Bar Ilan University wishes to encourage PhD students to publish articles in research journals during the course of their studies focusing on a range of human sciences – Judaism, Humanities, Sociology, Laws and Interdisciplinary Human Sciences. A PhD student whose article, either on a matter relating to his doctoral thesis or on another topic, is accepted for publication in a research journal listed among the journals recognized by the Council for Higher Education, will be awarded the Dean of the School of Graduate Studies Prize in the sum of NIS 3,000. Acceptance for publication in a journal where such publication is recognized for the international ranking of the University will lead to the award of the President’s Prize in the sum of NIS 4,000. Eligibility for a prize is contingent upon specifying Bar Ilan University as the institution with which the authors are affiliated. A prize will be awarded for the publication of each article, so that a student may receive more than one prize during the course of his studies.

Eligibility for a prize is determined as follows:

1. The Dean of the School of Graduate Studies Prize, in the sum of NIS 3,000, will be awarded for every article written by a PhD student which is accepted for publication in a journal recognized by the Committee for Planning and Budgeting, listed on the date of acceptance for publication in one of the journals referenced in the following link: https://lib.biu.ac.il/node/1746

2. The President’s Prize, in the sum of NIS 4,000, will be awarded for every article written by a PhD student which is accepted for publication in a journal recognized for international ranking purposes, listed on the date of acceptance for publication in one of the journals referenced in the following links: https://www.scopus.com/sources?sortField=csor or Social Science Citation Index SSCI

3. The prize will be awarded both for the publication of articles based on the doctoral thesis or part thereof (including articles which form part of a doctoral thesis which is being written in the format of a collection of articles), and for the publication of articles which are not related to the doctoral thesis. The publication of articles which form part of the doctoral thesis or are based on it prior to authorization of the thesis and becoming eligible for the degree, requires the approval of the supervisor.

4. The prize will be awarded solely in respect of the publication of articles published in journals referenced in one of the above lists. It will not be awarded for the publication of books, for the publication of articles in journals which are not referenced in the lists, or for the publication of articles or chapters in books.
5. Persons eligible for a prize are PhD students in Bar Ilan University who are registered for study and in respect of whom less than 5 years have elapsed since they were admitted for studies, in respect of an article submitted to a journal during the said period which has been accepted finally for publication during the period in which the authors are registered as PhD students, i.e., up to the end of the academic year in which the doctoral degree is to be awarded. With regard to the eligibility for a prize of students pursuing a course of supplementary studies towards a PhD, see Para. 7 below.

6. Students whose research proposal has not yet been approved may be awarded a prize if, on the date of acceptance of the article for publication, not more than two years have elapsed since the date of their admission to studies.

7. Students who are pursuing a course of supplementary studies towards a PhD may be awarded a prize only in respect of an article which has been submitted for publication within one year from the date of being admitted to study in that course, provided that they submitted the equivalent paper within one year from the date of admission to studies. As of the stage of completion of studies in the course of supplementary studies and admission to PhD studies, the provisions of Paras. 5 and 6 shall apply.

8. Permission to extend studies or take a vacation will not extend these periods, however, where students have given birth during the period of study, a period of six months will be added in respect of each birth and where students perform military reserve service, the period of service will be added.

9. A prize will be awarded for the publication of every article. It is possible to be awarded more than one prize.

10. The prizes will be awarded twice a year and will apply to publications the date of acceptance of which shall be published in a notice.

11. A prize of the full amount will be awarded for the publication of an article in respect of which the student appears as the sole author, as well as the publication of an article written jointly with the student’s supervisor. In the second case, the name of the student shall appear as the first author, unless in the field of publication it is customary to state the name of the authors alphabetically. Where an article has been authored jointly by a number of PhD students in Bar Ilan University, the prize will be divided between the authors. Each of the authors must submit a separate application. Where an article has been authored jointly by a Bar Ilan University student and authors who are not PhD students at the University and who are not the student’s
supervisor, the student shall be awarded the sum of the prize divided by the number of authors.

12. Eligibility for the prize is dependent on specifying Bar Ilan University as the institution with which the authors are affiliated. It is possible to add an additional affiliation, provided that the additional affiliation is stated after the affiliation to Bar Ilan University. The author must sign an undertaking on this matter. If, for any reason, whether within the control of the authors or outside their control, the article is published without a statement of affiliation to Bar Ilan University as aforesaid, the prize will be cancelled and the recipients will be obliged to return it to the University.

13. Students who consider themselves eligible for a prize should submit an application to the President’s Scholarship Office using the attached form and appending the required documents, including confirmation of submission of the article and its final and unconditional acceptance for publication as well as any other confirmation. The completed form and required documents should be submitted here

The prizes will be awarded together at the end of every semester.