Call for PhD or Post-Doc Student Fellowship on Multiple Inventions at Tel Aviv University

The Cohn Institute for the History of Science and Ideas, at Tel Aviv University is pleased to announce the availability of a PhD or Post-Doc Student Fellowship in the realm of the research project "Multiple Inventions" directed by prof. Shaul Katzir (ISF grant 1531/23). This fellowship offers an exciting opportunity for highly motivated and talented individuals to conduct in-depth research on one or more cases of multiple (known also as simultaneous and parallel) inventions of a similar device or technique independently by separate individuals or groups, while collaborating with researchers at the Cohn Institute. The selected candidate will have the freedom to choose one or several historical cases of multiple inventions from any field of technology and period based on his/her background and interests, in consultation with the supervisor.

Responsibilities:
1. Conducting independent research on the chosen case(s) of multiple inventions.
2. Collaborating with the principal investigator to study other potential multiple inventions to gain valuable insights into their nature.
3. Contributing to the scholarly community at the Cohn Institute through active participation in seminars and discussions.

The fellowship awards a ‘full scholarship’ according the University regulations, currently 54,000 to 86,000 NIS annually, depending on the stage and experience (an addition might be possible for foreign students). A post-doc fellowship will initially be offered for one year, with the possible extension for up to three years. A PhD scholarship will be awarded for a period of three years. In certain cases, an additional year of funding may be granted. Additionally, the student will have access to research funds to support expenses and conference attendance.

Applicant should possess a relevant Master's or PhD degree in history and/or philosophy of science and technology, or in related areas.

The fellowship will begin in October 2023, or at the earliest availability of the candidate.

Interested candidates should submit the following documents:
1. Curriculum vitae (CV) including a list of publications
2. A brief statement of research interests, outlining the candidate's background and the potential cases of or field of multiple inventions they wish to explore (1-3 pages)
3. Academic transcripts – for PhD candidates only.
4. Contact information for two academics who can provide letters of recommendation.
5. Writing samples

All materials should be either in Hebrew or in English. Please email all application materials to skatzir@tau.ac.il. The application review process will commence on August 20th and will remain open until a suitable candidate is found.

For any questions regarding the fellowship and suitable case studies, please contact Katzir at skatzir@tau.ac.il