

The Levi Eshkol Institute for the Study of the Economy, Society and Policy in Israel

Faculty members research grants for the study of Israeli society 2020

The Levi Eshkol Institute invites faculty members at the Hebrew University to submit research funding proposals for 2020.

Research fields and priorities

The grants are intended only for studies of which the main focus is Israel. The primary purpose is to encourage researchers to submit proposals to external funds, or to meet needs not covered by these funds.

- 1. Pre-funding of proposals already submitted to an external source:** researchers who submitted a proposal to an external fund and have not yet received a response, or who received a positive response but have not yet received funding, can request support for initial progress provided that external funding is expected at least 6 months from the date of application to the Eshkol Institute. The proposal must specify the work schedule and describe how the Eshkol funds will be used until funding is received from the external fund.
- 2. Assistance in preparing research proposals for external sources:** funding of background or exploratory research to prepare the writing of a research proposal for an external fund.
- 3. Funding Small Projects:** funding research with modest financial requirements, or work required to complete existing research.

Priority will be given to non-tenured faculty members, researchers who submitted an external fund proposal during the past five years, and researchers who received funding from the Eshkol Institute in the past and subsequently published research or submitted an external fund proposal. Researchers who were awarded a research grant from the

Eshkol Institute last year could apply for another topic this year, but their applications will be given a lower priority than other applications.

Application Components

1. The application must include the following three items:

A) A three-page proposal (excluding bibliography), which defines the proposed research objectives, summarizes the main theoretical and empirical background and describes the research methodology.

B) A reasoned budget proposal including details complying with the university's customary expenditure articles. The budget must be detailed in shekels and will amount to between NIS 4000 and NIS 12,000. The budget proposal may not include the purchase of non-consumable equipment over NIS 1,000, excluding a computer. In case of purchasing a computer, matching funds may be budgeted from the Faculty of Social Science infrastructure committee, or a similar unit at another faculty, and according to the university's rules. Travel abroad cannot be funded, and it is necessary to take into account that travel and foreign travel refunds are taxable.

No need to include overhead.

C) A cover letter specifying the type of grant requested and the compliance of the application to the priorities mentioned in the section "research fields and priorities".

The letter will also address other sources of funding (if any): applications submitted and grants received for the proposed research, from internal or external sources. The letter should include a list of research for which a grant has been received from the Eshkol Institute over the past five years, citing publications and research proposals submitted to external funds stemming from the research.

2. Resume summary including publications and research grants during the past five years.

3. Application form for faculty members research grants, to be submitted electronically.

The application deadline is 20.2.2020. Required documents should be sent as one PDF file by email to: eshkol@mail.huji.ac.il. No applications will be accepted after this date.

Upon approving the proposals, amounts between NIS 4,000 and NIS 12,000 will be awarded. The budget will be self-managed and will be given for a period of one year.

Receiving grants is bound to the following commitments

1. At the end of the scholarship period, scholars will be asked to submit a brief summary report to the Institute. In addition, due to the Institute's commitment to making its funded research accessible to the public, scholarship recipients will submit a brief description, a paragraph or two in length, about their research and its findings, intended for the public. The short description of the research will be posted to the institute's website.
2. The Eshkol Institute's contribution should be noted in any scientific publication based on the grant. A copy of the publication should be sent to the Institute.
3. Grant recipients commit to present their research at conferences or other events organized by the Eshkol Institute if requested.

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