

**Tender to Award an Encouragement of  
Mediterranean Sea Research Scholarship to Students  
Holding an Advanced Degree (Master, Doctorate or  
Postdoctorate) in Institutions Participating in the  
Mediterranean Sea Research Center for Israel –  
Year A 5771  
Tender No.: 7/2**

The Mediterranean Sea Research Center of Israel (hereinafter “the Center”), in which the University of Haifa, the Technion, the Weizmann Institute of Science, Bar-Ilan University, Tel Aviv University, Ben-Gurion University of the Negev, the Hebrew University, The Ruppin Academic Center, IDC Herzliya, and Israel Oceanographic and Limnological Research (Hereinafter: “**The Partner Institutions**”), are interested in awarding scholarships to candidates holding advanced degrees seeking to conduct research associated with Mediterranean Sea research or the technological aspects of or environmental science effects on the Mediterranean Sea (Hereinafter: “**The Research Field**”) during the course of the 5771 (2020–2021) academic year.

The Scholarship will be awarded as a direct scholarship and will serve to support the candidate’s research in matters such as purchasing materials, scientific equipment and/or travel.

The Center hereby calls on interested parties to participate in a tender to obtain a Mediterranean Sea Research Scholarship. The Center will award up to 10 Scholarships for amounts to be determined by the Center and which will not exceed NIS 10,000 (ten thousand New Israeli Shekels) (Hereinafter: “**The Scholarship**”).

**Conditions of Participation**

Participation in the tender is contingent upon fulfilling the following accumulative conditions:

1. The candidate is an active student pursuing a Masters/doctorate/postdoctorate degree at one of the Partner Institutions as defined above.
2. The candidate’s proposed research will be associated with the Mediterranean Sea research or the technological aspects or environmental science effects on the Mediterranean Sea.



3. The proposed research is expected to be conducted during the course of the 5771 (2020–2021) academic year.
4. The candidacy is submitted **08:00 on Dec. 31, 2020**.
5. Receipt of the Scholarship is contingent upon the candidate being registered as an active student in one of the Partner Institutions in the Center and upon receipt of signed confirmation from the institution in which the candidate studies in the format of Appendix B of these Bylaws.

### **Submission of Candidacy**

Candidacy will be submitted no later than the effective date as defined above, to the Center via email to: [merci@univ.haifa.ac.il](mailto:merci@univ.haifa.ac.il)

The submission will contain the following documents:

1. A detailed letter stating how the candidate's research is associated with Mediterranean Sea research and why the Center should support the funding thereof;
2. The candidate's curriculum vitae;
3. A list of the candidate's publications, if applicable;
4. Valid approval of studies from one of the Partner Institutions;
5. For first year Master's degree students, the candidate's undergraduate degree transcript; for second year Master's degree students, the candidate's undergraduate transcript and graduate degree transcript through the current semester; for Doctoral students, the candidate's Master's degree transcript and current grades, if applicable; for Postdoctoral students, a list of publications;
6. Letter of recommendation from candidate's direct mentor;
7. Confirmation of the proposed research plan by the academic institution;
8. The length of the research proposal will not exceed five pages (font size 11, line spacing 1.5). The research proposal will include:
  - A synopsis, not to exceed 250 words;
  - Background: purposes of the research and importance thereof;
  - The Research Plan: the main approaches and methods for executing the research;
  - The research status: a one-paragraph description of the current stage of the candidate's research and what aspects of the research have been completed up to the date of the candidacy submission.

**The candidate must submit the documents above in one document in PDF format and in the order presented above. Please attach as the first**



page a list of documents and mark the documents that are submitted with an ☒.

The Center retains the right to request that the candidate provide supplementary documents or clarifications with respect to the proposal and any other detail.

### Selection of the Winner/s

Candidate proposals that satisfy the participation conditions will be remitted on the Center's behalf to the Judging Committee, which will review them and select the winning candidate/s. Every member of the Committee will examine all the proposals, with the exception of proposals from the Committee member's academic institution. The Committee will base its decision, inter alia, on the basis of the following criteria: average grades (or publications for postdoctoral students) (10%); academic degree held by candidate (5%); research excellence (35%); ranking assessment with respect to the proposal meeting the tender conditions (25%); the mentor's recommendation (10%); and general evaluation ratings (15%).

Notwithstanding the above, the Committee may refrain from selecting a candidate as the winner, in order to allow a range of candidates from various disciplines/ departments and different institutions to win.

### General

1. The Scholarship will be awarded to winning candidates directly from the parent institution that they attend and in accordance with the regulations of each institution, and this subject to their meeting all the conditions in these Bylaws and only after having signed the statement in Appendix A of the tender candidates and subject to fulfilling all the winner/s obligations pursuant to the tender candidates and the Tender Bylaws.
2. The Center is entitled to award only part of the Scholarship, not award any Scholarship, or divide the Scholarship between more than one candidate, at its sole discretion.
3. The Center may at any time, at its sole discretion and for any reason, act as follows: to stop or cancel the tender and/or change the conditions in these Bylaws and/or change the tender participation conditions and/or change the tender period and/or the dates and/or the funding amount and each participant waives any claim in respect thereto.  
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4. The tender will be executed in accordance with the **Tender Bylaws** detailed in the following link:



<http://merci.haifa.ac.il/index.php/he/teaching/vaad> and submission of a candidacy to the tender will be considered as consent to all such tender and Bylaws' conditions.

5. For further details and questions, please contact Ms. Rotem Dori [merci@univ.haifa.ac.il](mailto:merci@univ.haifa.ac.il). For information or questions on this tender, please contact the Responsible Parties, Dr. Oded Katz, Geological Survey of Israel [odedk@gsi.gov.il](mailto:odedk@gsi.gov.il) and Prof. Gitai Yahel, Ruppin Academic Center [GitaiYahel@Gmail.com](mailto:GitaiYahel@Gmail.com), [Yahel@Ruppin.ac.il](mailto:Yahel@Ruppin.ac.il)



## Appendix A of the Bylaws — The Winners' Statement

The Mediterranean Sea Research Center of Israel (hereinafter “the Center”), in which the University of Haifa, the Technion, the Weizmann Institute of Science, Bar-Ilan University, Tel Aviv University, Ben-Gurion University of the Negev, the Hebrew University, The Ruppin Academic Center, IDC Herzliya, and Israel Oceanographic and Limnological Research are partners respectfully award you a Mediterranean Sea research Scholarship for the 5771 (2020–2021) academic year as a result of your winning a tender and to enable you to dedicate your time to the research.

As a condition precedent to receiving the Scholarship, you must complete your details below and state as follows:

I, the undersigned, \_\_\_\_\_ bearer of I.D. No. \_\_\_\_\_, hereby declare and confirm that:

1. My winning of the Scholarship was not obtained by any violation of the Tender Bylaws and/or contrary to its conditions. In the event it is determined to the contrary, I undertake to return the Scholarship without prejudicing any relief and rights of the Center and the Partner Institutions therein pursuant to the law.
2. I am aware that I will receive the Scholarship from the institution that I attend, and that I do not and will not have and/or anyone on my behalf does not and will not have any claim and/or allegation and/or demand against the Center and the Partner Institutions therein and/or anyone on their behalf insofar as the tender and/or the Scholarship is concerned.
3. I agree that my name and work that I submitted or any summary or section thereof may be published by the Center and the Partner Institutions therein and I hereby waive any claim and/or demand in respect of such publication and/or use of my name and my work within the framework of the publications relating to this tender and/or other publications of the Center and the Partner Institutions therein.
4. I undertake that any publication deriving from my research will mention the Center’s support in the following format: “Funding (or support) provided to XXX by the Mediterranean Sea Research Center of Israel.”
5. I am aware that Section 9(29) of the Income Tax Ordinance states that a scholarship that is awarded to a student to fund tuition fees or to live during the period the student studies, given to the student during the period of the student’s studies at an academic and/or research institution is exempted from tax so long as no consideration is given by the student in return for the Scholarship. In this respect, a scholarship includes a grant, prize or exemption





from payment. I am aware that a scholarship that does not meet the conditions in Section 9(29) above, such as a scholarship granted not within the period of the student's studies as defined in the section, or consideration was given by the student for the Scholarship, will not be exempt from tax. Therefore, I am aware that I may be required to pay tax in the future, at my expense, on the Scholarship awarded to me. Payment of tax will be by way of deducting tax at source or any other manner and I hereby agree to this.

This is my name, this is my signature and the content of this statement of mine is true.

In witness whereof I hereto set my hands:

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## Appendix B To The Bylaws — Confirmation By The Parent Institution

**Request for An Encouragement Scholarship Within The Framework  
of a Tender to Award an Encouragement of Mediterranean Sea  
Research Scholarship to Students Holding Advanced Degrees  
(Master's, Doctorate, or Postdoctorate) in The Mediterranean Sea  
Research Center for Israel, (hereinafter "the Center"), and its  
Partner Institutions therein, the University of Haifa, the Technion,  
the Weizmann Institute of Science, Bar-Ilan University, Tel Aviv  
University, Ben-Gurion University of the Negev, the Hebrew  
University, The Ruppin Academic Center, IDC Herzliya, and Israel  
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המרכז האקדמי רופין  
Ruppin Academic Center



Candidate's name: \_\_\_\_\_

Chief Researcher's name: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of institution the candidate attends: \_\_\_\_\_

(Hereinafter "The Institution")

**The requested Scholarship amount for the candidate within the framework  
of participating in the aforementioned tender is: NIS**

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**The Institution undertakes as follows:**

1. The Institution undertakes to pay the candidate directly the Scholarship amount awarded, as stipulated above.
2. The institution undertakes that the awarding of the Scholarship will be in accordance with the rules practiced by it.
3. The Institution undertakes that the foregoing scholar engages in Mediterranean Sea research and corresponds with the conditions in Tender No. 7/2 published on behalf of the Mediterranean Sea Research Center of Israel and pursuant to the Center's procedures.
4. At the end of each academic year the Institution undertakes to remit to the University of Haifa a financial report pertaining to use of the Scholarship funds signed by the Institution's accountant, in the format

required by the Planning and Budget Committee. The Institution will ensure that duplicate reports are not sent with respect to this Scholarship within the framework of the reporting to the Mediterranean Sea Research Center of Israel.

Date \_\_\_\_\_

Authorized Signatory's Signature

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

