

Changes agreed to this scheme – From 01 December 2023

Due to the ongoing situation in the region at present, the funder (DSIT, Department for Science, Innovation and Technology) have agreed to the following key additions to **call 2** of the UUKi UK-Israel innovation researcher mobility scheme, which is currently open for applications. This has been agreed with the aim of ensuring mobilities can go ahead and scheme objectives can be met.

- The application deadline for the scheme has been extended to: Tuesday 30 January 2024 at 5pm GMT
- Alongside the existing outbound mobility for UK based researchers and research related staff, the scheme has also been opened up to allow inbound mobility to the UK by Israeli/OPT based partner researchers (and research related staff). The primary aim remains: sharing their knowledge and techniques in the innovation space with their UK counterparts.

All costs related to mobility in either direction will be borne and paid for by the UK Lead HEI – this includes arranging both outbound and inbound mobility, since all money for the inbound mobility must be spent in the UK.

Our FAQs and call documents reflect these changes. The key changes are noted below for ease of reference.

Direction of travel

We have expanded this scheme to include inbound mobility to the UK by Israeli/OPT researchers (including research related staff). All arrangements will need to be made by the UK Lead HEI and the UK Lead applicant will have overall responsibility for all arrangements.

You must indicate as part of the application which direction of travel your application is requesting mobility in: either Outbound: UK to Israel/OPTs, Inbound: Israel/OPTs - UK or Both.

Eligible Israeli/OPT researchers open to apply for mobility

To be eligible to undertake periods of mobility, researchers and research related staff from Israel/OPTs will meet the same requirements as those from the UK. They must have demonstratable knowledge and skills to be able to upskill their UK counterparts in the areas of innovation and entrepreneurship in particular:

- Israeli/OPT staff applying to undertake a mobility must be employed or be undertaking a research degree (PhD, MRes or equivalent) at the partner organisation for the duration of the mobility.
- be able to undertake mobility within the timeframe 1 April 2024 – 31 January 2025.

Flat rates

The flat rates for incoming researchers to the UK has slightly altered. The 'teaching replacement cost' and 'dependants allowance' is not applicable for Israeli/OPT researchers undertaking a mobility to the UK. There is a separate tab on the 'Budget spreadsheet' that needs to be completed for the intended direction of travel. Please see the flat rate allowances for those travelling from Israel/OPTs to the UK as part of this mobility:

Direct costs (travel from Israel/OPTs – UK)

- Travel (flight and local UK & Israel) (1st month only – one off payment) **£1,000**
- Visa and associated costs (1st month only – one off payment) **£500**
- Subsistence: accommodation and local travel (per month) **£2,000**
- Subsistence: living costs (per month) **£1,500**
- Disability allowance **£1,000** (if applicable, disability must have been disclosed to employer, please specify in budget spreadsheet) (per month)

Indirect cost (contribution to the UK Lead HEI):

- Set at **10% of Direct costs**