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Call for Applications

****Deadline for applications 15 December 2025****

The Blavatnik Cambridge Fellowships enable early-career Israeli scientists of outstanding ability to pursue their first international postdoctoral research at the University of Cambridge, while fostering scholarly exchange and greater understanding between researchers in Britain and in Israel.

Scope of the Fellowship

Applications are invited from Israeli scholars who have recently completed or who are close to completing a PhD degree in the fields of **life sciences, physical sciences, engineering or mathematics** and are seeking to undertake their first postdoctoral appointment abroad and, who wish to undertake this at the University of Cambridge.

Eligibility Criteria:

1. Applicants must be Israeli citizens or permanent residents; individuals with dual
2. Applicants need to be resident in Israel at the time of their application. Applications from residents of East Jerusalem will also be accepted.
3. Applicants must be working in the field of life sciences, physical sciences, engineering, or Mathematics.
4. Candidates must have received their PhD from an Israeli university or other Higher Education Institution.
5. The Fellowship must be the applicant's first postdoctoral fellowship abroad.
6. Candidates must have completed their PhD degree not more than 36 months before the date of their application (exclusive of periods spent in compulsory military

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- service or on parental leave).
7. Applicants must hold a PhD degree by the start of the Fellowship; applicants may submit an application before completing their PhD studies, but the fellowship offer will be conditional on the successful attainment of their PhD.
 8. Only applications which have been endorsed by the head of department in the applicant's host department in the University of Cambridge will be considered, and this endorsement needs to be obtained before the application is submitted.
 9. Candidates may submit only one application at a time.
 10. There is no limit to the number of applicants who may apply from the same laboratory, department, or academic institution.

Funding

Fellows will receive financial support of **£42,600 per year**. This includes a grant of **£6,000** to assist with direct research costs including bench fees, conference attendance, and visa fees. This will be paid to the Fellow through the respective university departments at Cambridge.

Subject to set criteria and the availability of funds, Fellows will be able to apply for partially paid or unpaid Parental Leave, as well as for assistance with some of the costs of pre-school childcare.

Duration

Fellowships will be tenable for up to two years. Funding for the second year is subject to satisfactory undertaking of the Fellowship and subject to approval by the Grants Committee. Fellows are expected to begin their study at Cambridge in **October 2026** or as soon thereafter as they can obtain their visa to work in the United Kingdom.

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Responsibilities of Blavatnik Fellows

- All successful applicants must achieve the same exacting standards that would be met by any other postdoctoral Fellow appointed at the University of Cambridge.
- All Fellows will undertake to attend Blavatnik Cambridge Fellowships events;
- participate in peer reviews, where relevant;
- promote the Blavatnik Cambridge Fellowship Programme and be available, when requested, for occasional press and media work; and
- complete an annual report.

Other Compliance Matters

Please note that submitting the application form constitutes confirmation that the information there provided is complete and accurate. It also signifies the applicant's acceptance of all terms, conditions and notices contained in the *Guidance Notes for Completion of the Application Form* below. Subsequent discovery of any deliberate misrepresentation will automatically render the application null and void. If an award has been made and funds have been received based on this misrepresentation, the Blavatnik Family Foundation will require a full refund.

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The selection process is threefold:

- All applications are first submitted for preliminary edibility checks, to ensure their compliance with the eligibility criteria set out above.
- Eligible applications will then be forwarded for assessment by the Blavatnik Cambridge Fellowships' Selection Committee. This Selection Committee is comprised of senior academics in the relevant fields at the University of Cambridge. Applications will be assessed according to:
 - general relevance to the fields of life sciences, physical sciences, engineering, or mathematics;
 - quality of the scientific content of the proposed activity;
 - whether the collaboration will continue beyond the period of the proposed activity;
 - compliance with *Guidelines for Applicants* and the relevant Application Form instructions.
- The recommendations of the Selection Committee are then considered by the Blavatnik Cambridge Fellowships Grants Committee, which makes the final decision on funding.

Selection decisions are final and confidential. No appeals will be considered. Neither the Blavatnik Family Foundation nor the Hebrew University are able to enter into correspondence about the selection decisions.

Timeline

Launch of Call for proposals	15 August 2025
Deadline for applications by candidates	15 December 2025, 5 pm (IST)
Deadline for receiving references and statements by hosts	22 December 2025, 5 pm (IST)
Decisions communicated to applicants	Week of 16 March 2026
Fellowships begin	October 2026

Guidance Notes for Completion of the Application Form

How to apply:

- 1) **Fill in an online application form [here](#).** In order to fill in the form, applicants need to register on the platform and create a user account.
- 2) **Host declaration and references** must be downloaded from the [here](#) and sent by the host and referees directly to the system by the deadline. Please see details below.

For inquiries, email post_vp@savion.huji.ac.il

Section A – Applicant's Details

A1. Details of applicant

Full contact details of the applicant must be provided.

Current Status

Please indicate if you are currently a PhD student (and if so in which year of study), a postdoc, or other. Applications are welcome from Israeli scholars applying for their first postdoctoral award abroad.

Applicants need to be resident and working in Israel at the time of their application, and applications from residents of East Jerusalem will also be accepted. Applicants must be either on the point of completing their doctoral studies or must have received their PhD degree not more than 36 months before the date of application. Candidates may apply before finishing the PhD; however any offer will be made conditional on the successful completion of the PhD before the Fellowship can be taken up.

A2. Details of Host

Please provide the details of the name of your academic host or sponsor, and the department or institution of affiliation at the University of Cambridge.

A3. Biography

The applicant should provide a brief biography in no more than 250 words. This should note education and work experience, and any other details that might be relevant to the application.

A4. Synopsis of current work

The synopsis of current work (max. 600 words) should include any relevant references and should be designed to allow the Selection Committee to appreciate both the applicant's past experience and its relevance to the proposed activity as a postdoc.

A5. Statement of career plans

Please include a statement of career goals and indicate the relevance of the proposed activity to these goals. The future career plans statement should detail the applicant's plan for career development.

Topics to be discussed by the applicant may include:

- how the proposed activity will contribute to the applicant's independent career;
- an expected timeline for obtaining an independent position, if the applicant is not already at that stage;
- how the Blavatnik Cambridge Fellowship will contribute to the applicant's future career plans; and
- any other planned formal or informal activities that will aid the applicant in establishing an independent research career.

Section B – Proposed Activity

B1. Proposed Activity Title

Please include a short, descriptive project title.

B2. Proposed Activity – Summary

Please give a summary of the activity to be undertaken in plain, non-technical English. This should be a statement for a non-specialist lay audience about the research and its potential benefits.

B3. Proposed Activity – Description

Detail the proposed activity in up to 1500 words. This should include a description of the essence of the project, its expected outcome, and its relevance to the fields of life sciences, physical sciences, engineering, or mathematics. You may attach a document up to two pages in length containing journal or other relevant references.

B4. Risks

This section should contain an assessment of the risks associated with the proposed activity and the actions that can be taken for its mitigation.

B5. Future Cooperation

Please indicate how the experience could help foster cooperation between the UK and Israel.

B6. Information

Please indicate how you became aware of the Blavatnik Cambridge Fellowships.

B7. Declaration statement

Please tick the box to confirm that all the information submitted in your application is correct and complete.

Supporting Documents

The following documents must be received with your application:

1. **Applicant's CV** - This CV should not be longer than three A4 pages and must be uploaded to the online form.
2. **Host Supporting statement** - the Guidelines and Form for Hosts should be downloaded by the applicant from the Hebrew University's website and forwarded to the host. **The form must be filled in, signed, stamped and sent (by the host academic) directly to the application system to a designated email address** by the deadline for applications, along with the host academic's CV in short version.
3. **References** - two letters of reference (recommendation), and the referees' CVs in short version, should be sent by the deadline for references **directly to the application system to a designated email address** One of the referees should be the applicant's PhD supervisor. **The Guidelines and Form for Referees should be downloaded from the Hebrew**

University's website and forwarded to the referees.

4. **Proposed activity references** – applicants may upload to the online form up to two pages of journal or other references to support the activity plan they have noted in section B3. This is optional.

Data Protection

The Hebrew University will use the information that is provided in connection with the administration of your application for the Blavatnik Fellowships programme. The legal basis for processing your information is agreement with the TERMS & CONDITIONS of the application. The Hebrew University may share the applicant's personal data with the following partners in connection with administration of your application:

- The Blavatnik Family Foundation or its representatives;
- The University of Cambridge.

The Hebrew University complies with Protection of privacy law in Israel which was recognized in January 15, 2024 as adequate to the GDPR.

The applicant has the right to ask for a copy of the information held by the University, and the right to ask the University to correct any inaccuracies in that information. Detailed information, can be found in the [privacy section](#) of our website.

Applicants' information will be retained by the Hebrew University for a period of 7 years from the time of its collection.