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#### I. General information

- 1. Romanian graduate students can apply **for scholarships** to study in Israel for the academic year 2022-2023, for two different programs:
  - a) Summer Modern Hebrew language course Ulpan, with 1 place available;
  - b) One academic year (8 months), with 2 places available.
- 2. Summer Ulpan studies generally last for 3 ½ weeks, 1 month and take place at the University of Haifa in July/August. Should there be changes, the Embassy will inform.
- 3. The scholarships for one academic year (8 months) are granted to post-graduate students for programs such as:
- a) **Master's degree programs**: This scholarship is not renewable and the student will need to find other sources to finance the full degree. Registration to the M.A. program is at the student's responsibility and the student will need to meet the university requirements for the M.A. program.
- b) **Ph.D. programs**: This scholarship is not renewable and the student will need to find other sources to finance the full degree. Registration to the Ph.D. program is the student's responsibility. The student will need to meet the Israeli university requirements for the Ph.D. program.
- c) Research program: Students may create their own research program under the supervision of an Israeli supervisor from one of the Israeli universities. Candidates will need to present a research plan and an acceptance letter.
- d) **Postdoctoral programs**: Students will need to present a research plan and an acceptance letter from an Israeli supervisor at one of the Israeli universities.
- e) **Special Programs**: Some Israeli universities offer special post-graduate programs in English. It is possible to register to one of these special programs under the following restrictions: The scholarship will be given for one academic year (8 months) only and NOT the full program. The scholarship will cover only part of the tuition fee. It is imperative to verify the nature and the cost of the said special program before registration. Students may apply for scholarships from other sources in order to cover the high cost of the programs.
- 2. The scholarship covers 50% of the costs for one academic year (8 months) only. The maximum amount covered for studies is \$6000 and the program does not provide a degree. However, the International Schools for foreign students from Tel Aviv, Haifa, Jerusalem and Beersheba may

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grant special MA programs of 12 months or two years. Should the visiting student decide to complete the degree in Israel, he/she needs to personally cover any expenses beyond the 8 months of the scholarship.

3. Students can choose either the short-term or the long-term scholarship. They cannot apply for both types for the same calendar year.

#### II. Terms and Conditions:

1. Terms and conditions of the scholarship may change from year to year according to the annual budget. This year, two partial scholarships for one academic year and one scholarship for Ulpan are granted.

#### 2. Partial scholarship includes:

- a) 50% of the tuition fee (the maximum amount covered is \$6000)
- b) Monthly allowance for one academic year (8 months only) of 850\$
- c) Basic health insurance\*
- 3. Scholarships will be granted only for studying in universities and programs approved by the Israeli Council for Higher Education. The list of such institutes can be found at http://che.org.il/en
- 4. As the tuition fee covered by the MFA scholarship for some of these institutions may be only partial, please verify the details in advance. Each university has a different registration procedure. Please check the website of the relevant institution.

## III. Conditions for applying

#### Basic Requirements:

a) The applicant should hold a BA or BSc degree (or higher) and have a good record of academic achievement. People with high academic qualifications must remember that two recommendation letters from university-level professors, transcripts, diploma of the degree and evidence of prior conversations with a professor from the institution in Israel, which shows there is mutual agreement on the program they will study there, are essential.



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- b) The applicants should be Romanian citizens under the age of 35. They must not own Israeli citizenship of find themselves in the process of Aliyah. The scholarship does not include the medical field.
- c) Proof of English language proficiency. Students must have passed at least one following international examinations: GMAT, IELTS, GRE, TOEFEL etc. If the research will be in Hebrew, the level of knowledge of Hebrew of the students will be tested.
- d) The applicant should meet the academic requirements of the Israeli University to which he/she applies. The scholarship is granted only after the required institute approves the candidate.
- e) Good physical and mental shape.

## IV. Application process

- 1. The file selection process is handled by the *Agenția de Credite și Burse de Studii* (www.roburse.ro). KEEP IN MIND THAT 3 IDENTICAL FILES MUST BE SUBMITTED.
- 2. Interview in English at the Embassy (this evaluation feedback will be sent to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs in Israel)
- 3. Only after the host university has approved the candidate, authorities in Israel will inform the Embassy regarding his/her details. Following this, the applicant must accept, in writing, the terms and conditions of the scholarship.
- 3. While students have passed the selection process in Romania, that does not translate to being officially chosen to receive a scholarship. The final decision is taken by the Israeli Ministry of Foreign Affairs commission, after the information has been processed. The candidate will be informed about his final status following this procedure.

#### V. Important details about the scholarship

1. Cost of living: a one-academic-year-long scholarship covers expenses of \$850 per month, payable in Shekels, in a bank account made at an Israeli Bank. The students must open one when moving to Israel and provide the Embassy and the University with the name of the bank, number of the account and passport number. Students should know that the covered amount for expenses is relatively modest compared to the high costs of living.

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- 2. The **study fees** are covered up to the amount of \$6000. Most of the times, no further costs in this regard are implied. However, should students go for special programs (see I.4), they will need to pay the difference and, in this case, the money will go directly to the university.
- 3. **Medical insurance**: the scholarship includes basic medical insurance for students. This insurance does not include dental care, special medical treatment, chronic disease treatment or pregnancy care. Students can upgrade this type of insurance at their own expense.
- 4. **Visa**: For students who receive the scholarship, study visas must be granted. This visa includes multiple entries at no further any costs. Students who were granted the scholarship are required to apply for such visas at the Israeli consulates in their countries of origin.

## Standard application file should contain:

- 1. Completed application form Download application forms
- 2. Detailed letter describing the field the applicant intends to study in Israel, specifying the University he/she wishes to attend & Curriculum Vitae
- 3. Legalized copies of graduate diploma attesting the completion of e BA/BSc degree;
- 4. Copies of letters exchanged with Israeli universities, or in the case of a research or post doctorate the relevant Israeli supervisor.
- Official original academic records (or notarized copies) of all relevant studies and test scores, diplomas attesting the completion of an academic degree, including a transcript of the student's records
- 6. At least two (2) letters of recommendation from lecturers/professors who taught the candidate
- 7. Three (3) photographs
- 8. Certificate of English language proficiency (legalized copy)
- 9. Certificate of health
- 10. (For research scholars only) A document containing information about the conducted research and a letter of invitation from the instructor in Israel.