# Funding for Scholar and Student Visits for
# **Promoting International Joint Research**
## The Israel Young Academy Initiative

### *Call for Applications, 2025*

## Call Aims

With this call, the Israel Young Academy (IYA) aims to encourage long-term international collaborations and exposure of Israeli researchers to varying scientific fields through direct meetings with leading researchers worldwide. As part of the initiative, highly accomplished scholars from abroad will be invited with several of their group members for extended stays in Israel, facilitating: (a) significant interaction between local research groups and the visiting scholar and students; (b) exposure to the scientific field of the visiting scholar through seminars for the local research community; (c) direct meetings between Israeli students and the visiting scholar; (d) initiation of collaborative research; and (e) exposure of the visiting scholar and students to local research, allowing visiting scholars to serve as ambassadors and present the quality of Israeli research to their colleagues worldwide.

## Grant Amount

**Up to 50k NIS**, for the visit, covering travel and stay expenses in Israel for the visiting scholar and their group members (student and postdocs).

## Eligibility

Any faculty member from an Israeli University or College that is accredited by the Israeli CHE is eligible to apply to host a visiting scholar and several of their group members. Preference will be given to pre-tenure faculty members. Another faculty member from such an institution, at any rank, may be included in the application.

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## Visit Conditions

**Applications can be submitted only for visits planned between March 2025 to April 2026.**

The visiting scholar must be a leading figure in their field, preferably with no prior collaboration with the host. The visit duration must be at least 14 days. During the visit, the visiting scholar will conduct seminars at a minimum of two academic institutions. During and following the visit, the host and visiting scholars will initiate a joint research proposal.

## Application Guidelines

The application should be submitted in English as a single PDF file, via email only. The application **should not exceed 5 pages (excluding the letters of support)** and must include the following information presented in sections as detailed below:

→ **Host Researcher:** Name, academic rank (specify tenure status), scientific specialty, institution, full address, phone numbers, and email address.

→ **Visiting Scholar:** Name, academic rank, scientific specialty, institution, full address, phone numbers, and email address. Provide indication that the candidate agrees to come if selected.

→ **Scientific Background:** Short CV of the visiting scholar, a list of their ten most important publications from the last ten years, and an explanation of how the visit will contribute to advancing science in Israel. Include the purpose of the visit and how students and early-career academics will be involved in meetings with the visitor.

→ **Group members:** Estimation of the planned group members (students and\or postdocs) of the visiting scholar intended to join the visit.

→ **Visit Program:** A detailed program for the visit, including visits to at least two additional academic institutions beyond the hosting institution. Specify the departments/ faculties to be visited and the names of researchers at each institution who will meet the visiting scholar.

→ **Budget Proposal:** An itemized budget (in NIS) for the visit, which should include a justification of each requested item. Visit expenses can include round-trip airfare (economy class), hotel/guest-house costs, food and domestic travel expenses. Other justified visit and expenses will also be considered. All accounts and fund transfers will be made through an Israeli academic institution and with its approval.

→ **Letter(s) of support:** At least one letter of support from Israeli researchers or head of programs at the other academic institutions included in the visit program.

To be considered, applications must follow these submission guidelines, with the above-detailed sections presented in this specific order.

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## Submission

**The deadline for submission is January 31, 2025.**

The application should be submitted by the host researcher via email in single PDF file only to the Israel Young Academy Coordinator. The email address for the submission of applications and for any other inquiries is israelyoungacademy@academy.ac.il.

In the subject line of the application email, please write the following in order: Host's name, "IYA international visit 2025 application" and visiting scholar's name.

Example: Israela Israeli IYA international visit 2025 application John Johnson.

## Evaluation

**Applications will be reviewed by a committee of IYA members and alumni. Final decisions will be published by February 28, 2025.**

Applications will be selected primarily on the basis of academic excellence and achievements of the visiting scholar, as well as the anticipated impact of the visit on international research relations of Israeli researchers. An attempt will be made to maximize disciplinary and host-institutional diversity in the selection of applications to be funded.

## Financial Transfer

The visit must take place within and under the auspices of the host university or college. Accounts and fund transfers will be managed through the hosting institution, with its approval. The funds should be managed in a dedicated, separate account in the hosting institutions. No overhead charges may be collected.

## Acknowledgment

In seminar announcements that are part of the visit program, the visit should be referred to as part of "The Israel Young Academy Initiative for Promoting International Research Connections."

## Scientific and Financial Reporting

To be submitted online **within three months of the visit:**

→ Visit Report

→ Joint Research Proposal (700 words)

→ Financial Report

Links for completion of the reports in dedicated online forms will be provided. The reports should be professionally written, as parts of the reports may be included in IYA publications.

**For further information and to submit your application,**
**please visit The Israel Young Academy**
**or contact us at israelyoungacademy@academy.ac.il**

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