge, true and complete. I realize that any incorrect statement or material omission may entail the non-assignment of the fellowship.

Date: Signature of candidate:
Name of candidate: Sex: M F
Address: Date of birth:
Nationality:
Nature of studies:
Field(s) of study
Place(s) of study

FAMILY HISTORY

What relatives or associates have had tuberculosis?
Have any relatives had nervous or mental disorders?
State diagnosis

PERSONAL HISTORY

Have examinee suffered from any of the following diseases: If so, when?
Tuberculosis Tropical Diseases
Cardiac Disease Acute or chronic respiratory disease
Gastrointestinal Disorders Allergies
Mental or nervous disabilities Any disease or injury not
Arthritis noted above?
Genito-urinary or kidney diseases

PHYSICAL EXAMINATION

1. General development : Good Fair Poor
Nutrition: Thin Average Obese
Height Weight Maximum Weight When?
Any recent change in weight?

2. Skin: Any obvious disease?
3. Eyes: Lids Sight: Right eye Left eye
Corrected?
4. Ears: Inspection Hearing: Right ear Left ear
5. Glands Thyroid
6. Respiratory System: Does physical examination reveal anything abnormal in the respiratory organs?
If yes, explain fully
7. Condition of teeth
8. Circulatory System
Heart: Any organic lesions?
Pulse
Blood pressure: Systolic Diastolic
Electrocardiogram (45 years or over)
9. Digestive system
Abdomen Liver Spleen
Hernia Rectum
Intestinal parasites
10. Nervous System: Indications of nervous or mental disabilities
11. Genito-Urinary System
Kidneys Genitals
12. Urine analysis
Physical appearance Albumin
Sugar Casts
13. Blood: Haemoglobin Red Cells per cubic cm.
Leucocytes per cubic cm.
Differential leucocyte count

CHEST X RAY

Report:

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IMPORTANT: Attach a recent X-Ray picture of thorax, which should not be smaller than 3" x 3"

OTHER RELEVANT INFORMATION

Does the examination reveal any elements not mentioned above that are likely to affect the health of the examinee?

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MEDICAL EXAMINATION OF FELLOW'S CANDIDATE

PART II
CERTIFICATE OF MEDICAL HEALTH

Name of candidate Sex: M F
Address Date of birth
..... Nationality

Nature of studies:

Field(s) of study
Place(s) of study

CONCLUSIONS OF EXAMINING PHYSICIAN

Is the applicant physically and mentally able to pursue intensive study in a foreign country?
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Name of the examining physician (in block capitals):
Address
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Date: Signature of the examining physician:

CLEARANCE OF THE UNESCO CHIEF MEDICAL OFFICER:

On the basis of the medical report of the examining physician and of his above conclusions, I consider this candidate fit/unfit (delete when inapplicable) to follow intensive studies in a foreign country.
Other remarks, if applicable
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Date: Signature of the UNESCO Chief Medical Officer:

TO BE COMPLETED BY THE UNESCO FELLOWSHIPS DIVISION

Programme/Project:
Country(ies) of study:
Duration: