

# **Tender To Award An Encouragement Of Mediterranean Sea Research Scholarship To Students Holding Advanced Degrees (Master, Doctorate) And Post Doctorate In Partner Institutions In The Mediterranean Sea Research Center For Israel - Year A 5783**

**Tender No.: 23/2**

The Partners' Institutions in the Center as defined above and detailed below are: University of Haifa, the Technion, the Weizmann Institute of Science, Tel Aviv University, Bar Ilan University, Ben Gurion University, the Hebrew University, The Ruppin Academic Center, Reichman University, Ariel University, Israel Oceanographic and Limnological Research. (Hereinafter: **"The Partner Institutions"**), are interested in awarding scholarships to candidates holding advanced degrees interested in executing during the course of the 5783 (2022-2023) academic year research associated with Mediterranean sea research or the effects on the Mediterranean sea from technological or environmental science aspects (Hereinafter: **"The Research Field"**). The scholarship will be given as a direct scholarship and will serve for the purpose of the student's research (such as - purchasing materials, scientific equipment and/or travel).

The Center hereby issues a call for partial participation in a tender to receive a Mediterranean sea research scholarship to award up to 10 scholarships of amounts to be determined by the Center and which will not exceed NIS 10,000 (in words: Ten Thousand New Shekels) (Hereinafter: **"The Scholarship"**).

## **Conditions To Participate In The Tender**

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

1. The candidate is an active student for a Masters/ Doctorate / Post Doctorate 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 effects on the Mediterranean Sea from technological or environmental science aspects.

3. The proposed research is expected to be conducted during the course of the 5783 (2022-2023) academic year.
4. The candidacy was submitted by the last date to submit candidacy - **28/09/2023 at 08:00.**
5. Receipt of the scholarship is subject to the winning candidate registering as an active student in one of the Partner Institutions in the Center and receipt of signed confirmation from the institution in which the winning candidate studies in the format of Appendix B of these bylaws.



### The Manner To Submit 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 candidacy 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. The candidate's grades sheet for students of a Master Degree 1<sup>st</sup> year - Bachelor Degree grade sheet; for students in 2<sup>nd</sup> year - current grade sheet up to the current semester; for Doctorate students - grade sheet for Master Degree and current grades, if applicable; post-doctorate students - publications;
6. Letter of recommendation from candidate's direct mentor;
7. Confirmation of the proposed research plan by the academic institution;
8. The scope of the research proposal will not exceed 5 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 intended to execute the research.
  - The research status - description in a paragraph of the stage the candidate is at and what was done up to the stage the candidacy was submitted.

**The candidate must submit the documents above in one document in PDF format and according to the order presented above. Please attach as the first page a list of documents and mark ☒ the documents that are submitted.**

The Center will be entitled to request from the candidate to supplement documents or clarifications in respect of its proposal and any other detail.



### Selection of the Winners

Proposals that satisfy the participation conditions will be remitted to the Judging Committee on the Center's behalf who will review them and select the winning candidate/s. Every member of the Committee will examine all the proposals, except proposals from the Committee member's academic institution. The Committee will base its decision *inter alia* on the basis of the following criteria - average of grades (post doctorate - publications) (10%); academic degree held by candidate (5%); research excellence (35%); ranking assessment in respect of the proposal meeting the tender conditions (25%); the mentor's recommendations (10%); general evaluation (15%);



**Notwithstanding the above, the Committee may refrain from selecting a proposal as the winner, to allow a variety of candidates to win from various disciplines/ departments and different institutions.**



### General

1. The scholarship will be awarded to candidates who win directly from the parent institution that they attend and in accordance with the regulations of each institution, and this subject to the fact that they meet all the conditions in these bylaws and only after he/they signed the format of 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 to split the scholarship between more than one candidate, all in accordance with its sole discretion.
3. The Center may at any time, of 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
4. 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.
5. The tender will be executed in accordance with the **Tender Bylaws** detailed in the following link: <https://merci.haifa.ac.il/calls-of-education-program/?lang=en> and merely submitting candidacy to the tender will be considered as consenting to all such tender and bylaws conditions.
6. contact For further details and questions you may contact Mrs. Shimrit Haimzon [merci@univ.haifa.ac.il](mailto:merci@univ.haifa.ac.il)  
Chairman of Educational Committee:



המרכז האקדמי רופין  
Ruppin Academic Center



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### Appendix A of the bylaws - the winners' statement

The Mediterranean Sea Research Center of Israel and the Partners' Institutions therein respectfully award you a Mediterranean Sea research scholarship for the 5783 (2022-2023) academic year as a result of you winning a tender and to allow 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. Me winning the scholarship was not obtained in violation of the bylaws and/or contrary to its conditions and that in the event it is clarified to the contrary, I undertake to return the scholarship without prejudicing any relief and rights of the Center and the Partners' 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 claim 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 the gist 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 he attends studies, given to him during the period of his studies at an academic and 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 exempted 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: \_\_\_\_\_



**Appendix B To The By-laws - Confirmation By The Parent  
Institution**

**Request For An Encouragement Scholarship Within  
The Framework Of A Tender To Award An  
Encouragement Of Mediterranean Sea Research  
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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 \_\_\_\_\_.**



**The Institution undertakes as follows:**

1. The Institution undertakes to pay the candidate directly the scholarship amount he wins, 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 engaged in Mediterranean Sea research and corresponds with the conditions in Tender No. 23/2 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 exploitation 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 double reports are not sent in respect of these scholarship within the





framework of the reporting to the Mediterranean Sea Research Center of  
Israel. Date\_\_\_\_\_

Authorized Signatory's Signature

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

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

