

Rothschild Fellowships for Physician Researchers 2025/2026

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 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 2025/2026 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 832 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, as long as they meet the 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 2021. (If you'd like to discuss extension options, please contact Daniella Armoni at darmoni@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. Those beginning their research fellowship abroad before June 2025 may not apply for the Fellowship. The Rothschild Fellowship may only be used to fund the first period of postdoctoral study abroad.
8. Recipient of a Rothschild Fellowship will be entitled to begin the fellowship only after 1 June 2025 and may not begin the fellowship after 1 December 2025.
9. Candidates are required to advise the Rothschild Fellowships Secretariat whenever supplementary funds become available to them. Candidates receiving supplementary funds of \$80,000 or more during each or any of the years supported by the Rothschild Fellowship will not be able to receive the Fellowship.
10. 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 academic year 2025/2026.
2. Fellowships are provided for one year of study abroad.
3. The Fellowship award amount is NIS 260,000
4. Allowance 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, candidates are required to submit applications via Yad Hanadiv online system Priza, using the following link: <https://yadhanadiv.priza.net/signUpLink.aspx>
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 to past recipients of the Rothschild Fellowship.
 - v. Letters of recommendation must be in English and submitted by the referees directly to the Secretariat of the Rothschild Fellowships (darmoni@yadhanadiv.org.il).
4. When answering 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

Deadline for receipt of hospital-nominated applications*	19 th December 2024
Candidates notified by Yad Hanadiv	5 th February 2025
Interviews at Yad Hanadiv offices, Jerusalem	26 th February 2025

*Candidates will be required to submit their applications to their medical centre earlier than the above-mentioned date, please refer to the timelines stated by your relevant department.

7. INTERVIEWS

- The interview dates are set as per the timetable above.
- Interview will be held **in person** at Yad Hanadiv 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.**
- You should start by briefly describing your PhD research / research experience, and then focus on your planned research. This should take no more than 5 minutes. The remaining 15 minutes will be questions from our committee.
- We highly recommend to research [our committee](#) and their fields before the interview. Note that there may be changes to the committee members and we encourage you to check on our website in advance 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 don't have a PhD?

You must display significant research experience that showcases your potential to lead independent research, apply rigorous scientific inquiry, showcase experience with translational research and varied research methodologies, and present high-quality publications. It is expected that at the end of the fellowship, the Rothschild Fellows will have the potential to establish a research career in hospitals or research institutions.

2. What level of clinical work is allowed?

The purpose of the grant is to focus on research, therefore only minimal clinical research will be allowed. The fellowship is not suitable for those applying for a 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 do not know yet where you are going. The invitation letters should be concise and express the intention to serve as the future academic home.

4. Can I apply if I do not know yet where exactly I'll do the postdoc?

Yes. When asked about your postdoc plans in the application form, simply list the potential institutions you are considering.

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 answer. They 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 can refer to them in your answer.

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

You should list any academic and relevant non-academic professional experience under this section. Information should be brief – role, lab + university / company. There is no need to elaborate on what the role / research included.

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 the applications are sent to committee reviews and cannot be updated. Candidates will have an opportunity to update the following sections if invited to an interview: 1) CV with updated publications / awards list; 2) Invitation letters.

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

If you receive funding over \$80,000 you are not eligible for the Fellowship. If you did not accept the external funding source, you may still submit an application clearly declaring the funding amount and decide on which funding to accept if selected.

11. Does the Fellowship include any support towards Health Insurance and/or research funds?

No, the fellowship does not pay for any insurance or research funds.

12. Does the Fellowship support visa applications?

No, but we can provide confirmation letter that you received the fellowship.

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

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

Curriculum Vitae

[name]

Personal details

- *Phone:*
- *Address:*
- *E-Mail:*
- *Languages:*

Education and training

- *[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]

Licenses and Certifications

Professional Experience and Appointments

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

Teaching

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

Honors and Awards (including Membership in Professional Societies):

Publications

(applicant in bold, include Quartile and Impact Factor if available)

- Published**
- Accepted for publication**
- Submitted**

Conferences / talks

Other Noteworthy Activities and Skills

**ROTHSCHILD FELLOWSHIPS FOR PHYSICIAN-RESEARCHERS –
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Application Form

A) <u>PERSONAL INFORMATION</u>	
1. Name (both in English and Hebrew)	
2. ID number	
3. Current address	
4. Mobile phone number	
5. E-mail address	
6. Present appointment and place of employment	
B) <u>ACADEMIC CAREER</u>	
7. Secondary (High) school (name and location)	
8. Academic studies and university degrees. If degrees were conferred with honours, please indicate.	<i>Year – Degree - University</i>
9. Academic awards and distinctions	
10. Title of PhD dissertation and name of supervisor	
11. Submission/approval 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)	
13. If you don't have a PhD, please elaborate on your research experience and your main research project to date, including the field and the framework in which you carried out your research. (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.	
C) <u>PLANNED STUDY AND RESEARCH ABROAD</u>¹	
16. Institution(s) abroad where you intend to conduct your studies/research. 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	
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 your 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 your present and planned future work (up to 130 words).	
22. Please describe what you hope to have achieved at the conclusion of your research period abroad (up to 130 words).	
D) <u>FINANCIAL INFORMATION</u>	
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 or another source during the proposed period abroad? If so, please provide details of any such allowances.	

¹ 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.

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.	
E) OTHER INFORMATION	
29. Please include here any additional information you would like the selection committee to consider.	
F) REFEREES	
30. State the name and affiliation of the people who have agreed to write letters of evaluation. Please indicate your relationship to them. Your supervisor(s) should be listed first.	1. Name – Affiliation – relationship 2. 3.

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