Call for Visiting Research Fellows

Blavatnik Interdisciplinary Cyber Research Center,
Tel Aviv University, Israel

The Blavatnik Interdisciplinary Cyber Research Center at Tel Aviv University seeks applications for non-stipendiary Visiting Research Fellowships.

Fellowship Opportunities

We welcome exceptional scholars or Ph.D. candidates specializing in cybersecurity, artificial intelligence, and related fields to join our vibrant research community. We encourage applications from any scietnific discipline, backgrounds and perspectives.

As a Visiting Research Fellow, you will have the opportunity to:

- **Pursue cutting-edge research** in any scientific discipline relevant to digital trust, artificial intelligence and cybersecurity.
- **Conduct fieldwork and collaborate with experts:** Engage with world-class researchers and industry leaders in Israel.
- **Participate in Academic and Industry Events,** including our annual [CyberWeek](#).
- **Leverage Our Resources:** Access state-of-the-art research facilities and a vibrant academic environment.

About us

[Tel Aviv University](#) (TAU) is the largest and most comprehensive research institution in Israel, with over 30,000 students across 9 faculties, 125 schools and departments. Global in outlook and impact, and sharing Tel Aviv's spirit of non-stop discovery, the University brings together top minds to address the most pressing challenges of the 21st century through bold and collaborative solutions and teaching.

Tel Aviv University secured the [7th position globally and the top-ranked non-U.S. institution](#) in PitchBook's 2024 rankings of top universities for undergraduate founders. 893 TAU alumni with bachelor's degrees have founded a total of 755 companies that collectively [raised $29.8 billion](#) in capital in the past decade.

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The Blavatnik ICRC is an independent and inclusive university research center focusing on cybersecurity and digital trust across the full spectrum of intelligent machines, people, processes, and technology. Established in 2014 under the leadership of Professor Major-General (Ret.) Isaac Ben-Israel, the Blavatnik ICRC has awarded 95 research grants totaling $8 million in funding. With research, outreach, and advisory, it is the first and largest cybersecurity research center in Israel.

It hosts the world-famous International Cyber Week conference every summer since 2011. The robust international community of over 60 TAU faculty, 250 graduate students, and dozens of faculty and industry partners in leading global research institutions continues to grow.

Practical Information

- ✓ **Engagement:** Visiting Research Fellows are expected to actively participate in collaborative research and contribute to the Blavatnik Interdisciplinary Cyber Research Center's activities.
- ✓ **Residency:** Fellows should spend most of their fellowship in Israel, requiring residency in Israel and working primarily from the beautiful Tel Aviv University campus.
- ✓ **Duration**: Fellowships typically last four to nine months, spanning from October through June.
- ✓ **Language Proficiency:** Excellent English communication skills are required.

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✓ **Access to a Rich Research Environment:** Including dedicated workspace on campus, mentorship opportunities, and comprehensive access to the University's electronic and physical libraries.

✓ **Recognition**: Fellows will be featured on our websites and communications.

✓ **Support for External Funding:** While these research fellowships are currently non-stipendiary, we offer administrative support to fellows seeking external funding.

✓ **Employment Status**: Fellowships do not establish an employer-employee relationship with any unit of Tel Aviv University.

✓ **Housing**: Fellows may apply for affordable housing on campus.

What to include in your application

To help us select the most promising candidates, please address the following:

1. **Research Proposal:** Clearly articulate your research aims, scope, questions, and methods. Convey how the fellowship will help you achieve them. Detail your proposed activities during the fellowship, including fieldwork and potential collaborations with Israeli and other researchers and practitioners.

2. **Expected Outcomes and Impact:** Describe the potential impact of your research, both in academic and practical terms. Outline the deliverables you intend to produce (e.g., scholarly publications, policy reports.) Demonstrate how your participation will contribute to a diverse and collaborative research environment.

3. **Curriculum Vitae (CV):** Submit a comprehensive CV that includes your academic degrees, publications, and industry and policy experience. Emphasize what sets you apart.

4. **Endorsement:** A letter of recommendation from a recognized academic or industry expert is required.

Key Dates

Application Deadline: February 27, 2025 | Decision Notifications: March 12, 2025
Please fill the form and submit a single PDF document.

Join us in shaping the future of cybersecurity and digital trust!

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