

Postdoctoral Fellowships for Ph.D. Recipients from Institutes in Japan

Open Call & Guidelines –2017-2018

The Agriculture Research Organization invites applications for Postdoctoral Fellowships. The Fellowships are intended for Japanese citizens that have completed a Ph.D. program, **in the past 6 years, Applications of candidates who received their Ph.D. certificate prior to 1.1.2012 will not be considered.** The fellowship program is designed to identify and support young scientists aspiring to become future leaders in the field of Agricultural Sciences in Universities of their home country. The main objectives of the fellowships is to avail excellent and promising scientists with the opportunity to become proficient in advanced technologies present in the Agriculture Research Organization and to establish future collaborations with Israeli scientists.

The fellowships will be awarded for **two years**. Fellows may initiate their post-doctoral training as of the **end of 2017 or during 2018**. The total award is **100,000 Israeli Shekels** (equivalent to app. \$28,000 depending on the exchange rate) **per year for two years**.

Applicants will be evaluated on the basis of academic excellence that is reflected in productivity and impact in the field of study (e.g. scientific publications, presentations at scientific conferences, participation in scientific societies, awards, and teaching achievements). Special emphasis will be placed on the applicant's scientific training and achievements.

Applicants will submit their applications IN ENGLISH on the **application forms** (available through the link below) and according to the format in the application form, to the Secretary office of the Associate Director for Academic Affairs, Mrs. Liraz Bergman: liraz@volcani.agri.gov.il including the details below:

1. Curriculum vitae according to the following sections:

- Personal
- University Education and Additional Training.

IMPORTANT NOTE: Applicants are requested to indicate clearly the exact date of their Ph.D. graduation and attach a certificate of their Ph.D. diploma. If such a diploma has not been awarded yet applicants are requested to provide a letter of eligibility for a Ph.D. degree. In the latter case the applicant will have to provide a Ph.D. diploma prior to his/her arrival to Israel.

- Positions Held in National and International Academic Institutions and Status. Please add teaching Experience (if applicable)
- Active Participation in Meetings (**please indicate clearly presentation of a poster, lecture or invited speaker**)
- Awards, scholarships, Fellowships, Research Grants
- For research grants indicate clearly
 - International Competitive Grants
 - National Competitive Grants
 - Other Funds

2. A short description (up to 200 words) of the applicant's present research activities and scientific achievements to date and the professional and scientific goals following acceptance of the requested fellowship.

3. List of publications divided into the following sections:

- Articles in Reviewed Journals (applicants may upload 3 of their best publications in PDF format)
- Books and Invited Reviews
- Articles in Non-Reviewed Journals in English
- Articles in Symposia Proceedings

List of publications that will not be divided into the following categories will not be considered.

4. Choice of 5 research topics for Fellowship Research Project and the respective mentors. (Please choose topics from **the list of topics at the following URL**). Please explain in 3-5 sentences the reason for choosing a given topic and your ability to integrate in it.

5. Official graduate program transcripts of courses and grades completed during Master and Doctoral studies.

6. Application for a fellowship requires proficiency in English. All applicants must satisfy this requirement and provide Testimonial to English proficiency in one of the ways listed below:

A. Satisfy score requirement in one of the following tests:

- TOFEL (*Test of English as a Foreign Language Minimum Score: 550 (or 213 in the computer version)*);
- IELTS (*International English Language Testing System Minimum Score: 6.5*);
- MELAB (*Michigan English Language Assessment Battery Minimum Score: 80*)

B. Provide proof of completion of a previous degree program in an English language university.

C. Provide proof of prolonged residence and exercise of a profession in an English speaking country

7. Recommendation letters from the doctoral thesis primary advisor and two other individuals.

Please follow all instructions carefully. Applications which will not include all material in the requested form will not be evaluated.

In the event that the fellowship will be awarded, the applicant will have to issue a student VISA and supply testimonial of personal injury insurance to cover the entire training period in Israel. Upon arrival at the ARO, the post-doctoral fellow will be required to sign a Fellowship Statement with the ARO detailing the responsibilities and obligations of each party towards the other. (Fellowship Statement available on :<http://www.agri.gov.il/download/files/FellowshipAgreement.rtf>)

List of research themes & mentors:

<http://www.agri.gov.il/en/pages/1289.aspx>

Application forms:

<http://www.agri.gov.il/download/files/ApplFormJapan.rtf>