

Call for Applications

Complicity: Comparative Method and the Politics of Reading

Doctoral and/or Postdoctoral Research Fellowships 2026-27

The Department of English at the University of Haifa is pleased to announce a Doctoral and/or Postdoctoral Research Fellowship to join an ongoing project on **Complicity**, funded by the Israeli Science Foundation, and conducted by Prof. Ayelet Ben-Yishai, starting in October 2026.

Deadline for applications: June 10, 2026

Project description

Complicity – the condition of being “folded into” and thus variously responsible for injustice, injury or otherwise undesirable outcomes – has surfaced as a central problem in our scholarship, often paralyzing our capacity for political action. My project seeks to learn how to read a complicit situation formally, to offer a complex account of the ways in which it mediates individuals, institutions, locations, and actions. In this way we can think of complicity as the condition of our action, a guide to the ways in which we know our world and act on the injustices of which we are part, allowing us to face what we cannot will away.

Postdoctoral candidates

The fellowship aims to give junior scholars time and space to further their research, with the goal of professionalization, collaboration, and encouraging publication. The successful candidate will be expected to devote their time to research, to be present weekly on the Haifa campus, and take an active role in the academic life of the department.

Eligibility: The Post-Doctoral Fellow can hold a PhD in any relevant discipline, and work in any area or period, as long as the candidate’s project is closely related to complicity.

Evaluation of the applications will emphasize proven academic excellence, the proposal’s academic merit, research-related relevance and innovation, ability to carry out the project within the allotted time frame, and potential for academic collaboration.

Application should include the following and sent to abenyishai@research.haifa.ac.il

- A cover letter (1-2pp)
- Project Description (2-3 pages, including preliminary bibliography)
- CV (no more than 3 pages)
- Name and contact information for three references

Doctoral candidates

Please follow the application guidelines for doctoral studies at the English Department at the University of Haifa. Contact Ms. Or-El Aroshas, Department Coordinator, (oaroshas@univ.haifa.ac.il) for further details.

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