

**ROTHSCHILD FELLOWSHIPS - 2009/2010****APPLICATION****Notes to Candidates**

Please read the notes carefully, before filling in the attached form:

1. PURPOSE OF ROTHSCHILD FELLOWSHIPS

The purpose of the Rothschild Fellowships is to help young scholars of outstanding academic merit and potential to advance in their respective fields.

The Rothschild Fellowships are one-year awards for advanced study or research abroad, for doctoral and post-doctoral candidates. Extensions are not possible.

Up to 18 Rothschild Fellowships will be awarded for the academic year 2009/2010.

Up to twelve fellowships will be awarded in the Natural, Exact or Life Sciences and Engineering; up to six will be awarded in the Humanities and Social Sciences.

2. ELIGIBILITY

- a) The candidate must be a permanent resident of Israel.
- b) The candidate must have completed or be conducting his/her Ph.D. at an accredited institution of higher learning in Israel
- c) **Post-doctoral candidates**
 - i. will be eligible only if the doctoral degree was awarded after November 2005;
 - ii. will be required to provide written confirmation from the relevant academic authorities that he/she has submitted the thesis before departing for his/her host institution;
 - iii. will be required to arrange for confirmation during 2009/2010 that he/she was awarded a doctoral degree.



- d) A recipient of a Rothschild Fellowship will be entitled to commence his/her studies and research no earlier than 1st June 2009 and must commence them before 1st December 2009.
- e) In awarding a fellowship, consideration will be given to the period of time the candidate has studied, or is planning to study, abroad.
- f) A person holding a tenured position at an Israeli university will NOT be considered for a fellowship.
- g) A person already studying abroad may not apply for a fellowship.
- h) Yad Hanadiv operates a separate fellowship programme in the academic disciplines of European and Western History. A candidate may not apply to both programmes. Candidates in the academic disciplines of European and Western history who are in the final stages of work on a doctoral dissertation or who have received a Ph.D. degree but do not hold tenure at an institution of higher learning should apply directly to the Hanadiv Fellowships programme.
- i) **Doctoral candidates**
 - i. The objective of the Rothschild Fellowships programme, **for doctoral students**, is to assist those studying **in Israel** who need to conduct research abroad **for one year** in order to complete the requirements for a Ph.D.
 - ii. Accordingly, in the pre-selection of doctoral candidates, especially in the Humanities, the university should give special consideration to students for whom a one-year period of research and study abroad would contribute substantially towards their doctoral degree.
 - iii. **In exceptional cases only**, e.g. when the area of study is **not** available in Israel, award of a fellowship will be considered for doctoral candidates who plan to spend more than one year abroad.
- j) Candidates are required to advise the University Academic Secretariat and the Rothschild Fellowships Secretariat whenever supplementary funds become available to them. Candidates receiving supplementary funds of more than \$ 35,000 from other sources will not be eligible for a Rothschild Fellowship. Partial grants will not be awarded.



3. TERMS OF FELLOWSHIPS

a) Amount of the fellowship:

Doctoral candidate - \$30,000 plus up to \$10,000 for tuition fees, where payable.

Post-doctoral candidate, M.D. or D.M.D. - \$40,000

b) Travel grant:

Destination:	USA West Coast -	up to \$ 5,400
	USA East Coast -	up to \$ 4,000
	Europe -	up to \$ 2,400

for fellow and accompanying spouse. If the spouse has a travel grant from another source, the grant will be half the above amount.

c) Family allowance for family members who will accompany the fellow:

Spouse:	\$3,500
Children:	\$5,000 / each

4. APPLICATION FORM AND SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS

The application form and all supporting documents **must be typed in English** and submitted to the university, according to the guidelines determined at each institution, together with a recent photograph. The application must be signed by the candidate. In addition, an original and copies of the following supporting documents, **typed in English**, are required:

i. Curriculum vitae

ii. Two letters of recommendation (only) typed in English from two referees, at the request of the candidate. One of the referees should be the present or immediate past supervisor of the candidate. These letters should be regarded as confidential and submitted by the referees directly to the university authority.

It would be of great help to the Rothschild Fellowships Committee if the referees would a) compare the candidate to scientists and scholars in their field at a comparable academic stage; b) compare the candidate to other students with whom they have been in close contact, and c) whenever possible, compare to past recipients of the Rothschild Fellowship.

iii. It is desirable (but not required) to supply a third letter of recommendation from a senior academic in the applicant's academic discipline **who is not** at the applicant's university, providing an assessment of the applicant's research, and of the value and appropriateness of his/her future research.



- iv. Two copies of ONE paper or article, preferably published, that the candidate has authored or co-authored, if available.

Consideration will be given only to complete applications.

A candidate pre-selected by the university may be invited for an interview by the Rothschild Fellowships Committee. The interview will be conducted in English, and will be held on the 12th or 13th of January 2009 for candidates in the Natural, Exact or Life Sciences and Engineering, and on the 3rd of March 2009 for candidates in the Humanities and Social Sciences.