

Call for Postdoctoral Position in Civil-Military Relations

Institution: The Open University Institute for the Study of Civil-Military Relations.

Location: Ra'anana, Israel.

Position: Postdoctoral Research Fellow for the Academic Year 2026.

Research Area: Civil-Military Relations.

Overview:

The Open University Institute for the Study of Civil-Military Relations invites applicants for a postdoctoral research position in the field of civil-military relations. This position is designed for recent PhD graduates (up to 5 years since thesis approval) who are non-Israeli citizens seeking to deepen their research and academic experience in this critical area of study. We strongly encourage proposals that adopt a comparative approach to civil-military relations across different countries and regions.

Responsibilities:

- Conduct independent research on civil-military relations, focusing on contemporary issues and case studies.
- Collaborate with institute members on ongoing research projects.
- Publish research findings in peer-reviewed journals and present them at academic conferences.

Qualifications:

- A Ph.D. in Political Science, International Relations, Sociology, Public Policy, or a closely related field, awarded within the last five years.
- A strong research background in civil-military relations, demonstrated through publications and presentations.
- Proficiency in qualitative and/or quantitative research methods.
- Excellent written and verbal communication skills in English.
- Ability to work independently and as part of a team.

Funding:

The scholarship amount is **100,000 NIS for one year** in addition to flight tickets and hotel accommodation for the first week of stay.

Application Instructions:

Interested candidates should submit the following documents:

1. A cover letter outlining their research interests and how they align with the position.
2. A detailed curriculum vitae (CV).
3. A research proposal (2-3 pages) for the postdoctoral period, emphasizing any comparative research components.
4. Two samples of academic writing (published or unpublished).
5. Contact information for two academic references.

Application Deadline: 30 June 2025

Start Date: 1 October 2025

Duration:

The initial appointment is for one year, with the possibility of renewal based on performance and funding availability.

Contact Information:

For inquiries and submission of applications, please contact: Professor Yagil Levy, Head of The Open University Institute for the Study of Civil-Military Relations. Email: yagille@openu.ac.il

About The Open University Institute for the Study of Civil-Military Relations:

Founded in 2024, the institute advances knowledge in the field of civil-military relations, establishing a comprehensive and ongoing research foundation and contributing critically to policy-making. Rooted in multidisciplinary expertise, the institute focuses on key areas of civil-military relations, including recruitment models, military doctrine, interactions between the military and social groups, relationships with political and legal systems, and the media, as well as the organizational culture of the military. The institute organizes research workshops that produce publications, policy review sessions, and public conferences.