

The Salti Institute Postdoctoral Research Fellowship Program (2025-2026)

The Salti Institute for Ladino Studies at Bar-Ilan University will award up to two research grants to excellent postdoctoral researchers seeking to focus on subjects related to Ladino language, literature and Sephardic culture. The grants will be awarded for the academic year (2025-2026) and are aimed at encouraging and advancing a young generation of outstanding researchers. The grants will be awarded on behalf of the Salti Foundation.

The research grants will offer young researchers full access to the Salti Institute Ladino publication archive and research library, which houses a stimulating collection of primary research material in Ladino. This archive has over 1000 Ladino titles (books and newspapers) as well as manuscripts (*Solitreo*), letters, diaries, photographs and other documents. The reference library has over 3000 titles in fields related to the historical and cultural arena of the Sephardic communities, before and after the expulsion. The Salti Institute also promotes the research of oral literature, using other collections in various institutions throughout Israel, such as the National Library of Israel.

The Salti Institute will provide research fellows with a friendly and supportive work environment, basic secretarial services, a workstation with an Internet connection, assistance in accessing archival material, etc.

The grant period: Four months in the first semester (October 2025 through January 2026) and/or four months in the second semester (March-June 2026).

The grant will be up to 40,000 NIS per semester (in four monthly installments) for foreign candidates. Foreign grantees will receive a subsidy for their flight to Israel (living accommodations and insurance will be covered in the monthly payment). In the case of a full year residency the grantees will additionally receive 10,000 NIS for February, between semesters. Israeli candidates will receive up to 5,000 NIS per month.

Conditions: Ph.D. researchers (who have completed their studies no earlier than 2019); grantees will be required to participate in all activities held by the Salti Institute and to spend at least 3 days at the institute; research fellows will be required to be in Israel throughout the grant period, with absences of up to two weeks (cumulative); research fellows are not required to teach at the Salti Institute, but will be required to give several guest lectures on their research field, during or immediately following their research stay; the research findings will be published in an article and will be submitted for publication in *Ladinar*, the research journal of the Salti Institute (subject to the accepted process of publication).

Grant application process: Please send a CV (limited to two pages) with a recent photograph; a scanned copy of Ph.D. certificate (or official confirmation of Ph.D. thesis submission); research plan (up to 3 pages) accompanied by an application to be teamed up in advance with one of the senior researchers at the Salti Institute. Please indicate if your research is a new or continuing project.

Timetable: Applications are now open for research grants for the first and/or second semester of the 2025–2026 academic year. **Applications will be accepted until the positions are filled.**

Email your grant applications to: instituto.ladino@biu.ac.il with a copy to Shmuel.refael@biu.ac.il.

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