

## Doctoral Fellowships at the Hebrew University of Jerusalem

The "Historical Linguistics and Formal Semantics" research group, which will operate during the academic years 2017/18-2019/20 at the Mandel Scholion Interdisciplinary Research Center in the Humanities and Jewish Studies of the Hebrew University of Jerusalem, is offering four three-year scholarships for doctoral students.

The aim of the research group is to better our understanding of natural language by combining two areas of linguistic research whose integration is still nascent: historical linguistics and formal semantics. The group will jointly explore, in a systematic manner, how studies in historical linguistics and in semantics can contribute to one another. It will strive to draw conclusions about the properties of a variety of semantic categories, their universality, and the mechanisms underlying recurring shifts in meanings over time, or paths of semantic change, within these categories.

The group will be led by Elitzur Bar-Asher Siegal, Nora Boneh, Eitan Grossman, and Aynat Rubinstein. For a summary of its aims, please see the project proposal [here](#).

We welcome candidates with excellent research qualifications and an interest in language change and formal linguistics. Prior training in one of these areas is a prerequisite.

Recipients of the scholarships, who must register by October 2017 as doctoral students at the Hebrew University of Jerusalem, will receive excellent working conditions for the three years of the scholarship at the Mandel Scholion Center on the University's Mount Scopus campus, including office space close to the project leaders and a yearly grant of 75,000 NIS. Recipients will be expected to devote these three years to writing their doctoral dissertations. Moreover, it is expected that they will be present at the Mandel Scholion Center four days a week and participate in the group's activities and those of the Center, which is an interdisciplinary research center devoted to the promotion of excellent research in a wide variety of disciplines. Recipients of the scholarship are not permitted to engage in additional work during this period, other than possibly serving as teaching and research assistants at the Hebrew University.

Applicants should send the following documents to [scholion@savion.huji.ac.il](mailto:scholion@savion.huji.ac.il) :

1. CV
2. Research statement (2 pages)
3. Transcripts of BA and MA

They should also ask two scholars familiar with them and their work to submit recommendations directly to the above address.

**Deadline for application:** 2 March 2017

Interviews for finalists (in person or on Skype) will take place on 16 March 2017.

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