

# Joint Doctoral Program between Freie Universität Berlin and The Hebrew University of Jerusalem

# **Background**

The Hebrew University of Jerusalem and Freie Universität Berlin are committed to fostering collaboration in research and teaching between Israel and Germany. Both universities have worked together closely since 1986 and have recently elevated their partnership to a new strategic level with the aim of further deepening their relations. Currently more than 60 scholars from Berlin and Jerusalem across all academic fields are actively collaborating in research and teaching, making this partnership one of the most active in the German-Israeli context.

On 10 February 2015, an agreement was signed between The Hebrew University of Jerusalem and Freie Universität Berlin for a Joint Doctor of Philosophy (PhD), in a festive ceremony in the presence of the presidents of the two universities, marking 50 years of German-Israel diplomatic relations.

The mutual framework agreement will promote the joint supervision of doctoral students and offer the possibility of awarding joint PhD degrees from Hebrew University and Freie Universität Berlin across various academic fields.

The Joint PhD program will help to train a core group of scientists who will have international research experience. The strong tradition of research and educational excellence at both institutions allows them to complement each other in the scientific frontier and the collaboration will offer its students the best in academic training and ample opportunities for exposure to different research cultures and environments.

#### **Joint Doctoral Program**

## **Eligibility**

A basic requirement is to identify suitable doctoral supervisors at The Hebrew University and Freie Universität Berlin.

A candidate must fulfill the acceptance requirements of each of the Institutes as well as the academic and administrative requirements during the studies within the Joint Doctoral program.

# Registration

Students participating in the joint program will be registered as students in both institutions.

### Supervision

The research work will be performed under joint supervision, with one supervisor from each of the two institutions. The work will be judged according to academic standards of both institutions.

#### Location

Students enrolled in the program will share their time between the two campuses in Berlin and Jerusalem. Students will spend one year in the other respective institution.

#### **Tuition Fees**

A student will pay tuition fees at the home institute only.

#### Dissertation

The Ph.D. dissertation will be written in English with abstracts in English, Hebrew and German.

The Ph.D. dissertation will be submitted to both institutes, and will be evaluated according to the procedures of Freie Universität Berlin.

Candidates, whose home institute will be the Hebrew University will follow the instructions on the site of the Authority for Research Students.

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# Degree Certificate

At the end of the program, the student will be eligible for a joint PhD awarded by the two institutions.

## For More Information and Registration:

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