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MIT-Kalaniyot Sabbatical Scholars Program Call for Applications (DRAFT)

The MIT-Kalaniyot program is accepting applications from faculty in Israel to spend their sabbatical at MIT. Selected scholars will be welcomed into a vibrant Jewish and Israeli campus community and will receive financial support to assist with housing and health insurance.

About MIT-Kalaniyot

The MIT-Kalaniyot program is a faculty-led initiative focusing on two main goals that are mutually reinforcing: building a stronger Jewish and Israeli MIT campus community and deepening ties with Israeli researchers.

About the MIT-Kalaniyot Sabbatical Scholars Program

The MIT-Kalaniyot Sabbatical Scholars Program was created to bring established researchers from Israeli institutions to spend their sabbatical year at MIT. The program is open to researchers in all areas of study at MIT. The objective is for Israeli researchers to build strong personal ties during the program, while enlarging the circle of MIT faculty who collaborate with Israelis. Sabbatical scholars will be selected competitively and will be provided with financial support to reduce the financial burden of living near campus, so they can fully participate in campus life and research.

Eligibility

MIT-Kalaniyot welcomes applications from all faculty and researchers who hold sabbatical-eligible academic or research appointments at Israeli research institutions.

The MIT-Kalaniyot program embraces the diversity of Israel and strongly encourages applications from Jews, Arabs and other minority communities, from all parts of the state and all its academic institutions.

Appointment Terms

Fellowships are for up to one full calendar year and require the scholar to be in residence at MIT for at least two academic terms. We will not consider applications for shorter durations or remote appointments.

Stipend

Scholars will receive a stipend of up to \$40,000 for living expenses in addition to full coverage of MIT medical insurance for them and any immediate family members joining them.

Application Materials

- Application form (consisting of personal details and local host information).

- Curriculum Vitae and publication list
- One page research statement detailing your research goals while at MIT
- A letter from your MIT faculty host confirming that, contingent on your acceptance into the program, they:
 - have read your research statement and are willing to serve as your MIT host
 - will be responsible for providing you with adequate office space
 - will be responsible for integrating you with their research group
 - will be responsible for submitting your visiting appointment and visa request through the appropriate MIT/departmental channels
- One page community statement:
 - How did you contribute to your community in Israel this past year?
 - How do you envision contributing to the MIT Jewish and/or Israeli community during your year here?

Application and Selection Process

Applications must be submitted via our online application system, and in English, by 11:59 PM Eastern time, on December 15, 2024. A selection committee composed of MIT and Israeli faculty will review the applications and make the final selection. Finalists may be asked for a zoom interview with the selection committee. Notifications of the review process outcome will be sent to the applicants by April 1, 2025.

Please note: Due to the number of applications received, we regret that we are not able to provide feedback on individual proposals after notifications have been made.

Questions?

Please view our [Frequently Asked Questions](#) page to learn more about the program. Additional questions regarding the program, the application process, and support finding potential local hosts can be directed to the program directors, Prof. Or Hen and Prof. Ernest Fraenkel and program manager Ms. Cassandra McCarthy, at: Kalaniyot_apply@mit.edu

Apply [here](#).