
The Bucerius Institute for Research of Contemporary
German History and Society
University of Haifa

Call for Applications for the
Manfred Lahnstein
Post-Doctoral Research Fellowship in Haifa
in 20th-Century German Studies
for the 2026–2027 Academic Year

The Bucerius Institute for Research of Contemporary German History and Society invites applications for the Manfred Lahnstein one-year post-doctoral fellowship (for a minimum of 10 months). The successful applicant will receive a fellowship in the amount of 90,000 NIS and office facilities for conducting research at the University of Haifa.

The Lahnstein Fellowship supports innovative research on 20th-century German history, culture, and society, including the latter's evolving national boundaries, diasporas, and exiles. **We are especially interested in original research that involves the Middle East.** The fellowship is designed to cover a **one-year research stay in Haifa.**

The Lahnstein Fellows are required to:

1. Register as a Post-Doctoral Fellow at the University of Haifa (Faculty of Humanities)
2. Reside in Haifa and use the Bucerius Institute as their main work site during the fellowship
3. Participate in events organized by the Bucerius Institute during the fellowship year
4. Deliver the annual Lahnstein Lecture at the Board of Governors Meeting (held in May/June) – The Lahnstein Lecture Series is a high-profile event at the University of Haifa
5. Acknowledge the support of the ZEIT-Stiftung and the Bucerius Institute in any publication(s) related to the research conducted in the course of the Lahnstein Fellowship

Interested applicants must have been awarded their Ph.D. no earlier than October 2021, or have submitted their dissertation no later than January 1, 2026 (pending the awarding of their degree by October 2026).

Applicants should submit:

- A one-page letter of application briefly describing their research experience, proposed project and interest in the Bucerius Institute
- A research proposal (up to five pages)
- A curriculum vitae
- Two letters of recommendation (one of which must be from their Ph.D. adviser)
- A letter of acceptance by a hosting scholar from the University of Haifa
- An official doctoral diploma (or official confirmation of the submission of their dissertation)

All requested documents should be written in English.

Applications should be sent to Amir Bar-On (Administrative Coordinator) at ambaron@univ.haifa.ac.il

The deadline for submissions is ~~March 31, 2026~~. **Postponed to April 12, 2026**

The Bucerius Institute at the University of Haifa is a vibrant research hub that attracts promising junior and senior scholars not only from Israel and Germany, but also from across Europe and North America. The institute was founded 20 years ago by a joint initiative of the German ZEIT-Stiftung and the University of Haifa. Since then, it has been promoting research on the contemporary history and social, cultural, and political reality of Germany, embracing a wide range of disciplinary backgrounds and methodologies, and engaging with the complexity of contemporary German history in a global age.

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