

THE AZRIELI FELLOWS PROGRAM APPLICATION FORM - PHD

Notes to Applicant:

Due to the international nature of the Azrieli Fellows Program Selection Committees, the following application and all the additional application materials are to be submitted in English.

Handwritten applications will not be accepted. This form may be downloaded in Word format from the Azrieli Foundation website, for the purpose of filling out on a personal computer. See www.azrielifoundation.org/fellows .

The deadline for receipt of university nominated and approved applications by the Azrieli Foundation is February 15th, 2015. Candidates are advised to check with their academic institutions regarding internal deadlines for submission of application materials.

The Selection Committees will meet between April 12, 2015 and May 31, 2015. Candidates may be called upon to participate in an interview during that period.

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Name of Nominating Institution _____

Faculty / Dept. _____

Date of beginning of PhD program _____

Direct / Regular Track _____

If you have an approved research proposal (not a requirement), when was it approved? ____

A. PERSONAL DATA:

Last name				שם משפחה:
First name				שם פרטי:
Date of Birth				
Place of Birth				
Citizenship				
I.D. Number				
Family Status	Single	Married	Children	
Address				
Telephone				
Mobile phone				
Email address				

PERSONAL DATA (continued):

Tell us about yourself. (up to ½ a page):

Military / National Service:

From [year]	To [year]	Rank

Describe your military or national service. Where did you serve?

Describe your interests and hobbies.

How did you hear about the Azrieli Fellows Program?

B. ACADEMIC CREDENTIALS:

1. Higher Education (post-high school)

Year (From – To)	Academic Institution	Degree Received	Faculty / Department	GPA / grades relative to class average (if available)

2. Academic distinctions, awards, scholarships

Year	Details

3. List (or attach a list) of publications you have authored or co-authored.

Year	Details

B. ACADEMIC CREDENTIALS (continued):

4. Provide a short description of the courses you have taken during your first year of PhD studies, along with grades where available – to be attached to this form.

B. ACADEMIC CREDENTIALS (continued):

5. Details of Masters studies - to be attached to this form:

- Transcripts – Courses and grades
- GPA - grades relative to the class average, where available
- Name of academic supervisor
- Certification of receipt of degree
- Subject of thesis and final mark
- 1 page abstract of thesis – in English
- Copy of full thesis - on CD

B. ACADEMIC CREDENTIALS (continued):

6. Details of undergraduate studies – to be attached to this form:

- Transcripts – Courses and grades
- GPA - grades relative to the class average, where available
- Certification of receipt of degree

B. ACADEMIC CREDENTIALS (continued):

7. For applicants in a Direct Track PhD course, please state this clearly and attach:

- Transcripts of undergraduate studies
- GPA - grades relative to the class average, where available
- Course descriptions and marks of any courses already done via the direct track.
- Copies of 2 research papers or work which can showcase your research abilities.

If papers are in Hebrew, please provide a 1 page summary in English.

C. PhD RESEARCH:

1. Planned field and subject of research: Please attach a short summary of up to 5 lines of your area and topic of research. This is in addition to the Research Statement requested below.
2. Research Statement: Please provide a 2 - 5 page research statement that includes the following:
 - State the issue or area you wish to address in your research.
 - Describe the current status of research in this area
 - Provide the context and set the stage for your research program.
 - Describe your tentative research plan.
 - State the significance of your research. How is your proposed research program unique and innovative? In what sense does it differ from previous work done in the field, and particularly in your research group in recent years? What conceptual or technical barriers need to be overcome in the development of your proposal?
3. Name of Supervisor _____
4. Have you submitted a research proposal? If yes, when?

5. Has your proposal been approved? If yes, when? Please enclose a copy in CD format.

D. PERSONAL MERIT: (answers to be attached to this form)

1. Please describe any significant voluntary activity you have been, or are currently, involved in. This may include volunteer work in the community, emissary work abroad, involvement in youth movements, university campus activity etc. Provide details of the type of work you did. What did you contribute to the activity and what did you gain from being involved? (up to ½ page).
2. Describe an experience or event in your life in which someone demonstrated leadership and had an impact on you personally.
Why was that person an effective leader? (up to ½ a page).
3. Please describe 2 significant molding events in your life, one from your childhood and one from adulthood (up to ½ a page for each event).
4. Write a 5 sentence paragraph to convince high school students to accept an element of your thesis topic for their own final matriculation project ("avodat gemer").
5. What experience or event in your life influenced your choice of research topic?
6. How do you envision the development of your career over the next ten years?
7. Give a short description of how you envision Israel 20 years from now.
(up to ½ a page).

E. ADDITIONAL MATERIALS:

1. Please provide **three** letters of reference, each to include the attached Referee Form. **One of these letters and forms should be from your academic supervisor.** Letters and forms should be sent by the referees directly to the university administration, within the time limit set by the university. It is the candidate's responsibility to check with his/her university regarding the deadline for submission of references and to which office, and to inform the referee of this information.

List the names and telephone numbers of your referees here:

	Name	Telephone
Referee #1		
Referee #2		
Referee #3		

2. Nominating Institution Statement Form signed by the Rector / Dean in applicant's university. See attached form.
3. If you have any additional information that you feel will enable us to know you better, please to provide it here.

DECLARATION:

I hereby declare that all information provided in this statement is correct.

Signature: _____

Date: _____

CHECKLIST:

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|--------------------------------|--|--------------------------|
| A. PERSONAL DATA | General | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| | Military | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| | Hobbies | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| B. ACADEMIC CREDENTIALS | Higher Education | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| | Awards / distinctions | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| | Publications | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| | First year PhD | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| | Masters studies | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| | Bachelors studies | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| | Direct track
(if applicable) | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| C. PHD RESEARCH | Questions 1 – 5
(including attached Research Statement) | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| D. PERSONAL MERIT | Questions 1 – 7 | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| E. ADDITIONAL MATERIALS | Referee details | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| | Nominating Institution Statement Form | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| | Additional information (optional) | <input type="checkbox"/> |

NOMINATING INSTITUTION STATEMENT FORM:

This is to certify that the nominee _____ is a full time research student at our institution, studying for a PhD in the field of _____

This is to certify that the nominee is being supervised academically by the following senior faculty member:

Name: _____

Department / Faculty: _____

This is to certify that should _____ win a Fellowship, s/he will be fully exempt from all tuitions and fees at this institution for the duration of his/her Fellowship.

Signed: _____

Rector: _____

Date: _____

Confidential Referee Form - PhD Track

Please attach to this form a letter of reference providing an evaluation of the candidate's academic merit, originality, and creativity. Note that the Azrieli Foundation encourages innovative, frontline research paths taken by excellent students. Therefore, please relate to the uniqueness of the proposed research, how it differs from previous work done in the field, and where possible, how it differs from the course of research pursued in the supervisor's research group in recent years.

Both the form and the letter should be submitted directly to the university administration, within the time limit set by the university. It is the candidate's responsibility to check with his/her university regarding the deadline for submission of references and to which office, and to inform the referee of this information.

Name of Candidate: _____

Field of Study: _____

University attended: _____

Please evaluate the candidate's abilities and performance, by checking the appropriate box in the chart below:

	Excellent	Very Good	Average
Academic excellence			
Originality			
Research ability			
Critical thinking and judgement			
Independence			
Perseverance			
Interest in discovery			
Communication skills			
Leadership and interpersonal skills			

If you were to compare the candidate with other students in the same field whom you have known at this stage of their academic career, how would you rate the candidate in overall academic ability and promise for research?

Please rank this candidate among the top PhD students that you have supervised (or known very well): (For example: I rank this student as being 3rd among 15 students).

I rank _____ as being _____ among _____ PhD students at a similar stage, whom I have supervised / known well.

Date: _____

Name, Position, Institution: _____

Signature: _____