REGULATIONS GOVERNING POST-DOCTORAL STUDENTS

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A. CONDITIONS OF ACCEPTANCE

1. A person who holds a doctoral degree (PhD) from a recognized institution of higher education is eligible for post-doctoral training at the Hebrew University (hereinafter: post-doctoral fellow).

2. A candidate who has submitted his/her doctoral dissertation for evaluation and has produced confirmation thereof, may pursue post-doctoral training and will be eligible for a post-doctoral fellowship for a period of up to six months prior to approval of the doctoral dissertation. In special cases, the Dean is authorized to extend the period of training and eligibility for a fellowship beyond the six months, after having examined the information pertaining to the progress of the judging process.

3. Post-doctoral training will start no later than five years after approval of the PhD. degree. In relation to this matter, a period of one year for each child born to the candidate during the relevant period will not be counted. In special cases, the Vice Rector is authorized to approve registration at a later date.

4. The post-doctoral supervisor will be a member of faculty on the regular academic track, either in active employment or a pensioner.

B. REGISTRATION

5. A post-doctoral fellow may begin the period of his/her fellowship at the University, and will be eligible for a fellowship, only after having registered as a fellow with the post-doctoral fellows’ registration system. Registration will include details of the name of the supervisor, the academic unit in the framework of which the training will be undertaken, and the approval of the Dean.

6. A post-doctoral fellow will link his/her ORCID number to the Hebrew University.¹

7. The post-doctoral fellow is subject to the Disciplinary Regulations for Students at the University and the Regulations for the Prevention of Sexual Harassment.

C. THE PERIOD OF THE FELLOWSHIP

8. The status of post-doctoral fellow and entitlement to a post-doctoral fellowship will be awarded for a period that does not exceed four years. For this purpose, the

¹ Registration is through the link: https://www.huji.ac.il/orcid/index.php/login. For help, please contact orcid-huji@savion.huji.ac.il
period of one year for each child born to the fellow in the period of the fellowship will not be counted.

9. The period of the fellowship will be determined at the time of registration. The period may be extended, to the length of time as stated in section 8 above.

10. Ending the fellowship on the initiative of the supervisor, prior to the expiry of the set period, will occur in special cases only, with the approval of the Dean of the Faculty and for reasons that will be recorded. The post-doctoral fellow will be notified of such, at least two months in advance, or in accordance with a decision of the Disciplinary committee.

D. THE FELLOWSHIP

11. The grant is intended to allow the post-doctoral fellow to devote him/herself to the training, the purpose of which is his/her advancement towards professional and research independence, which he/she will require in his/her later professional activities.

12. A fellow who receives a post-doctoral scholarship will not be allowed to work during the period of the fellowship, whether paid or unpaid. In special cases, approval may be given for a small-scale work that will affect the post-doctoral training only minimally. In particular, teaching at the University or at recognized institutions of higher education up to 4 weekly hours (equivalent to a half-time position for an external teacher) may be approved. Approval will be given by the Dean, after consulting with the supervising teacher and the head of the unit.

13. The granting of a fellowship may not be conditionnal upon the performance of any work. A post-doctoral fellow who teaches at the Hebrew University will not do so as a volunteer, and he/she will be paid a salary, usually as an “external teacher”.

14. The training is intended for the purpose of research only, and it shall be done at the facilities of the Hebrew University. In special cases, with the approval of the Vice Rector and upon the recommendation of the Postdoctoral Supervisor, it will be possible to do the training in part outside of the University.

E. GRANTS

15. The maximum amount of the post-doctoral grant is NIS 12,000 per month.

This amount also applies to students who receive scholarships from more than one source. If the amount of the scholarships exceeds the maximum allowed, the Vice Rector will determine the manner of distribution between the sources of funding. In special circumstances, the Vice Rector, to whom application must be made through the Scholarships Coordinator in the Office of the Academic Secretary, is authorized to approve an exceeding from the maximum scholarship allowed.