



**The Zvi Yavetz School
of History and Regional Studies**
The Lester and Sally Entin
Faculty of Humanities
Tel Aviv University

Call for Applications for Two Tenure-Track Positions

School of History and Regional Studies, Tel Aviv University
Department of Middle Eastern and African History

The Zvi Yavetz School of History and Regional Studies and the Department of Middle Eastern and African History at Tel Aviv University invite applications for two tenure-track faculty positions at the senior level in the field of Modern Middle Eastern history. The first position is intended for scholars of the modern Middle East, with a **particular preference for specialists in Iran** from the sixteenth through the twenty-first century. The second position is open to scholars of the modern Middle East without preference for a specific geographical area or thematic focus.

Applicants must hold a PhD or have completed all requirements for the degree by the beginning of the appointment, which will commence in October 2026. These are tenure-track appointments and may lead to tenure following the probationary period, subject to approval by the University's appointments committees.

Qualifications

1. PhD in a relevant field at the time of appointment.
2. Demonstrated excellence in research and broad, in-depth familiarity with the relevant historiography. Proficiency in Persian and/or Arabic and/or Turkish, as appropriate to the candidate's area of specialization, is required.
3. Publications in, or acceptance for publication by internationally recognized peer-reviewed academic venues.
4. An international scholarly profile, including participation in academic conferences and active engagement and collaboration with scholars worldwide.
5. Strong teaching and mentoring abilities and willingness to teach courses across a range of topics, including areas beyond one's immediate research specialization, in accordance with departmental and school needs.
6. Ability to teach in Hebrew within three years of appointment. Ability to teach in English is an advantage.
7. Willingness to supervise graduate students.
8. Willingness to seek and secure external research funding at the national and international levels.
9. Demonstrated ability to maintain good working relationships and to participate actively and meaningfully in the life of the department and the university (including the fulfillment of administrative roles and service on various committees).

Application Materials

Qualified candidates are invited to submit the following materials:

1. Cover letter and statement of intent, including a brief description of the candidate's academic background and trajectory.
2. Curriculum vitae and list of publications.
3. A concise description of future research and teaching plans (up to two pages).
4. Two writing samples (articles, chapters from the doctoral dissertation, or chapters from academic books), at least one of which must be in English.
5. A list of up to six proposed courses and a tentative syllabus for two of them.

All materials must be submitted as PDF files.

Applications should be addressed to Professor Avner Wishnitzer, Chair, Department of Middle Eastern and African History, and sent to: avnerwish@tauex.tau.ac.il, no later than **May 1, 2026**.

Candidates advancing to the second stage will be asked to arrange for three recent letters of recommendation from senior scholars. At least two of the three letters must be from scholars based at academic institutions outside Israel. Referees should send their letters directly to the above email address. Shortlisted candidates will be invited for **in-person interviews on campus in June** and will be asked to present a lecture before members of the committee, faculty, and students.

The position is open to all qualified applicants. Selection will be based on the candidate's qualifications and the needs of the School. The School of History and Regional Studies, the Faculty of Humanities, and Tel Aviv University are not obligated to make any appointment. The School reserves the right to identify additional candidates independently.

We seek to enhance diversity, broadly defined, within the Faculty of Humanities and to recruit new faculty members who reflect a multicultural and diverse society.