

The Azrieli Fellows Program Application Form - PhD

Notes to Applicant:

Due to the international nature of the Azrieli Fellows Program Selection Committees, the following application and all the additional application materials are to be submitted in English.

Handwritten applications will not be accepted. This form may be downloaded in Word format from the Azrieli Foundation website, for the purpose of filling out on a personal computer. See www.azrielifoundation.org/fellows.

Please submit your final copy in both Word and PDF format.

The deadline for receipt of university nominated and approved applications by the Azrieli Foundation is **February 6, 2017**. Candidates are advised to check with their academic institutions regarding internal deadlines for submission of application materials.

The Selection Committees will meet between March and May 2017. Candidates may be called upon to participate in an interview during that period.

Please pay close attention to the requirements on each and every section, especially those concerning the ordering and marking of the forms.

A. Personal Data:

First & Last name (English)	
First & Last name (Hebrew - בעברית)	
Date of Birth	
Place of Birth	
Citizenship	
I.D. Number	
Current Address	
Telephone	
Mobile phone	
Email address	

Nominating Institution		
Faculty / Department		
Beginning of PhD program		
Track	Regular	Direct
Do you have an approved research proposal? (not a requirement)	Yes	No
Yes? When was it approved?		

1. Please attach here a clear and recent photo of you (Scanned/JPG/ etc.)
2. Please attach an updated C.V. under this page.

A. Personal Data (continued):

Tell us briefly about yourself:

Military / National Service : Y/N

From [year]	To [year]	Rank

Describe your military or national service. Where did you serve?

Describe your interests and hobbies.

How did you hear about the Azrieli Fellows Program?

B. Academic Credentials

1. Higher Education (post-high school)

Year (From – To)	Academic Institution	Degree Received	Faculty / Department	GPA / Grades relative to class average (if available)

2. Academic distinctions, awards, scholarships

Year	Details

3. List (or attach a list) of publications you have authored or co-authored.

Year	Details

4. Provide a short description of the courses you have taken during your first year of PhD studies, along with grades where available – **to be attached to this form.**

B. Academic Credentials (continued):**5. Details of Masters Studies - to be attached to this form:**

- Transcripts – Courses and grades
- GPA - grades relative to the class average, where available
- Name of academic supervisor
- Certification of receipt of degree
- Subject of thesis and final mark
- 1 page abstract of thesis – in English
- Copy of full thesis - Digital PDF copy only

6. Details of undergraduate studies – to be attached to this form:

- Transcripts – Courses and grades
- GPA - grades relative to the class average, where available
- Certification of receipt of degree

7. For applicants in a Direct Track PhD course, please state this clearly and attach:

- Transcripts of undergraduate studies
- GPA - grades relative to the class average, where available
- Course descriptions and marks of any courses already done via the direct track.
- Copies of 2 research papers or work which can showcase your research abilities.
If papers are in Hebrew, please provide a 1 page summary in English.

Please put "B" on all forms & papers relevant to this section.

Please attach them under this page.

C. PhD Research:

1. Planned field and subject of research:

Please attach a short summary of up to 5 lines of your area and topic of research. This is in addition to the Research Statement requested below.

2. Research Statement:

Please provide a 2 - 5 page research statement that includes the following:

- State the issue or area you wish to address in your research.
- Describe the current status of research in this area.
- Provide the context and set the stage for your research program.
- Describe your tentative research plan.
- State the significance of your research. How is your proposed research program unique and innovative? In what sense does it differ from previous work done in the field, and particularly in your research group in recent years? What conceptual or technical barriers need to be overcome in the development of your proposal?
- For applicants in fields of Exact and Life Sciences: The committee judging your application is made up of representatives of all fields of science. Make sure your research statement is written in a manner that is also accessible to scientists outside of your field.

3. Name of Supervisor _____

4. Have you submitted a research proposal? If yes, when?

5. Has your proposal been approved? If yes, when? Please enclose a copy in digital PDF format.

Please put "C" on all forms & papers relevant to this section.

Please attach them under this page.

D. Personal Merit: (answers to be attached to this form)

1. Please describe your personal background eg: childhood, family, community etc. (Up to ½ page).
2. Please describe 2 significant, formative events in your life, one from your childhood and one from adulthood (up to ½ a page for each event).
3. Please describe any significant voluntary activity you have been, or are currently, involved in. This may include volunteer work in the community, emissary work abroad, involvement in youth movements, university campus activity etc. Provide details of the type of work you did. What did you contribute to the activity and what did you gain from being involved? (Up to ½ page).
4. Describe an experience or event in your life in which someone demonstrated leadership and had an impact on you personally.

Why was that person an effective leader? (Up to ½ a page).
5. Write a 5 sentence paragraph to convince high school students to accept an element of your thesis topic for their own final matriculation project ("avodat gemer").
6. What was the most unexpected thing that you have ever done in your life?
7. What improvements would you like to see in Israel in the next 20 years? What should be done today, in order to reach these goals? (Up to ½ a page).

Please put "D" on all forms & papers relevant to this section.

Please attach them under this page.

E. Additional Materials:

1. Please provide **three** letters of reference, each to include the attached Referee Form (see page 12).

One of these letters and forms should be from your academic supervisor.

Letters and forms should be sent by the referees directly to the university administration, within the time limit set by the university. It is the candidate's responsibility to check with his/her university regarding the deadline for submission of references and to which office, and to inform the referee of this information.

Please list the names and telephone numbers of your referees here:

	Name & Institution	Telephone
Referee #1		
Referee #2		
Referee #3		

2. Nominating Institution Statement Form signed by the Rector / Dean in applicant's university. See attached form (page 9).
3. Please complete the academic summary form on page 10
4. If you have any additional information that you feel will enable us to know you better, please to provide it here.

Please put "E" on all forms & papers relevant to this section.

Please attach them under this page.

Declaration:

I hereby declare that all information provided in this statement is correct.

Signature: _____

Date: _____

Nominating Institution Statement Form:

1. This is to certify that the nominee _____ is a full time research student
at our institution, studying for a PhD in the field of _____

2. This is to certify that the nominee is being supervised academically by the following
senior faculty member: _____
Department / Faculty: _____

3. This is to certify that should _____ win a Fellowship, s/he will be
fully exempt from all tuitions and fees at this institution for the duration of his/her Fellowship.

Signed: _____

Rector: _____

Date: _____

Academic Summary

UNIVERSITY	
Candidate's Name	
Field of Research	

PhD info:

Regular or Direct track?		
Date began PhD		
Has Research Proposal been submitted?		
Has Research Proposal been approved? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • If so, when was it approved (date)? • Is it enclosed? 		
Name of Supervisor		
Research Topic (title of proposal)		
Referees	Name	Affiliation
	1.	
	2.	
	3.	

Masters info:

Name of University	
Field/Department	
GPA / Final grade	
Name of Supervisor	
Thesis Subject	
Thesis mark	

BA info:

Name of University	
Field/Department	
GPA / Final Grade	

Checklist:

The checklist is for your convenience only.
There is NO need to submit the sheet.

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| A. PERSONAL DATA | General | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| | Military | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| | Hobbies | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| | CV | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| | Photo | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| B. ACADEMIC CREDENTIALS | Higher Education | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| | Awards / distinctions | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| | Publications | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| | First year PhD | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| | Masters studies | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| | Bachelor's studies | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| | Direct track | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| | (If applicable) | |
| C. PHD RESEARCH | Questions 1 – 5 | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| | (Including attached Research Statement) | |
| D. PERSONAL MERIT | Questions 1 – 7 | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| E. ADDITIONAL MATERIALS | Referee details | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| | Nominating Institution Statement Form | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| | Academic Summary | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| | Additional information (optional) | <input type="checkbox"/> |

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GOOD LUCK!

Confidential Referee Form - PhD Track

Please attach to this form a letter of reference providing an evaluation of the candidate's academic merit, originality, and creativity. Note that the Azrieli Foundation encourages innovative, frontline research paths taken by excellent students. Therefore, please relate to the uniqueness of the proposed research, how it differs from previous work done in the field, and where possible, how it differs from the course of research pursued in the supervisor's research group in recent years.

Both the form and the letter should be submitted directly to the university administration, within the time limit set by the university. It is the candidate's responsibility to check with his/her university regarding the deadline for submission of references and to which office, and to inform the referee of this information.

Name of Candidate: _____

Field of Study: _____

University attended: _____

Evaluate the candidate's abilities and performance, by checking the appropriate box below:

	Excellent	Very Good	Average
Academic excellence			
Originality			
Research ability			
Critical thinking & judgement			
Independence			
Perseverance			
Interest in discovery			
Communication skills			
Leadership & interpersonal skills			

If you were to compare the candidate with other students in the same field whom you've known at this stage of their academic career, how would you rate the candidate in overall academic ability and promise for research? Please rank this candidate among the top PhD students that you have supervised (or known very well): For example: I rank this student as being 3rd among 15 students).

I rank _____ as being _____ among _____ PhD students at a similar stage, whom I have supervised / known well.

Referee Name, Position, Institution: _____

Date: _____ Signature: _____