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**Re: Continuation of the Single-Year (“Sandwich”) International Doctoral
Candidate Scholarship Program**

Background

Further to the CHE’s and PBC’s policy principles regarding international students in Israel which were approved during the PBC’s meeting on June 22, 2016, and at the CHE’s meeting on July 19, 2016, the PBC approved the establishment of a scholarship program for international doctoral students coming to Israel for the course of one year for doctoral studies overseas – a “sandwich doctorate.” The purpose of the program is to bring outstanding international students to Israel and to promote international research ties between researchers and research groups in Israel and overseas. The program began during the 2018/19 academic year and will continue for an additional year during the 2019/20 academic year.

Program Outline

1. The scholarship program for single year international doctoral students will run for two years from 2018-2020 such that during each year, 40 new scholarships will be awarded for a total of 80 scholarships during the two years of the program.
2. The program is intended for each of the eight universities that offer doctoral programs, meaning: Hebrew University, the Technion, Tel Aviv University, Weizman Institute of Science, Bar Ilan University, Haifa University, Ben Gurion University in the Negev, and Ariel University.
3. Each of the budgeted universities will be allocated a cap of up to 5 one-year scholarships for a total of 40 scholarships per year. If the university does not succeed in reaching its total scholarship recipient allocation, it will retain the option of using this allocation during one following year only. To clarify, it will only be possible to request to carry over scholarship allocations on the date of notification of acceptance of the scholarship recipients/fellows.
4. The institution must publish a public invitation for this program on commonly used platforms and conduct an internal judging process that will ensure the quality of those receiving the scholarship.
5. The amount of the annual doctoral scholarship will be NIS 80,000 per year. In the event a scholarship recipient/fellow comes for a period of time less than one year, the amount of the scholarship will be determined based on the amount of time the scholarship recipient/fellow actually studied in Israel. Scholarships will not be awarded to doctoral students who come for a period of less than three months.

6. The scholarship will be provided to the institution at the end of the year, after reporting to the PBC regarding the number of scholarship recipients/fellows and the duration of their stay in Israel.
7. The criteria for receiving the scholarship are:
 - A. The student is enrolled in a doctoral degree program at an accredited institution of higher education overseas. The program will be open to the anyone and to all fields.
 - B. The student has completed their first year of doctoral studies successfully.
 - C. The student is not a citizen or a resident of Israel.
8. The university must notify the scholarship winners of receipt of the scholarship by October 1, 2019.