



Agriculture Research Organization - Israel

Postdoctoral Fellowships for Ph. D Recipients from Institutes in China and India

Open Call & Guidelines -Second Cycle 2013-2014

The Agriculture Research Organization invites applications for Postdoctoral Fellowships. The Fellowships are intended for Chinese and Indian citizens that have completed a Ph.D. program from listed Institutes available through the link below. The fellowship program is designed to identify and support young scientists aspiring to become future leaders in the field of Agricultural Sciences in Universities of their home countries. The main objectives of the fellowships is to avail excellent and promising scientists with the opportunity to become proficient in advanced technologies present in the Agriculture Research Organization and to establish future collaborations with Israeli scientists.

The fellowships will be awarded for research during the fiscal year **2013-2014** with eligibility to apply for a second year, subject to submission of a scientific report describing achievements attained during the first year. The total award is 100,000 Israeli Shekels per year.

Applicants will be evaluated on the basis of academic excellence that is reflected in productivity and impact in the field of study (e.g. scientific publications, presentations at scientific conferences, participation in scientific societies, awards, and teaching achievements). Special emphasis will be placed on the applicant's scientific training and achievements.

Applicants will submit their applications on the **application forms** (available through the link below) and according to the format in the application form, written in English, to the Associate Director, Prof. Ada Rafaeli: vtada@volcani.agri.gov.il including the details below:

1. Curriculum vitae including education and degrees received, participation and presentations at conferences indicating whether a poster/ talk was presented by the applicant, activities in scientific societies, teaching/training experience, awards and scholarships.
2. List of publications and scientific achievements (Summarize your professional accomplishments to date. State the professional and scientific goals following the fellowship).

3. Choice of themes for Fellowship Research Project, chosen from the list below. State why you feel suited to the particular project/s. For detailed information of research themes see link:
http://www.agri.gov.il/download/files/ResearchThemes_3.pdf
4. Recommendation letters from the doctoral thesis primary advisor and two other individuals (All letters should be sent separately by the evaluators to: vtada@volcani.agri.gov.il)
5. Official graduate program transcripts of courses completed during Master and Doctoral studies.
6. To participate in the program proficiency in English is a requirement. All applicants must satisfy this requirement and provide Testimonial to English proficiency in one of the ways listed below:

ENGLISH PROFICIENCY REQUIREMENTS FOR POST DOCTORAL FELLOWSHIP PROGRAM

All applicants must satisfy this requirement in one of the ways listed below:

- a. Satisfy score requirement in one of the following tests: TOFEL (*Test of English as a Foreign Language Minimum Score: 550 (or 213 in the computer version)*); IELTS (*International English Language Testing System Minimum Score: 6.5*); MELAB (*Michigan English Language Assessment Battery Minimum Score: 80*)
- b. Provide proof of completion of a previous degree program in an English language university.
- c. Provide proof of prolonged residence and exercise of a profession in an English speaking country
- d. Provide proof of completion of the Advanced English Training by China's Ministry of Education (For Chinese applicants).
7. Completed health declaration (forms available from: <http://www.agri.gov.il/he/departments/106.aspx>)
8. In addition, in the event that the fellowship will be awarded, the applicant will have to supply testimonial of personal injury insurance to cover the stay in Israel.

Submission Deadline for Fellowships - June 1st

Submission is through the respective Institute

Note: Each participating Institute may submit proposals of no more than five students ranked high in excellence at their respective Institutes

List of participating Institutes http://www.agri.gov.il/download/files/ParticipatingInstitutes2013_1.pdf

Application forms: http://www.agri.gov.il/download/files/PostdoctoralFellowshipsApplicationForm_1.rtf

List of topics & mentors: http://www.agri.gov.il/download/files/ResearchThemes_3.pdf

Health declaration forms: <http://www.agri.gov.il/download/files/16.pdf>