

PhD "Sandwich" Scholarship Program – Program Closed

Background

The Council for Higher Education ascribes great importance to internationalization in higher education and specifically to the integration of international students in Israeli academic institutions. In line with this mission, the Planning and Budgeting Committee of the Council for Higher Education established a scholarship program for international PhD students to study in Israel for the duration of up to one year as part of their doctoral studies – the so-called "PhD Sandwich Program." The program operated between the years 2018-2022.

Program Outline

1. The program was intended for international PhD students interesting in conducting up to one year of research, as part of their doctoral degree, in one of Israel's eight public research universities: The Hebrew University of Jerusalem, Technion – Israel Institute of Technology, Tel Aviv University, Weizmann Institute of Science, Ben-Gurion University in the Negev, Bar Ilan University, University of Haifa, and Ariel University. From 2018 to 2022, the program awarded 40 new scholarships each year, totaling 160 scholarships over the four-year period.
2. The above-mentioned universities published a call for applications for this program and conducted an internal selection process to ensure the high academic quality of scholarship recipients. Scholarship recipients were notified by the university.
3. The annual scholarship was 80,000 NIS per year. If a scholarship recipient was in Israel for less than one year, the scholarship amount was determined based on the actual time the scholarship recipient spent in Israel. Scholarships were not awarded to doctoral students who spend less than three months at the local host university.
4. The scholarship criteria were as follows:
 - A. The student was enrolled in a doctoral degree program at an accredited institution of higher education overseas.
 - B. The program was open to students from all countries and in all academic disciplines.
 - C. The student has successfully completed their first year of doctoral studies.
 - D. The student was not a resident of Israel.
 - E. Students enrolled in joint programs between an Israeli university and a university abroad were not eligible to apply for the PhD Sandwich scholarship.