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Students and Postdocs Emergency Support Fund – Operation Rising Lion

Emergency Support Fund – Background and Scope

In light of the national state of emergency declared during Operation Rising Lion, the Weizmann Institute of Science (WIS) and the Weizmann School of Science (WSoS) remain committed to supporting our Israeli and international students and postdoctoral fellows. We recognize the significant emotional, logistical, and financial challenges many of you have faced, and we are here to help.

Who is eligible and what can be supported?

The fund is intended to assist students and postdocs experiencing financial hardship as a result of the current situation. Support may include reimbursement for documented expenses, or—where relevant—other forms of financial assistance based on individual circumstances.

Categories of eligibility include (but are not limited to):

1. Students and postdocs who are currently serving in the reserves, or who served for more than 30 days during the *Swords of Iron* war, as well as those whose spouses did, and who are experiencing financial strain related to that service. This includes applicants with children.
2. Students and postdocs whose homes or goods were damaged by a missile strike.
3. Families who incurred childcare-related expenses (e.g., babysitters or nannies) during the suspension of academic activity or while abroad.
4. International students who faced added costs such as emergency flights, childcare, or housing.

Please note: reimbursement is available for past, documented expenses not already covered by other sources (e.g., TAFNIT or external funds). All applications will be reviewed on a case-by-case basis by the Emergency Support Fund Committee.

This is not an exhaustive list. If you are facing other financial difficulties due to the recent conflict, we encourage you to apply and share the details of your situation.

Who is eligible for assistance?

Israeli and international MSc and PhD students, and postdoctoral fellows at WSOS who encounter financial difficulties due to the current state of emergency in Israel (including those who are in Israel, as well as those who are abroad at present).

Required documents

All lines of information in the form must be filled. An incomplete form will not be accepted and evaluated.

- Application form (attached Excel questionnaire).
- Documentation must be included to support financial reimbursement (attachments in PDF format).

How to apply

Candidates must submit their applications only once via the following email: wsos.Finassistance@weizmann.ac.il

- The subject of the email must be the applicant's name in English.
- Married/in a relationship applicants must submit separate applications in the case both applicants are active students/postdocs in WSoS (please add your spouse's full name).
- In the case of individuals being unable to apply for themselves, please send an email to wsos.Finassistance@weizmann.ac.il informing who will be submitting on behalf of the applicant.

Deadline

15th July 2025

The selection process

The WSoS Dean will appoint a committee to review the applications. Decisions will be made based on individual needs and the availability of funds. Reimbursements will be offered for reasonable expenses only, and up to a ceiling determined by the committee.