

Two Post-Doc Positions at the Sonia and Marco Nadler Institute of Archaeology, Tel Aviv University, in the Fields of Archaeology, Ancient Israel Studies, and Ancient Near Eastern Cultures 2026–2027

The Sonia and Marco Nadler Institute of Archaeology, Tel Aviv University, will appoint two post-doctoral scholars for the 2026–2027 academic year in the fields of Archaeology, Ancient Israel Studies, or Ancient Near Eastern Cultures.

The highly competitive fellowships are offered to researchers across many disciplines and will be awarded on the basis of academic excellence.

Applicants should have received their Ph.D. in a relevant field within the past three years from an institution other than Tel Aviv University. While appropriate training in archaeology, biblical studies, ancient Near Eastern cultures and/or biblical history is required, the nature of the applicant's specific research interests and areas of expertise is open.

The fellowship period will begin on November 1, 2026, and is for a period of one academic year. There is an option to apply for a second year within the framework of the 2026–2027 application. The appointment carries a stipend of NIS 116,000 (approximately \$31,500).

Successful candidates are expected to submit (in addition to the official documentation listed below):

1. A detailed research proposal (up to 2,000 words) describing their proposed research endeavor at the Sonia and Marco Nadler Institute of Archaeology.
2. Candidates should contact researchers from the Institute of Archaeology of Tel Aviv University prior to submission of the proposal in order to make sure that they have a potential academic host for the proposed research.
3. A one-page-long document (up to 500 words) outlining practical ideas for possible contributions to the institute and department research and teaching curriculum. These could include, for example, collaboration with the institute's researchers; a proposal for a lecture

within the framework of the department curriculum (based on the published curriculum for the 2025–2026 academic year¹), a research colloquium or any other fruitful idea.

Official documents that should be submitted are:

- A cover letter
- Academic CV
- A copy of their Ph.D. certificate
- Three letters of reference (to be submitted directly by the recommenders):
 - A letter of recommendation from all Ph.D. advisor/s.
 - A letter from a researcher from an academic institution other than the university at which the candidate completed their doctoral studies.
 - A letter of recommendation by another researcher affiliated with a recognized academic institution.

Candidates must specify if they are applying for other sources of funding for the fellowship period.

The scientific committee consists of Prof. Yuval Gadot, Prof. Ran Barkai, Prof. Dafna Langgut, Prof. Lidar Sapir-Hen, Prof. Deborah Sweeney, Dr. Guy D. Stiebel and Dr. Ella Assaf Shpayer.

Application materials should be sent in a single email with the relevant attachments to Prof. Yuval Gadot (gadot@tauex.tau.ac.il) and to Ms. Dana Ackerfeld (ackerfeld@tauex.tau.ac.il).

Subject heading should read: Post-Doctoral Application.

Final date for submission of material: March 9, 2026

Results will be published no later than April 16, 2026

¹ <https://www.tau.ac.il/study-program?safa=1&shana=2025&tab=schedule&tcid=3509>