



## Call for applications - Research scholarships in the school of Brain and Cognitive Sciences

### New MSc / MA / Ph.D. Students – 2023/4

The School of Brain and Cognitive Sciences will grant scholarships to support students that started their studies (M.A., M.Sc., Ph.D.) at Ben-Gurion University at **spring semester 2023** (March 2023) or will start their studies at **fall semester 2024** (October 2023), under the supervision of a member of the school. The scholarship will permit students to devote themselves fully to their research and engage and produce top-quality science.

#### Details of the scholarship

- **The scholarship will award 8 portions** (1 portion for M.Sc.=351 NIS; for Ph.D.=462 NIS)  
2 of which will be provided by the academic supervisor. The scholarship will be added to any other awards or scholarships awarded to the student or that the student would normally receive up to the allowed university cap (25 manot at the time of this document), as long as compliance with [Ben-Gurion University's scholarship regulations](#) is maintained.
- Awarded scholarships will be secured for the normative period of study for the expected degree (2 years for an MSc/MA and 4 years for a PhD). However, their annual renewal will be evaluated at the end of each academic year and will depend on maintaining top-quality academic status and relevant to the field of brain and cognitive science, according to the school's standards.

#### Eligibility

- The scholarship is designed for students beginning their studies in a qualifying program of graduate studies at Ben-Gurion University. Candidates are eligible if the following semester will be their first semester of studies as a regular status student (סטודנט מן המניין) for an MSc or MA or בניסיון for a Ph.D. student). Students accepted in a different status can apply at the end of the last semester of their alternative status before transitioning to a regular status student.
- Candidates must have been accepted for supervision in their MSc, MA, or Ph.D. thesis by a member of the School of Brain and Cognitive Sciences at Ben-Gurion University.
- Scholarships will be awarded based on academic excellence and the suggested research topic's relevance to the brain and cognitive science field.

#### Submitting an application

- Applications must be received **in full** by the School of Brain and Cognitive Sciences by **August 27<sup>th</sup>, 2023**. Partial applications will not be considered.
- The submission packet should be completed via the following [form](#).



- It is the responsibility of the applicant to ensure that letters of recommendation are sent by mail either by the department office or the advisor. It is acceptable to use letters that were sent as part of the student's MSc registration. The letters should be forwarded to [interdisciplinary@bgu.ac.il](mailto:interdisciplinary@bgu.ac.il) and must be received by the deadline for submission. Please do not forward letters of recommendation directly from the applicant's e-mail.

### **The full application will include**

- A scholarship application form + commitment on the part of the student to fulfill the requirements of the scholarship as set out in the following section.
- Certificates of the applicant's eligibility for a degree as appropriate (if the student is not currently eligible for the appropriate degree, the certificate can be provided when it becomes available before the beginning of studies but a comment to that effect should be attached to the application packet). Failure to provide the certificate by the 31.12.2023 will result in forfeiting the scholarship.
- A copy of the student's official transcript for their previous studies, current to the semester preceding the one in which the application is submitted.
- A formal statement by the student's undergraduate department or faculty of that student's class rank. Students with a major involving two departments should submit class ranks for both. Students who did their undergraduate degree at BGU do not need to submit this documentation.
- A letter of acceptance or assurance of acceptance to a research program in one of the department or faculties of Ben-Gurion University. In case the student has not yet received notification of acceptance, an acknowledgement of registration for studies can be submitted.
- A brief CV (up to two pages)
- Title and a brief explanation (up to 300 words) of the proposed project, signed by the advisor
- A letter of support from the thesis supervisor.

### **Obligations of the scholarship recipient**

- Scholarship recipients should maintain their status as full-time registered students throughout the scholarship period. Recipients may not work during that period (unless given specific authorization by the School of Brain and Cognitive Sciences) and commit to fulfilling the requirements for the advanced degree, including submission of the thesis, within the normative period for the degree.
- Scholarship recipients will be affiliated with the School of Brain and Cognitive Sciences and include it in all research-related communications and publications (on top of departmental affiliation).
- The recipient must submit a one-page report of their course grades and research progress at the end of each academic year (no later than the 15.7 for students beginning their studies in the first semester and not later than 15.2 for students beginning their studies in the second semester).



- With the progress report, the recipient will submit their current transcript and a letter from their supervisor supporting the continuation of the scholarship.
- Scholarship recipients will attend the weekly seminar and the annual retreat of the School of Brain and Cognitive Sciences
- In the last year of their studies, recipients will present their research in an appropriate academic forum as determined by the Committee for Research Studies. This could mean presentation in the weekly seminar, in the annual retreat, or in another forum organized by the School of Brain and Cognitive Sciences for this purpose.