

**Call for Proposals:  
ISRAEL- UK- PALESTINE 'GROWTH' FELLOWSHIP  
2016-17**

## GRADUATE RESEARCH OPPORTUNITIES IN WATER TECHNOLOGIES AND HEALTH

The GROWTH Fellowship Scheme was established to promote scientific links between Israeli, British and Palestinian researchers and to contribute to the development of science and research in Palestine.

The scheme awards a number of four-year PhD Fellowships at Israeli institutions to outstanding Masters Graduates of Palestinian Universities.

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### **1. Background**

The second Call for Proposals under the Israel – UK- Palestine GROWTH Fellowship Scheme will award outstanding Palestinian graduates funding for a full PhD fellowship at an Israeli university of their choice.

### **2. Research Priorities**

GROWTH fellowships are granted to scholars working in the priority areas of **Health Sciences** and **Water research**

### **3. Eligibility**

We will consider applications from candidates who are:

- Palestinian nationals currently residing in the Occupied Palestinian Territories (OPT), including the Gaza Strip
- Graduates of a Masters or Bachelors degree from one of the universities in the OPTs
- Able to demonstrate outstanding academic performance in their Masters and Bachelors degrees, including proficiency in research methods and a final thesis
- Able to demonstrate a high level of written and verbal English.
- Applicants are awarded the Fellowship *provisionally* on the condition that they are subsequently accepted into a PhD programme at an Israeli research university.

### **4. Funding**

GROWTH Fellowship grants amounts to GBP 54,207 over four years.

The grant includes:

- GBP 1,084 monthly stipend for up to 4 years - GBP 13,000 per annum (GBP 52,032 over 4 years)
- GBP 835 one-off relocation / Project delivery related expense to be approved in writing by the British Council
- GBP 335 annual contribution to participate in UK conferences (GBP 1,340 for 4 years)

The grant does not include allocations to the following expenses, which are expected to be covered by the host university and host laboratory.

- Tuition fees
- Bench or overhead fees
- Consumable costs

#### **5. Selection process**

- Applications are first assessed by the Science & Innovation team for eligibility
- Applications will then be assessed by an international Selection panel. Applicants who are shortlisted will be invited for an interview, either in person or via Skype.
- Once the panel reaches its final decision, candidates will be notified whether they have been accepted.

#### **6. Finding a PhD course and supervisor**

Candidates are not required to secure a PhD course and supervisor prior to submitting their application to the GROWTH programme. Funding offers to successful applicants will, however, be conditional on securing a supervisor and a course at a later stage.

For more information about Israeli Universities, please visit the Council for Higher Education's [website](#).

Candidates who would like support in finding a course and a supervisor are welcome to contact the Science & Innovation team at the British Embassy in Israel. The team will be happy to provide guidance and may in some cases be able to facilitate contact with appropriate supervisors and institutions.

If you would like assistance with finding a course or supervisor, please contact Katie McCants: [Katie.mccants@fco.gov.uk](mailto:Katie.mccants@fco.gov.uk).

#### **7. Equal opportunities**

The British Council and the British Embassy are committed to a policy of Equal Opportunities and welcome applications from all sections of society. All applications will be evaluated solely on the basis of the award criteria as listed above.

#### **8. How to apply**

Applicants must submit an online application form in English, and must attach the following documents:

- a. CV
- b. MSc certificate or degree approval
- c. BSc certificate or degree approval
- d. Title page of the MSc thesis
- e. Copy of ID or title page of passport
- f. Two letters of reference. One of these letters must be from their MSc advisor

Please see below the deadline for submitting applications.

Applications should be submitted to [katie.mccants@britishcouncil.org](mailto:katie.mccants@britishcouncil.org), with the subject headline 'GROWTH Fellowship Scheme'

## 9. How to fill in the application form

The application form can be downloaded from the [British Council's website](#).

All questions must be answered in full, except questions A3 and C1, which are optional.

### Section A

**A1** – Details of applicant: fill in your details. We used the provided contact details for communications.

**A2** – Summary statement of intention: please provide a brief description of your PhD plan. This may include your selected topic or field of interest. If you already know what your thesis will be about, including a provisional title, please include it too.

**A3** – host institution and supervisor: if you already know where you would like to study and who is your host, please note this. This question is optional as you are not required to secure a PhD course or supervisor prior to applying to the scheme.

### Section B

**B1** - personal statement: this section is an opportunity to tell the selection panel about yourself and why you should be selected as a GROWTH Fellow. You may include relevant details from your biography, past experiences and interest. Please include your motivation for applying to the scheme and what you would like to achieve with it.

**B2 + B3** – Postgraduate and Undergraduate education: please give details of your former academic education, including marks and courses taken.

### Section C

Please note that this section is optional and should only be filled in by applicants who already know where they would like to study and who their supervisor will be. If you already have a university in mind but have not yet secured a place there, please note this, and add that it is provisional.

### Section D

**D1+D2** – references: please provide the details of your two referees. One referee should be your MSc supervisor. The full references must be attached to your application, ideally on a letterhead paper stating the referee's institution. We may contact referees directly.

## 10. Timeline

There are two deadlines for the GROWTH- Fellowship Call for Proposals.

Launch of Call for Proposals	July 20, 2016
Summer deadline	August 30, 2016
Results announced	October 2016
Fellowships begin	From October 2016
Spring deadline	TBC
Results announced	TBC

Fellowships begin	1 March 2017
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**11. Contact**

For further information, including assistance with finding a supervisor / PhD candidate, please contact Katie McCants, Science and Innovation Network Coordinator, at the British Embassy in Israel.

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