

Postdoctoral Training at the Weizmann Institute of Science

Consider a postdoctoral fellowship at the Weizmann Institute of Science

The Weizmann Institute of Science is a world-leading research institute in the fields of life sciences, chemistry, physics, mathematics, and computer science, offers attractive postdoctoral training opportunities. It is centrally located in Rehovot, Israel, close to Tel Aviv and Jerusalem. The Weizmann Institute has been a pioneering scientific research institution since its establishment in 1949. It is a unique, multidisciplinary setting that enables its postdoctoral fellows to conduct world-class research projects using state-of-the-art research facilities in a spectrum of fields. Our international postdoctoral fellows find here a happy home; enjoy the lush, green campus; have the best working conditions possible and benefit from all the privileges and activities generally accorded or made available to students and postdocs at the Feinberg Graduate School.

Admission requirements for a postdoctoral fellow status

To apply for research training in this category one should have a PhD or MD degree from an accredited institution of higher education, awarded not more than seven years before the desired date of commencement of postdoctoral training at the Weizmann Institute. In addition, each applicant must secure the agreement of a head of a research group at the Weizmann Institute to accept them as postdoctoral fellows in his or her group. Applications for regular postdoctoral fellowships are subject to approval by the Board of Studies of the relevant faculty and by the Chair of the Postdoctoral Training Program.

Admission requirements for a senior postdoctoral fellow status

The senior postdoctoral fellowship is an excellence-based career development program to prepare outstanding fellows for independent research leader positions. Senior postdoctoral fellows undergo training in research, and, in addition, will receive mentoring and assistance with career development. To apply for training in this category you must meet the requirements for regular postdoctoral fellows outlined above, and in addition you must have completed between at least two years of postdoctoral training at an accredited institution of higher education different from the one where you obtained your PhD or MD degree.

Duration of postdoctoral training

Regular postdoctoral fellowship period can be for up to three years, with an option for a final extension for a fourth year for those who do not apply for a senior postdoctoral fellowship. Senior Postdoctoral Fellowship period can be for up to three years at the most. Note that since the entire postdoctoral training period at Weizmann is limited to five years, fellows that transfer to senior postdoctoral fellow status after three years of regular Weizmann postdoctoral fellowship will be limited to two years as senior postdoctoral fellows.

Pre-application visit

The Feinberg Graduate School invites outstanding PhD students who are nearing graduation at universities abroad, or who have graduated no more than two years ago, to visit the Institute for between five and seven days in order to meet its scientists and explore postdoctoral research opportunities. A limited number of such visits are subsidized by the Institute on a competitive basis. The visit is organized and hosted by the research group and department that each student has selected. During the visit, each guest gives a lecture in an appropriate forum. A convenient schedule for the visit is coordinated between the host(s) and the visitor.

Benefits our international postdoctoral fellows enjoy

- Full access to all state-of-the-art research facilities and support systems on campus
- Large international community with English as the language of instruction
- Generous monthly living stipend for the duration of the training
- Annual travel allowance for overseas conferences and seminars
- Special allowances for airfare, relocation, medical insurance and off-campus housing
- Fully paid medical insurance and professional training insurance
- Paid maternity leave and paid annual vacation
- Complimentary visa services
- One year subsidize housing at nearby facilities
- Subsidized meals, as well as sports and recreational facilities
- Daycare facilities that are considered among the best in the region
- Monthly daycare allowance for kids between the ages of six months and three years

How to apply

Application is simple and easy. It is done online. For further information, it is highly recommended to consult the relevant page on our website:

<https://www.weizmann.ac.il/feinberg/admissions/how-apply-1>

Contact Information

Candidates are welcome to contact one of the faculty coordinators at the Feinberg Graduate School.

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