

Investing in the Next Generation of Researchers, Innovators, and Leaders

Scholarships for Graduate Students at the University of Haifa



Graduate students at the University of Haifa are rebuilding the intellectual and economic fabric of Northern Israel from the inside out. As the region navigates a critical chapter of recovery, these researchers and innovators serve as the primary drivers of scientific breakthroughs and community resilience. Strategic graduate scholarships ensure that Israel's most promising minds remain anchored in the North, giving them the vital resources to solve urgent security, environmental, and social challenges at a moment of profound national need.

As Israel's most pluralistic university and the largest comprehensive academic institution in northern Israel, the University of Haifa is uniquely positioned to expand educational opportunity while strengthening regional resilience and prosperity. For more than 50 years, the University has ensured that outstanding students – regardless of economic, religious, social or geographic background – are given the opportunity to pursue higher education and realize their full potential.

A Diverse Community of Future Leaders

Today, graduate students represent more than 40% of the University's student body, reflecting the rich diversity of Israeli society:

For many of these students, financial barriers threaten to derail years of academic promise.

It is financial scholarships that allow them to devote themselves fully to their studies and research.

- » About one-third of master's students come from lower socioeconomic backgrounds.
- » More than 65% are women.
- » Over 23% are members of Israel's Arab society.
- » Nearly half are the first in their families to attend university.

Each year, the University invests more than \$7 million in tuition assistance, allocating two-thirds of this budget directly to graduate programs to support talented students from the full spectrum of Israeli society.

Graduate Student Stats*
2025-26 Academic Year

7,900

Master's: 6,500
PhD: 1,400

Primary Fields of Study include:

- Social Sciences
- Health Professions
- Humanities
- Education
- Biology



The Impact of Graduate Scholarships

Investing in graduate scholarships is a direct investment in Israel's national security, economic independence, and social stability, as scholarships create a ripple effect that will strengthen Israeli society for decades to come. At the University of Haifa, master's and PhD students comprise more than 40% of the student body. Nearly one-third of our master's students come from lower socioeconomic backgrounds, making scholarship support essential to ensuring that financial need never stands in the way of talent and potential.

As the next generation of pioneering scientists, health professionals, educators, technology innovators, entrepreneurs, and public servants, they will staff and lead Israel's laboratories, hospitals, schools, high-tech companies, and civic institutions. Through their research and leadership, they are expanding technological frontiers, safeguarding marine and coastal ecosystems, improving public health, and strengthening the country's cultural and economic fabric.

By partnering with us, your support advances research excellence, promotes equal opportunity, and builds a stronger, more inclusive future for northern Israel and the nation.

Doctoral Scholarships

The President's Scholarships for Success Program, a scholarship program for doctoral candidates, provides vital academic support and living expenses over a four-year period. The current cohort of 1,400 doctoral candidates – among them, tomorrow's faculty luminaries – engages in cutting-edge research while actively mentoring undergraduate students.

A robust doctoral program helps reverse the "brain drain" of top-tier talent leaving for opportunities at institutions abroad. By offering competitive funding, the University enables these exceptional scholars to build their families and careers in northern Israel. In doing so, we anchor the diverse, high-level expertise needed to transform the region, drive innovation, and secure a prosperous future.



Meet Our Graduate Scholars

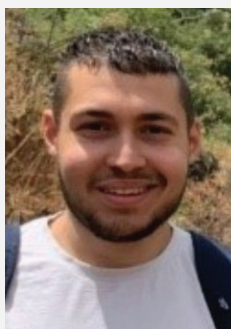


Ophir Netzer

PhD Candidate

School of Psychological Sciences

Ophir Netzer is a doctoral student in the Department of Cognitive Science, researching under Prof. Roy Salomon. Her groundbreaking research examines the psychological and neural mechanisms of trauma, focusing on how substances such as cannabis and MDMA may influence trauma processing among survivors of the October 7 Nova Music Festival attack. By addressing critical gaps in the understanding of complex trauma, her research aims to inform novel therapeutic approaches and improve survivor care. In recognition of her exceptional achievements, Ophir was awarded both a prestigious **Azrieli Fellowship** and the **President of Israel's Scholarship for Excellence and Scientific Innovation**—one of only twelve awards granted nationwide.



Yaniv Glazer

MSc Student

Faculty of Natural Sciences

Yaniv Glazer is a master's student in the Department of Evolutionary and Environmental Biology, researching under Dr. Yuval Itescu. His work examines the ecological impact of the invasive *Tarentola annularis* gecko, a rapidly spreading species that threatens Israel's native biodiversity by competing with and preying on indigenous wildlife. Through extensive fieldwork in the challenging environments of the Dead Sea and Southern Arava regions, Yaniv is helping to advance scientific understanding that will inform future conservation efforts to protect fragile ecosystems. Alongside his graduate studies, Yaniv continues to serve on active reserve duty with the IDF, having completed his mandatory military service as a Staff Sergeant in the Israeli Navy.

Ways to Support Our Graduate Students

\$20,000 / year

Master's Scholarship

\$40,000 covers full tuition and a monthly stipend for a two-year study period.

\$31,250 / year

PhD Scholarship

\$125,000 covers full research support and a monthly stipend for a four-year study period.