

The Hong Kong University of Science and Technology (HKUST) –

The Elman Family Visiting Professorship in Jewish and Israeli Studies

Call for Applications for Academic Year 2026-27

Faculty members at the University of Haifa (“UH”) are invited to submit an application to participate in The Elman Family Visiting Professorship in Jewish and Israeli Studies at [The School of Humanities and Social Science of The Hong Kong University of Science and Technology](#) (“HKUST”) for the academic year 2026-27.

Purpose:

To support UH Visiting Professors teaching Jewish and Israeli studies on the HKUST campus. The UH Visiting Professor will be required to teach one course (approximately 3 hours weekly) in one term (Fall 2026 or Spring 2027). The topic of the course can be in either Jewish studies (history, philosophy, literature, etc.) or Israel studies (modern society, politics, contemporary history, etc.).

Duration:

The duration of the Visiting Professorship will be for one Full term (14 - 16 weeks including exams). The provisional calendar period will be 1 September – 19 December 2026 (Fall term); 1 February – 28 May 2027 (Spring term). Selected candidate is expected to arrive around late August (Fall term) or late January (Spring term) to get on board in Hong Kong. Please refer to the [HKUST Academic Calendar](#) for more information on the calendar dates.

Financial Offer:

HKUST will pay a salary to the Visiting Professor which depends on the academic rank (starting from approximately 31,000 NIS per month). Additionally, HKUST will provide one round trip economy class flight ticket, faculty office and non-accountable cash allowance (NCA) as housing benefits to the UH visiting faculty member.

Any visiting faculty over 65 years old will only be covered by the on-campus outpatient services; Independent purchase of full insurance plan during stay in Hong Kong is strongly recommended.

Report on Activities:

Upon completion, the UH Visiting Professor will be required to submit a reflection report on the items below which are relevant to Visiting Professor's experience with the program:

- (a) Intellectual leadership: (i) new findings, discoveries, results etc. if and as available. (ii) specific research related to your field that has been published, (iii) collaborations with local and overseas universities, institutes, and organizations.
- (b) Mentorship and support of faculty and young talents: the students and young colleagues you have Mentored. Share one or two stores of these mentees.
- (c) Societal contributions: (i) serving in committees, professional organizations, and advice groups, (ii) participation in talks, international conferences and seminars as keynote/guest speakers.
- (d) Plans for the coming year(s): (i) new roles, and (ii) research direction and collaborations provided that such information is not confidential at the time of submission of the report.

Application Process:

UH will nominate a number of candidates to HKUST, who will make the final selection in consultation with HKUST. Applications should include:

- 1. Letter of interest describing proposed undergraduate and graduate courses with draft syllabus
- 2. Curriculum vitae that includes a record of publications
- 3. Indication of any flexibility in teaching period (Fall or Spring term)

Deadline: 24 November 2025

UH Contact Person:

Submission via email to Ms. Teodora Valchev-Pankov: tvalchevp@staff.haifa.ac.il

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