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MINERVA FELLOWSHIP PROGRAMME

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Programme information

The Minerva Fellowship Programme is the oldest of the existing programmes in Germany to promote German-Israeli research cooperation since 1973. It is funded by the German Federal Ministry of Education and Research and enables **Israeli and German scientists** from all German and Israeli universities and non-university research institutions to complete a research residency at institutions in the respective other country.

Minerva Fellowships are not only intended to promote research but also to strengthen the cultural and scientific exchange between Germany and Israel.

Who and what can be funded

Minerva Fellowships are granted to doctoral and post-doctoral researchers from Germany and Israel **from all fields of research**.

- **Doctoral fellowships** are granted for a maximum of 24 months. Exceptionally and under special circumstances, there is the possibility of extending them by up to 12 months.
- **Post-doctoral fellowships** are also granted for a maximum of 24 months. Extensions of post-doctoral scholarships are, however, principally not possible.

Applicants who are presently residing in Israel/Germany but are **not nationals** of either of the two countries must show a **proven record of integration** into the Israeli or German scientific community. An affiliation to a research institution in Israel or Germany is required together with a residency of 5 years or longer in either of the two countries.

Conversely, if applicants are citizens of one country but have been living in the other for an extended period of time (more than 4 years) a scholarship in the second country **cannot be granted** since it would not truly support German-Israeli exchange.

Selection criteria

- High motivation
- Scientific excellence
- Scientifically promising and innovative research topic
- Match with research profile of the host (institution)

Fellowship Rates

Israeli Fellowship Holders in Germany

Monthly Fellowship Rate

PhD students: € 1,477.00

Postdoc researchers: € 2,500.00

Payment in kind for conferences, etc.: € 156.00

German Fellowship Holders in Israel

Monthly Fellowship Rate

PhD students: € 1,698.00

Postdoc researchers: € 2,858.00

Payment in kind for conferences, etc.: € 135.00

Additional allowances

- Child allowance: € 100.00 for each child
- Dependency allowance for partner with income/scholarship below € 451.00: € 400.00
- German or Hebrew language course(s): € 800.00 (€ 300.00 for accompanying partner)
- Relocation and start-up lump sum
- Health insurance (under specific circumstances)

Annual application deadlines

Calls are issued twice a year with closing dates in January and June.

- **January:** Earliest possible start of fellowship in case of approval: 1 June of the same year, latest possible start: 31 October of the same year.
- **June:** Earliest possible start of fellowship in case of approval: 1 December of the same year, latest possible start: 30 April of the next year.