

CALL FOR PROPOSALS

Wohl Clean Growth Alliance Fellowships

The Wohl Legacy, British Council, and the British Embassy Tel Aviv invite proposals to the Wohl Clean Growth Alliance Fellowships.

The following notes provide guidance on eligibility and conditions upon which the Fellowships are ultimately issued.

Background and objectives of the Wohl Clean Growth Alliance Fellowships

The scheme is part of the Wohl Clean Growth Alliance, which aims to strengthen academic collaboration between the UK and Israel in fields of clean growth (as defined below) related to **food, water, energy and decarbonisation**. The programme is managed by the British Council in Israel together with the British Embassy Tel Aviv, and funded by the Wohl Legacy.

For the purposes of this programme, clean growth means economic growth that mitigates our impact on the environment while building resilience to a changing climate.

The scheme supports mobility of early career researchers, namely PhD and postdoctoral-level researchers, in the UK and Israel.

The objectives of the Fellowship Scheme are:

- To deepen connections between the UK and Israel and promote joint UK-Israeli research excellence.
- To offer mobility opportunities for early career researchers and support the advance of their academic careers.
- To seed and/or cement partnerships related to research into clean growth as set up above.

Outputs of Scheme

The scheme will enable researchers in both countries to undertake medium-term visits to further their research and to establish or strengthen research links that develop and enhance research collaborations.

The Fellowships will support research visits by UK and Israeli early career researchers to laboratories in the UK and Israel. Applicants can apply for visits for **one to three months in duration**. The aim of these visits will be to enable the visiting fellows to:

- learn new techniques or research methods that are not available in their home country;
- access facilities, resources, tools or archives not available in their home country; or
- facilitate collaboration between the home and host research groups.

Application process

- Applications must be submitted using the online
- Please consult the Guidelines for Applicants document before filling in the form
- For all inquiries, please e-mail israelscience@britishcouncil.org.

Eligibility

- The Fellowships are open to PhD students and postdoctoral researchers. Postdoctoral researchers should have been awarded their PhD not more than 10 years prior to applying for a Fellowship (though allowances can be made for career breaks or other extenuating circumstances).
- Fellowships are available to both PhD students and postdoctoral researchers. Individuals connected to Wohl Clean Growth Alliance Grants are eligible to apply, but not with the same project.
- The Fellowships will fund a visit from the UK to Israel or vice versa. We do not expect reciprocal visits.
- Only applications that have been jointly endorsed by heads of research groups and heads of departments in both the applicant's home and host institutions will be considered.
- Multiple applications from laboratories / departments / institutions are acceptable; however, individuals may submit only one application at a time. Duplicate applications will not be eligible, even if they are to different host institutions.
- Preference will be given for new collaborations although individuals involved in existing cooperation will be considered.
- Applications for the Fellowships to extend visits or to bridge research visits funded by other organisations will not be considered.
- The Fellowships will not be awarded to individuals to visit the laboratory, institute or department in which the applicant obtained his or her PhD or to work again with the candidate's PhD supervisor.
- Fellowships must be completed by 31.12.2024.

If in doubt, for a ruling on eligibility, please submit details to the British Council by e-mailing: israelscience@britishcouncil.org.

Please note that we are unable to comment on the content of applications.

Funding

- Fellowships are intended to support the travel, accommodation and subsistence of eligible individuals.
- Funding can be requested for **up to US\$3000 per month** in the host country, for a total of up to three months.
- Travel for Fellowships of up to two months must be one-off (i.e. only one trip with return flight costs).
- Fellowships lasting over two months in the host country may split into multiple visits to be completed within two years.
- Funding will be paid to the applicant's institution, following the signature of a contract. The Institution will then be responsible to transfer the funds on to the applicant.
- Applicants are required to submit a financial report together with their narrative report following their trip. Receipts will not be requested.

Successful applicants should take out adequate insurance as the British Council cannot take responsibility for any problems which may occur during the visit. Successful applicants will accept full responsibility for all aspects of the visit and take out insurance for any risks associated with taking part in travelling abroad, including all unexpected and uncontrollable events. The British Council will not be liable for the consequences of any such risks, or any costs incurred.

Please note that successful applicants are expected to make their own travel and accommodation arrangements, and that the British Council will not be able to assist in requesting visas required to carry out their visit.

Successful fellows are responsible for any tax-related issues.

Inadmissible costs:

- Costs related to writing up previous research.
- Costs related to an accompanying spouse or children.
- Any contributions towards salaries or pension costs.

Assessment criteria

Successful applications will meet the following criteria:

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- Demonstrate direct relevance to clean growth related to food, water, energy and decarbonisation.
 - Propose activity of high research quality.
 - Show the potential for tangible outcomes emanating from the fellowship, such as published research, development of new datasets etc.
 - Indicate how the collaboration will continue beyond the period of the proposed activity.
 - Comply with Guidelines for Applicants and the relevant Application Form instructions.

Responsibilities of Fellows

- Fellows will provide the British Council team with a report of their activity at the host institution within 60 days of returning from the trip. A final report template will be sent to successful applicants and will include a financial and a narrative component.
- The fellowship should be acknowledged in all pertinent publications and other communications.
- Applicants will be expected to:
 - Perform satisfactory progress at their host institution.
 - Support activity of the Wohl Clean Growth Alliance and British Council.
 - Attend British Council events including an annual meeting.
 - Participate in peer reviews, where relevant.
 - Be available for press and media work.
 - Ensure that the Wohl Alliance logo appears on all materials and publications emanating from their fellowship.

In the event of early termination of the fellowship, any payment made after the date of termination will have to be repaid as will the return portion of the travel money. When the fellowship is terminated after a brief period, the entire travel allowance will have to be returned.

Failure to comply with demands will result in the British Council, responsible for the administration of the Fellowships, seeking reimbursement of the full award plus administrative costs.

Equal opportunities and diversity

The British Council, MOSTS and the MRC are committed to a policy of Equal Opportunities and welcome applications from all sections of society. All applications will be evaluated solely on the basis of the award criteria as listed above.

Privacy notice

The British Council is the Data Controller of the information that you provide as part of your participation in the Wohl Clean Growth Alliance Grants programme. This means that the British Council is responsible for determining how your information is collected and used.

The legal basis for collecting your data is that the processing is necessary for the administration of your application for the Wohl Clean Growth Alliance Grants.

By submitting your application, you understand that your information may be shared with our partners for these purposes awarding and administering the grant:

- The UK Science and Innovation Network;
- The Wohl Legacy;
- The Steering Committee; Advisory Board and Funding Panel;
- The Selection Panel

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