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## Call for Proposals

Opening Date	10 July 2024
Closing Date	16th September 2024 at 22:00 GMT
Grant Budget	Up to \$9,000 (\$3,000 a month)
Project Duration	Applicants can apply for visits for <b>one to three months in duration</b>

For all inquiries, please e-mail [israelscience@britishcouncil.org](mailto:israelscience@britishcouncil.org).

# Wohl Clean Growth Alliance Fellowships

The British Council and the Wohl Legacy are pleased to invite fellowship proposals for to the Wohl Clean Growth Alliance (WCGA).

The Wohl Clean Growth Alliance is an initiative funded by the Wohl Legacy and managed by the British Council together with the UK Science and Innovation Network in Israel. The Alliance aims to strengthen collaboration between UK and Israeli academia, industry, and other players in the clean growth ecosystem by supporting binational collaboration in research and innovation.

The following notes provide guidance on eligibility and the conditions upon which fellowships are issued. Applicants are required to complete one application form online in accordance with the guidance notes here and follow any instructions provided on the application form.

## Objectives of the Programme

The Fellowships will support research visits by UK and Israeli early career researchers to laboratories in the UK and Israel. The aim of these visits will be to enable the visiting fellows to:

- Deepen connections between the UK and Israel and promote joint UK-Israeli research excellence.
- Offer mobility opportunities for early career researchers and support the advance of their academic careers.
- Seed and/or cement partnerships related to research into clean growth as set up above.

## Outputs

The programme will enable researchers in both countries to undertake medium-term visits to further their research and to establish or strengthen research links that develop and enhance research collaborations. The fellowships will provide the grantees opportunities to:

- learn new techniques or research methods that are not available in their home country;
- access facilities, resources, tools or archives not available in their home country; or
- facilitate collaboration between the home and host research groups

## Priority Themes

For the purposes of this programme, clean growth refers to economic growth that mitigates our impact on the environment while building resilience to a changing climate. This definition includes the themes of food, water and energy, which are broadly defined and may include, but are not limited to: clean energy generation, storage and distribution; agriculture and food distribution; or water purification, treatment and distribution.

In addition, proposals that address one or more of the following themes are particularly encouraged:

- **Ecosystem Restoration:** Protecting and restoring ecosystems that have been degraded or destroyed by conflict.
- **Climate Resilience and Adaptation:**
  - Climate-resilient agriculture: converting and reorienting agricultural systems to support food security under the new realities of climate change.
  - Climate change health adaptation: aiming to mitigate environmental health challenges while developing robust, sustainable health systems resilient to climate impacts.
- **Sustainable Agriculture and Aquaculture:** Promoting environmentally responsible and socially equitable food production, ensuring long-term stability, resilience, and nutritional diversity to enhance food security
- **Waste Management:** Waste reduction, recycling techniques, and comprehensive strategies to manage waste effectively.
- **Policy Incentives for Clean Growth:** Investigating economically viable policy instruments to incentivize the development and widespread adoption of clean growth technologies and strategies for fostering environmental sustainability.
- **Clean and Renewable Energy:** Developing renewable energy sources, including decentralised systems, to ensure reliable and sustainable electricity access for self-sustaining and off-grid communities.
- **Water Scarcity Solutions:** Studies on efficient water use technologies, desalination advancements, and innovative water recycling methods to address and mitigate water scarcity issues.

## Eligibility

- Applicants must be early career researchers from Israel or the UK, intending to visit a lab in a research institution in the UK or in Israel.
- There is no requirement for applicants to be nationals of the UK or Israel; they need to be affiliated with a UK or Israeli institution.
- The Fellowships are open to PhD students and postdoctoral researchers. Postdoctoral researchers should have been awarded their PhD not more than 10 years prior to applying for a Fellowship (though allowances can be made for career breaks or other extenuating circumstances).
- Fellowships are available to both PhD students and postdoctoral researchers. Individuals connected to Wohl Clean Growth Alliance Grants are eligible to apply, but not with the same project.
- Applicants and their hosts must hold a position in research institutions or academic institutions in the UK or in Israel, that are officially recognised by both countries<sup>1</sup>
- The Fellowships will fund a visit from the UK to Israel or vice versa. We do not expect reciprocal visits.
- Only applications that have been jointly endorsed by heads of research groups or heads of departments in both the applicant's home and host institutions will be considered.
- Multiple applications from laboratories / departments / institutions are acceptable; however, individuals may submit only one application at a time. Duplicate applications will not be eligible, even if they are to different host institutions.
- Preference will be given for new collaborations although individuals involved in existing cooperation will be considered.
- Applications for the Fellowships to extend visits or to bridge research visits funded by other organisations will not be considered.
- The Fellowships will not be awarded to individuals to visit the laboratory, institute or department in which the applicant obtained his or her PhD or to work again with the candidate's PhD supervisor.
- Fellowships must be completed by 31 March 2026, Extenuating circumstances will be considered

If in doubt, for a ruling on eligibility, please submit details to the British Council by e-mailing: [israelscience@britishcouncil.org](mailto:israelscience@britishcouncil.org).

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<sup>1</sup> For the UK this represents only institutions in *geographic areas under the administration of the State of Israel before 5 June 1967*



Please note that we are unable to comment on the content of applications.

## Funding

- Fellowships are intended to support the travel, accommodation and subsistence of eligible individuals.
- Funding can be requested for **up to US\$3,000 per month** in the host country, for a total of up to three months.
- Travel for Fellowships of up to two months must be one-off (i.e. only one trip with return flight costs).
- Fellowships lasting over two months in the host country may split into multiple visits to be completed within two years.
- Funding will be paid to the applicant's institution, following the signature of a contract. The Institution will then be responsible to transfer the funds on to the applicant.
- Applicants are required to submit a financial report together with their narrative report following their trip. Receipts will not be requested.

Successful applicants should take out adequate insurance as the British Council cannot take responsibility for any problems which may occur during the visit. Successful applicants will accept full responsibility for all aspects of the visit and take out insurance for any risks associated with taking part in travelling abroad, including all unexpected and uncontrollable events. The British Council will not be liable for the consequences of any such risks, or any costs incurred.

Please note that successful applicants are expected to make their own travel and accommodation arrangements, and that the British Council will not be able to assist in requesting visas required to carry out their visit.

Successful fellows are responsible for any tax-related issues.

## Inadmissible costs:

- Costs related to writing up previous research.
- Costs related to an accompanying spouse or children.
- Any contributions towards salaries or pension costs.

## Application process

- Applications must be submitted using the online form [here](#):
- Applications must include:
  - Short CV of up to 2 pages for both applicants
  - Institutional support letter signed by the Head of Institution, Head of Department, or other person with appropriate delegated authority expressing support for to the fellowship.
- Please consult the Guidelines for Applicants document before filling in the form
- For all inquiries, please e-mail [israelscience@britishcouncil.org](mailto:israelscience@britishcouncil.org).

## Evaluation and selection

### Timeline

This Call is open until **16th September 2024 at 22:00 GMT**. The applicant can submit and edit the application throughout the period of this Call remaining open.

Activity	Date
Call for proposals launch	10 July 2024
Deadline for submission	16 September 2024 at 22:00 GMT
Responses*	25 November 2024
Fellowships to be completed by*	31 March 2026

*\*Dates are  
indicative,*

extenuating circumstances will be considered

### Assessment

The evaluation will be conducted in two phases:

#### Phase 1 – eligibility checks

During this phase, assessment will be made whether:

- The application form has been completed according to the requirements stated in this call for proposals guidelines
- All eligibility criteria have been met
- All mandatory documents have been submitted
- The requested budget amount is within the given threshold

Applications that do not meet the above listed criteria will be rejected and the applicant will be notified accordingly. No appeals will be accepted.

## Phase 2 –Selection Panel

Applications will be assessed by an academic Selection Panel comprising of experts in the field with representatives from the British Council, the UK Science and Innovation Network, and the Wohl Legacy. The Panel's decision is final and confidential. No appeals will be considered. The British Council is unable to enter any communication on the Panel's decisions.

The Panel will evaluate applications using the following criteria:

- Demonstrate direct relevance to clean growth as defined above.
- Propose activity of high research quality.
- Show the potential for tangible outcomes emanating from the fellowship, such as published research, development of new datasets etc.
- Indicate how the collaboration will continue beyond the period of the proposed activity.
- Comply with Guidelines for Applicants and the relevant Application Form instructions.

## Responsibilities of Fellows

- Fellows will provide the British Council team with a report of their activity at the host institution within 30 days of returning from the trip. A final report template will be sent to successful applicants and will include a financial and a narrative component.
- The fellowship should be acknowledged in all pertinent publications and other communications.
- Applicants will be expected to:
  - Perform satisfactory progress at their host institution.
  - Support activity of the Wohl Clean Growth Alliance and British Council.



- Attend British Council events including an annual meeting.
- Participate in peer reviews, where relevant.
- Be available for press and media work.
- Ensure that the Wohl Alliance logo appears on all materials and publications emanating from their fellowship.

In the event of early termination of the fellowship, any payment made after the date of termination will have to be repaid as will the return portion of the travel money. When the fellowship is terminated after a brief period, the entire travel allowance will have to be returned.

Failure to comply with demands will result in the British Council, responsible for the administration of the Fellowships, seeking reimbursement of the full award plus administrative costs.

## Data protection

How we use your information:

The British Council will use the information that you provide for the purposes of processing your application, making any awards, monitoring, and review of any grants.

By submitting your application, you understand that your information may be shared with our partners for these purposes awarding and administering the grant:

- The UK Science and Innovation Network;
- The Wohl Legacy;
- The Steering Committee and Advisory Board
- The selection panel

The British Council comply with the General Data Protection Regulations 2016/679 (EU) GDPR). We process and handle personal information according to these regulations. The personal information that you provide on this form will only be used for the processing of your application. The information will be viewed by British Council, and those who are part of the decision-making process. Your information will not be used/shared beyond the partners listed above for any other purpose without your specific consent. British Council reserve the right to publish and share anonymized aggregated information with stakeholders.

Organisation details, where collected, are used for monitoring and evaluation and statistical purposes. Gender information and country of origin, where collected, is used solely for statistical purposes. If we need to contact you, we will do so using the contact details you have provided.

Under UK Data Protection law, you have the right to ask for a copy of the information we hold on you, and the right to ask us to correct any inaccuracies in that information. If you want more information about this, please contact your local British Council office or see our website: <http://www.britishcouncil.org/privacy-cookies/data-protection>.

for a period of 7 years from the time of collection.

## Equality, Diversity and Inclusion

The British Council is committed to equality, diversity, and inclusion, and to continuing to attract and nurture talented people from the widest pool to remain internationally competitive in research and innovation. We believe that everyone has a right to be treated with dignity and respect, and to be provided with equal opportunities to flourish and succeed. This includes avoidance of bias due to disability, gender reassignment, marriage or civil partnership status, pregnancy and maternity, race, religion or belief, sexual orientation, sex (gender) and age.

We also recognise, and will seek to maximise, the benefits achieved by diversity of thought and experience within inclusive groups, organisations, and the wider community. British Council is therefore committed to ensuring that the best potential researchers from a diverse population are attracted into research careers. Applicants are asked to consider encouraging participation from researchers from underrepresented groups in the teams implementing their proposed activities.

## Safeguarding

British Council condemns all forms of harm and abuse, including bullying and harassment. We take a zero-tolerance approach to harm and abuse to any individual employed through or associated with our programmes in all contexts; whether in humanitarian or fragile and conflict-affected settings, in other field contexts, or within the international or UK research and development community which we fund. We expect organisations to promote the highest standards in organisational culture and have in place the systems and procedures required to prevent and tackle all incidents of harm and abuse. Applications should detail how they will identify and manage safeguarding risks within their projects.