



## European Forum doctoral studies program Principals

The doctoral program at the EF aims at supporting excellent young researchers, who focus their doctoral research on contemporary European affairs broadly defined, through the path of their doctoral studies. The European Forum doctoral studies program provides financial sponsorship — for committed students to fly-high with their research ambitions.

Our doctoral students are offered:

- excellence scholarships up to 60,000 NIS per year, up to four years;
- research scholarships;
- sponsored study-abroad programs at partner institutions;
- sponsored participation in international conferences;
- financial support for research travel;
- scholarships for language studies abroad;
- designated work space.

Seeing that the European Forum is a multidisciplinary community, with faculty coming from diverse disciplinary background, the European Forum doctoral studies program is designed to meet the educational needs of students whose previous studies, knowledge and experiences are equally diverse. Still, the overarching theme of studies and research must address European matters — European Union and regional integration, migration and integration, political economy and trade relations, elections and social movements, media, culture and memory, urbanism and inequality, law and rights, and alike topics. The European Forum doctoral program, like the Masters programs, is organized into two curricular tracks:  
(a) European Studies, and  
(b) Contemporary German Studies: Politics, Society and Culture.

To open your imagination to the diversity of topics and agenda studied and researched under the canopy of European Forum at the Hebrew University, here are but very few projects composed by our students:

- The Langeweile and the Longue Durée: Boredom and Politics in Postnational Europe, by Avraham Rot (MA)
- Modern Pilgrimage: Representations of Journeys in Contemporary Art, by Yaakov Ben-Meir (PhD)
- The European External Action Service, Agent Capacities and the 2013 Guidelines, by Mirian Rest-Bashan (MA)
- Does Literature Matter? On the Reception of Israeli Literature in Germany after 1989, by Dr. Karin Neuburger (post-doc)
- Islam and the European Legal Systems: The Headscarf Debate in France and Germany as Case Studies, by Maayan Sagy (MA)
- "When you have to shoot... shoot! Don't talk"? : A Critical Reading of BVerfGE 115, 118, by Nofar Sheffi (MA)

Want to know more?

- Visit us at the European Forum, rooms 6203/4 at the Humanities buildings on Mt. Scopus.
- Check out on-line info at [www.ef.huji.ac.il](http://www.ef.huji.ac.il).
- Call or email to schedule a consultation session: [mseuro@mail.huji.ac.il](mailto:mseuro@mail.huji.ac.il) ; 02-5883286.



## European Forum doctoral studies program Regulations and guidelines

Note:

The following specification of Program Rules and Regulations are specific to the doctoral program of the European Forum and thus outlines additional terms to those of the Hebrew University's Authority for Research Students; see, "[Authority for Research Students](#)"

### (1) Admissions

#### (1.1) Applications must include:

- Application form
- Transcript of grades, for both Bachelor's and Master's studies;
- Copies of graduation certificates, for both Bachelor's and Master's studies;
- Electronic copy of Master's thesis;
- Curriculum Vitae
- Preliminary research proposal: essay introducing the agenda of your doctoral research. Understanding that this statement is mostly aspirational, still the essay should articulate the agenda for the planned research: describe general topic and discussions of it to date, identify possible lacunae in current study of the topic, propose research that would enable filling in the gap in current research, as well as briefly add a specific question and a description of methodology — up to three pages;
- Two letters of reference from faculty members, one of them from your prospective faculty advisor, specifically describing acquaintance with candidate, specifying candidate's qualities that enable long-term commitment and academic diligence, noting possibility for sponsoring candidate from faculty grants, and commenting on validity of candidate's research agenda;
- Letter of confirmation from the prospective faculty advisor.

#### (1.2) Assessment process:

- Applications are reviewed and considered by the European Forum's doctoral studies committee, whose principles highlight excellence of academic record to date (including minimal average grade of 90 for courses and 90 for Master's thesis), promise of the research proposal, relevance of agenda to European and German studies at the doctoral level, and potential for further excellence in of the activities of the European Forum community.
- Interview with the candidate.

#### (1.3) Timeline for admissions:

- Applications must be sent by e-mail to [mseuro@mail.huji.ac.il](mailto:mseuro@mail.huji.ac.il);
- Applications must be completed no later than **May 15, 2022** or **November 15, 2022** for enrollment on the following semester;
- Responses from European Forum shall be mailed no later than a month after the deadline;
- Formal registration with the Authority for Research Students.

### (2) Curricula

(2.1) Doctoral students must participate in study activity of a scope of at least 12 credit points. Among these 12 credit points, a maximum of 4 credit points may be from courses designed for doctoral coaching; and, credit points from the research preparatory seminar (course 54882 – "Design Your Research"), like other methodological courses, may be incurred. The supplementary study program shall be approved by the Advisory Committee when approving the research proposal and shall be sent to the Authority for Research Students.



Students may begin to participate in courses with the approval of the supervisor, however, students must take into account that the committee may not necessarily approve each course that is studied in the course of stage A.

**(2.2)** In spite of the interdisciplinary character of the European Forum, students coming with little or no background in relevant fields may be required to complete supplementary basic courses.

**(2.3)** European Forum doctoral scholarship recipients are required to:

- be present at the European Forum at least two days per week;
- actively participate in at least 80% of meetings of the year-long European Forum Colloquium, over at least one year;
- present your research project in at least one international workshop or conference during stage A and another such activity during stage B;
- participate in other European Forum events, such as EF conferences, guest lectures, student recruitment events, and alike. Doctoral students may also be called upon to serve as formal and informal mentors for MA students.
- actively participate for at least one year in the doctoral training program offered by the Faculty of Social Sciences.

**(2.4)** Duration: The European Forum enforces limits of up to 18 months (and no more than 24, upon approval by the doctoral committee) for Stage A and up to 7 years before submission of doctoral dissertation.

### **(3) Grants and sponsorship**

**(3.1)** Doctoral studies grants will be offered to excellent candidates, with *conditional commitment* for 4 years study. Conditionality terms draw on academic progress of the students and recommendation of faculty advisor. Students who do not meet such thresholds and are not in good academic standing, at the conclusion of each year, will have their grant terminated; see "[Disciplinary regulations](#)".

**(3.2)** The European Forum's doctoral studies grants shall be up to 60,000 NIS per annum. Students may apply for additional grants and fellowships. However, grants are in compliance with the Hebrew University regulations; see "[Scholarship regulations](#)".

### **(4) Submission of PhD thesis – regulation specific to European Forum program:**

In addition to the regulations for submission of PhD thesis specified by the Hebrew University's Authority for Research Students (see [here](#)), the European Forum program specifies that:

- A chapters dissertation, hence ASSUPA (set or collection of chapters) must include *at least one* chapter that has been submitted for *review* towards publication with an academic journal.

### **(5) Timeline for registration**

For **2022-2023**

Deadline for submission of candidacy to European Forum	May 15, 2022
Reply from European Forum <b>regarding admissions</b>	June 15, 2022
Reply from European Forum <b>regarding scholarship</b>	June 15, 2022
Deadline for submission of application to HUJI Authority for Research Students	July 1, 2022
Effective enrollment	Beginning of academic year 2022-2023



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