

Doctoral Fellowship at the Hebrew University of Jerusalem

The Mandel Scholion Interdisciplinary Research Center is now calling for applications for a three year doctoral fellowship in "The Evolution of Attention in Modern and Contemporary Culture: An Interdisciplinary Study of the Making of the Human." The fellows will be part of a research group devoted to this theme that will operate from October 2021 until September 2024 at the Hebrew University of Jerusalem.

Research will be devoted to a tracing of the emergence of current debates on attention as a method to gauge cultural shifts in the way we bolster or challenge common conceptualizations of attention. By looking back to artistic and literary explorations of attention, we will seek to ask, first, whether the seismic shift associated with the digital revolution has indeed radically changed the value of attention in human life, or whether such shifts are already evident in our past history; second, how technology complements or is in competition with cultural commentary on attention, and, third, what the comparative analyses of these epistemes might contribute to our understanding of the human. Our exploration will take cognizance of empirical data from ongoing studies on questions of attention and perception in an attempt to test the commonalities between disciplines. We aim to investigate how the rise and fall of competing terms such as distraction, boredom and attention deficit are suggestive not only of the bon ton of an era, but of significant shifts in the way we understand community, the individual and the state that holds them together.

The group is led by Prof. Ofer Ashkenazi, Prof. Gal Ventura, Prof. Yael Levin, and Prof. Ayelet Landau. See the Mandel Scholion's [website](#) for additional information about the group, its aims and members, as well as about the Center itself.

We welcome candidates with excellent research qualifications and an interest in our topic from a wide range of fields in the Humanities and Social Studies. The Mandel Scholion Research Center is a center for excellence in interdisciplinary studies. It seeks to foster a wide range of critical approaches and welcomes candidates whose research represents the broad reach of human endeavor. Four candidates will be chosen to take part in the group's work.

Terms and Conditions:

*The recipients of the scholarship must register by October 2021 as doctoral students at the Hebrew University of Jerusalem.

*The recipients of the scholarships will enjoy excellent work conditions for the three years of the scholarship at the Mandel Scholion Center at the University's Mount Scopus campus. This includes office space close to the project leaders and a yearly grant of 75,000 NIS subject to the rules and regulations of the Hebrew University by [laws](#) for doctoral fellowships.

* The recipient will be expected to devote these three years to writing his or her doctoral dissertation and contribute to the group's research products. The fellow is expected to be present at the Mandel Scholion Center four days a week and to participate in the activities of the group and of the Center, which is an interdisciplinary research center devoted to the promotion of excellence in a wide spectrum of disciplines.

*The recipient of the scholarship is not permitted to engage in additional work during this period, other than teaching or a research assistantship at the Hebrew University.

Eligibility:

*Students who will be registered as Ph.D students in October 2021 at the Hebrew University may apply.

Application:

Applicants should send the following documents to: <http://scholarships.huji.ac.il>.

1. Confirmation of their status as a doctoral student at HUJI in Fall 2021. If they are not yet registered they must apply by 01/07/2021 and be registered by 10/10/2021 as a PhD candidate.
2. Research proposal. Please submit the proposal approved by the research authority. If the proposal has not yet been approved, please submit a short description of the planned project for the dissertation. A short abstract of the candidate's PhD project.
3. Research statement (2 pages), with a focus on how the candidate's research can contribute to the work of the group and also be enriched by it.
4. CV
5. Two recommendations from scholars familiar with the applicant and their work that will be submitted to the application website email.
6. Transcripts of BA and MA

Deadline for applications: 14 March 2021

Interviews are planned for the afternoon of Thursday, April 22nd, 2021

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