Call for Applications:

Joint Postdoctoral Fellowships
by the Tel Aviv University and the University of Potsdam
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The cooperation between Tel Aviv University and the University of Potsdam has greatly intensified over the past years. Research cooperation is already being funded and the exchange of students and administration staff is ongoing. An agreement regarding collaboration in knowledge and technology transfer was renewed in 2016 and during a recent delegation visit, mutual interest was in joint collaborative international e-learning has been identified.

As another important step to deepen our strategic partnership, the two universities announce a Joint Postdoctoral Fellowship for the academic year 2020/2021.

At least one fellowship will be given to postdocs who completed their doctoral studies at the University of Potsdam or are currently postdocs at the University of Potsdam, in order to spend a year at Tel Aviv University. Also at least one fellowship will be given to academics who completed their doctoral studies at Tel Aviv University to spend a year at the University of Potsdam. The scholarships will be given on a competitive basis. The number of available scholarships will be decided upon by the call’s deadline. The amount of the scholarship is no less than 2000 US$ (at TAU) and 2000 EUR (at UP) per month. Stipends will be paid by the receiving institution to the incoming postdocs.

Candidates from all fields and disciplines are invited to apply.

Qualifications:
- The candidate must submit his/her Ph.D. thesis before 05/2020
- The Ph.D. degree must have been awarded no earlier than 12/2016
Application Documents:
1. Motivation/Cover letter (including information on the intended duration of stay) by the applicant
2. A confirmation that the candidate has received a Ph.D. degree and the date it was awarded, or an administrative confirmation that the doctoral thesis has been submitted
3. A supporting letter from the head of the department
4. Three letters of recommendation (including one letter from the Ph.D. advisor or the responsible professor, and including - if possible - one from a different university than the one the Ph.D. was granted)
5. A short (1-2 pages) research proposal
6. List of publications
7. Curriculum vitae
8. Letter of support from the intended post-doctoral advisor at the host university (candidates interested in applying for this fellowship and are unable to find a relevant advisor will be assisted by the university authorities prior to submitting their application)

Selection Criteria:
The scholars, who will receive the fellowship, will be selected by a joint TAU-UP committee, giving particular attention to the following criteria:
- Clearly formulated goals for the time spent at the partner institution
- Academic excellence
- Level of concreteness of future joint research
- Envisaged synergies Potsdam-Tel Aviv

Further Annotations:
The postdocs from both universities will be visiting scholars at the receiving institution.
Both universities would like to point out that it is the applicant’s responsibility to consider language preparation for the stay at the partner university.
**Deadline:**
The application from and the supporting documents must be received not later than March 20, 2020 and should be summarized in a single PDF document. Starting date for the exchange is summer/autumn 2020.

**Applications** from University of Potsdam’s applicants should be sent to Marita Boehning, Strategic Advisor to the Vice President for International Affairs, Alumni and Fundraising: marita.boehning@uni-potsdam.de. Applications from Tel Aviv University’s applicants should be sent to the Assistant to the Vice President, Sharon Ziv Kafri: vpoffice@tauex.tau.ac.il.