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Guidelines for Submitting Requests for an Aharon and Ephraim Katzir Study Grant

For the 2021 calendar year

Updated as of April 2020

- 1. Goal** – the Aharon and Ephraim Katzir Study Grants are intended to provide Israeli scientists with the opportunity for on-site study of research and work methods at leading laboratories around the world in the fields of the life sciences, exact sciences, and engineering.
- 2. Terms and timeframe for the grant** – The grant is intended to fund a sojourn of one to two months at a laboratory abroad. Grant requests will not be accepted for the purpose of selecting a place for post-doctoral work, participation in post-doctoral advanced study, conferences, workshops, and courses. The researcher must return to their parent laboratory in Israel at the end of the grant period.
- 3. Eligibility** – Grants are given to doctoral students from Israeli universities as well as to researchers holding PhD and MD degrees, up to 5 years after receiving their degrees. Priority will be given to young researchers who do not have access to a further education fund.
- 4. Documents to be submitted with the request** – Requests are to be submitted by email. Please send two files: a single MS Word document and a single PDF document, each containing all of the following, in the specified order:
 - a. The submission form**, [available for download](#) on the website of the Israel Academy. The form should be filled in electronically.
 - b. A personal letter** to the Aharon and Ephraim Katzir grant committee, detailing the purpose of the trip and the dates of study at the laboratory.
 - c. Your CV and list of publications.**
 - d. A summary of your current research** (up to one page).
 - e. Your research program** during the proposed study period (2–5 pages) and its dates.
 - f. Budget proposal** – The budget proposal (in USD) should include a detailed estimate and justification of each item, including the cost of flights, travel, accommodation, meals, and any special expenses (please specify what they are), and a summation of

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all the expenses. The budget proposal should preferably be submitted in tabular form.

- g. A letter of invitation from the host laboratory.
- h. Two letters of recommendation – For a request submitted by a doctoral student, one of the recommendations should be from their supervisor. The writers may send their recommendations separately to the administrative director separately to Dr. Yael Ben-Haim. Secretary of the Sciences Division, of The Israel Academy of Sciences and Humanities.

A request that does not strictly conform to the guidelines specified in Item 4, in the specified order, will not be considered.

- 5. **Sum** – Grants are in the amount of up to \$5,000 USD and are intended only for covering the researcher's travel and sojourn expenses, which will not exceed the rates for sojourning and lodging abroad set by the Accountant General's office at the Ministry of Finance.
- 6. **Evaluation of the request** – The request will be evaluated on the basis of the quality of the candidate, the quality of the proposed study program, and the quality of the host laboratory.
- 7. **Reporting** – **No more than 3 months after the conclusion of the visit**, the recipient must submit to the program's administrative director a scientific report of up to 5 pages, as well as a financial report, which must include a statement of the expenses paid and copies of hotel and flight receipts.
- 8. **Mode of submission and contact person for further information** – The request must be submitted by the candidate in accord with the attached guidelines. Please send two files: a single MS Word document and a single PDF document, each containing all of the specified elements, by e-mail to Dr. Yael Ben-Haim. Secretary of the Sciences Division, The Israel Academy of Sciences and Humanities, at: yaelb@academy.ac.il. Writers of recommendations may send their letters separately to this email address.

Dr. Ben-Haim may be contacted for further information by telephone, at 02-5676220, or by email at the above address.

- 9. **Date of submission** – Requests must be submitted by **June 25, 2020**.

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Please submit requests only for advanced study programs due to take place in the year 2021.

The submission guidelines and application form are available for download on the website of The Israel Academy of Sciences and Humanities, at the following link:

<https://academy.ac.il/RichText/GeneralPage.aspx?nodeId=849>

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