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In Memory of
Prof. Yoram Maaravi
(1957-2024)

Call for Applications: Cuenca Research Scholarship and Poster Submissions The Cuenca Research Institute for Treatment Approaches to Age-Related Diseases, 2025

The Albert and Alba Cuenca Research Institute for Treatment Approaches to Age-Related Diseases promotes an interdisciplinary, innovative, and treatment-oriented understanding of aging and age-related processes. The institute emphasizes the translational application of gerontology and geriatrics to clinical, social, and community practices, striving to bridge the gap between academic knowledge and meaningful improvement in the lives of older adults.

We view aging as a multifaceted process encompassing physical, emotional, social, functional, and economic dimensions, which interact and cumulatively shape an individual's physical and mental health. Accordingly, research supported by the Institute focuses on the broader context of aging, addressing issues such as loneliness, physical and/or cognitive decline, emotional and financial distress, and quality of life in both community and institutional settings.

The Institute aims to encourage research that contributes to optimal and healthy aging. It supports scientific excellence, the development of adapted methodologies, and the strengthening of interdisciplinary approaches, especially in support of medical, nursing, and caregiving teams.

As part of this mission, the Institute invites students to apply for research scholarships for the 2024-2025 academic year (תשפ"ה) and to submit posters for the 1st Cuenca Conference, which will take place on September 1-2, 2025, at the Steinhardt Museum of Natural History, Tel Aviv University.

Submission Deadline: June 30, 2025

Relevant Research Areas

Studies related to aging in fields such as public health, epidemiology, medicine, social work, psychology and health professions.

Note: The scholarship is not intended for basic research.

Eligibility Criteria

- > Applications are open to M.Sc., M.P.H., and M.A. students whose research proposals have been approved, as well as to Ph.D. students (Stage B) from Tel Aviv University.
- > Scholarships will be awarded to projects demonstrating excellence, innovation, applied relevance, and contribution to the field of aging and age-related diseases.
- > Ph.D. scholarship recipients will be required to present their research at the conference.

Scholarship Details

- > Two excellence scholarships of 10,000 NIS each for Ph.D. students
- > Six research scholarships of 5,000 NIS each for Ph.D. or Master's students
- > Poster prizes: 1st place: 3,000 NIS, 2nd place: 2,000 NIS, 3rd place: 1,000 NIS

* No double prizes. Receipt of a grant is contingent on participation in the conference.

Required Documents (All in English)

- > Application Form ([download here](#))
- > Curriculum Vitae (including list of publications, if any), up to 2 pages
- > Proof of enrollment and student status for the 2024–2025 academic year
- > Research abstract (up to 300 words), including: scientific background, research objectives and hypotheses, research methods, preliminary findings (if any), planned timeline, and references
 - * The title, names of applicants, and references are not counted in the word limit.
 - ** The abstract must be accompanied by: Contact details of the academic advisor, and advisor's signature confirming the application submission
- > Approved research proposal (may be submitted in Hebrew if it was approved in Hebrew).

Submission Instructions

All documents must be submitted in a single email to:
cuenca@tauex.tau.ac.il

* Email subject line should be: "Scholarship Application-Full Name-ID Number"

** In the body of the email, please indicate explicitly whether you wish to present a poster at the conference

Timeline

Application deadline: June 30, 2025

Notification of awardees: July 31, 2025

Conference, awardees ceremony and poster sessions dates:
September 1–2, 2025

Evaluation Criteria

- > Relevance to the study and prevention of aging-related diseases and conditions
- > Innovation and potential contribution to the field
- > Academic excellence and clarity of abstract

Awardee Responsibilities

- > Recipients must acknowledge the support of the Cuenca Institute in any publication, presentation, or public appearance related to the funded research.
- > Awardees are expected to participate in lectures and events organized by the Institute, and to present their work as requested.
- > Ph.D. excellence grant recipients will present their research at the conference in a talk of approximately 10 minutes.

* Scholarship conditions are determined annually by the Institute's scholarship committee and Tel Aviv University, and do not constitute precedent for future awards.

For any inquiries or additional details, please reach out via email: cuenca@tauex.tau.ac.il