

The Wohl Clean Growth Alliance

Call for Proposals: Fellowships and Mobility
August 2025

Opening Date	12 August 2025
Closing Date	26 October 2025 at 23:00 GMT
Grant Budget for Fellowships	Up to \$10,500 (\$3,500 a month)
Fellowship Duration	Applicants can apply for visits for one to three months in duration
Grant Budget for Mobility	Up to \$2,550
Mobility Scheme Duration	Applicants can apply for visits for up to one week in duration

For all inquiries, please e-mail israelscience@britishcouncil.org.

The Application Form is available online [here](#) and can be submitted at any time before the deadline

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Overview

We are pleased to invite proposals to the Wohl Clean Growth Alliance (WCGA) Fellowships and short-term mobility programmes.

The Wohl Clean Growth Alliance is an initiative funded by the Wohl Legacy and managed by the British Council in partnership with the British Embassy 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 fellowship and mobility grants 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 Wohl Clean Growth Alliance Fellowships and Mobility programme:

- **Fellowships:**

The Fellowships will support mid-term research visits by UK and Israeli early career researchers to laboratories in the partner country.

- **Mobility Scheme:**

The mobility scheme will offer early career researchers short trips to present their research papers in academic events in UK or 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 early career researchers in both countries to undertake medium-term and short-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.

The **mobility scheme** will provide early career researchers with opportunities to:

- present their research at academic institutions or conferences in the UK or Israel;
- engage with new academic networks and potential collaborators;
- gain exposure to different research environments and practices that can enhance their professional development.

Priority Themes

For the purposes of this call, 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, aquaculture, regenerative agriculture, climate-resilient land use planning, waste & circular economy integration, green infrastructure, food distribution; or water purification, treatment, and distribution.

Eligibility

1. Fellowship 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.
2. Mobility applicants must be early career researchers from Israel or the UK, intending to participate in a conference, a course, an exchange visit to a laboratory or other visits where it can be shown to be of value for increasing the applicant's involvement and knowledge in the priority areas.
3. 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.
4. The calls are open to PhD students and postdoctoral researchers. Postdoctoral researchers should have been awarded their PhD not more than 10 years prior to applying. Allowances can be made for career breaks or other extenuating circumstances.
5. Individuals connected to other Wohl Clean Growth Alliance Grants are eligible to apply, but not with the same project or partner.

6. 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 countries¹.
7. The Fellowships will fund a visit from the UK to Israel or vice versa. We do not expect reciprocal visits.
8. Only fellowship applications that have been jointly endorsed by heads of research groups or heads of departments in both the applicants home and host institutions will be considered.
9. 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.
10. Preference will be given for new collaborations although individuals involved in existing cooperations will be considered.
11. Applications to extend visits or to bridge research visits funded by other organisations will not be considered.
12. Applications to visit the laboratory, institute, or department in which the applicant obtained their PhD or to work again with the candidate's PhD supervisor will not be considered.
13. All visits must be completed by 30 March 2027

If in doubt, for a ruling on eligibility, please submit details to the British Council by e-mailing:

israelscience@britishcouncil.org.

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

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

Funding

1. Grants are intended to support the travel, accommodation and subsistence of eligible individuals.
2. 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.
3. Applicants are required to submit a financial report together with their narrative report following their trip. Receipts will not be requested.
4. The payment will be made in two instalments: first payment of 80% of the grant upon receiving the notification from the grantee and an invoice from the grantee's institution. Second payment of 20% upon receiving a narrative and financial report from the grantee, listing actual use of the funds.
5. Successful applicants are responsible for any tax-related issues.
6. Successful applicants should take out adequate insurance as the British Council cannot take responsibility for any issues which may occur during the visit.
7. 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.
8. The grantee will need to inform the British Council two months in advance of their travel for the payment to be made on time.
9. 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 with visas applications were these are required to carry out their visit.

Fellowship Funding

- Funding can be requested for **up to US\$3,500 per month**, for a total of up to three months.
- Travel for Fellowships of up to one months must be one-off (i.e. only one trip with return flight costs).
- Fellowships lasting over one month in the host country may split into multiple visits to be completed within the project period.

Mobility Funding

- Applicants will be able to claim up to \$250 stipend per day for each day of their trip. In addition, applicants will be paid up to \$800 for flight costs.

Duration of Trip	Stipend (USD)	one time travel allowance	Total Up to:
2 days	\$500	Up to \$800	\$1,300
3 days	\$750	Up to \$800	\$1,550
4 days	\$1,000	Up to \$800	\$1,800
5 days	\$1,250	Up to \$800	\$2,050
6 days	\$1,500	Up to \$800	\$2,300
7 days	\$1,750	Up to \$800	\$2,550

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](#).
- A copy of the application form can also be downloaded from the **Start Here** tab in the application management system. The copy is for reference only; **all applications must be submitted online**.

Applications must include:

- Fellowship applications:
 - Short CV of up to 2 pages for both the applicant and the host.

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- Invitation letter from the host.
- 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.
- Mobility applications:
 - Short CV of up to 2 pages.
 - an invitation to present at the event or institution you are aiming to visit.
 - Institutional support letter signed by the Head of Institution, Head of Department, or other person with appropriate delegated authority expressing support for to the researcher.

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Evaluation and selection

Timeline

This Call is open until **26 October 2025 at 23:00 GMT**. The applicant can submit and edit the application throughout the period of this Call remaining open.

Activity	Date
Call for proposals launch	12 August 2025
Deadline for submission	26 October 2025 at 23:00 GMT
Responses*	12 January 2025
Fellowships and mobility to be completed by	30 March 2027

*Dates are
indicative

Assessment

The evaluation will be conducted in two phases:

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Phase 1 – Eligibility Checks

During this phase, applications will be assessed to determine 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;
- The duration of the proposed project is up to two years, ending before 31 March 2027.
- Applications that do not meet the listed criteria will be rejected. Applicants will be notified accordingly. Appeals will not be accepted.

Phase 2 – Selection Panel

- Applications that have successfully passed the first phase will be assessed by an academic selection panel comprising of academic experts in the field from the UK and Israel, with representatives from the British Council and the British Embassy in Israel. Final funding decisions will be made by the WCGA steering committee, in consideration of the academic selection panel. The committee'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.

Responsibilities of Fellows

Grantees will provide the British Council with a narrative within 30 days of the end of their trip, outlining progress, key activities, and any emerging outcomes or challenges. A report template will be sent to successful applicants and will include a short online survey, as well as a financial and narrative segment.

The Wohl Legacy and the British Council should be acknowledged in all communication materials and pertinent publications. The logos of the Wohl Clean Growth Alliance and the British Council must be included in all communication materials.

Grantees will be expected to:

- Submit end of visit reports.
- Support the activity of the British Embassy in Israel and the British Council Israel where relevant and appropriate;
- Attend British Embassy in Israel / British Council events, where relevant;
- Be available for press and media work;
- Inform the British Council of any substantive changes to the grant.

Other Compliance Matters

Applicants must obtain the support from all partner institutions.

Submitting the application form constitutes confirmation that the information provided is complete and accurate, and acceptance of all terms, conditions and notices contained in the Guidelines for Applicants. Subsequent discovery of any deliberate misrepresentation will automatically render the application null and void. If an award has been made, the British Council will require a full refund.

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:

- Relevant departments at the British Embassy in Israel
- 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 a policy of equal opportunities. For detailed information, please refer to our website: [Equality global policy statement | British Council](#).

All proposals will be evaluated solely on the basis of the assessment criteria outlined above.

Safeguarding



The British Council is committed to creating a safe environment where no individual experiences harm or exploitation during their engagement with us. Our [policy](#) outlines the framework and expectations for safeguarding, emphasizing its importance and the actions we take to uphold our responsibilities. The British Council maintains a **zero-tolerance approach to inaction** in safeguarding matters. Reports are handled confidentially, and while staff are not responsible for determining abuse, they have a **mandatory duty to report** any concern or incident. All reported cases will be dealt with by the British Council Safeguarding team—professionals who are trained to handle safeguarding concerns and incidents in a professional and confidential manner, while applying the 'do no harm' principle to everyone involved.