

THE 2ND CUENCA CONFERENCE

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BRIDGES FOR HEALTH IN OLD AGE

*BUILDING COMMON GROUND
ACROSS PROFESSIONS
AND STAKEHOLDERS*

Call for Applications: Cuenca Research
Scholarship and Abstract Submissions

The 2nd Conference of the Cuenca Research Institute for Treatment Approaches to Age-Related Diseases, 2026

The Albert and Alba Cuenca Research Institute for Treatment Approaches to Age-Related Diseases promotes an interdisciplinary, innovative, and treatment-oriented understanding of aging and age-related processes. The institute emphasizes the translational application of gerontology and geriatrics to clinical, social, and community practices, striving to bridge the gap between academic knowledge and meaningful improvement in the lives of older adults.

The Institute views aging as a multifaceted process encompassing physical, emotional, social, functional, and economic dimensions, which interact and cumulatively shape an individual's physical and mental health. Accordingly, research supported by the Institute focuses on the broader context of aging, addressing issues such as loneliness, physical and/or cognitive decline, emotional and financial distress, and quality of life in both community and institutional settings.

The Institute aims to encourage research that contributes to optimal and healthy aging. It supports scientific excellence, the development of adapted methodologies, and the strengthening of interdisciplinary approaches.

As part of this mission, the Institute invites students to apply for research grants for the 2025-2026 academic year (תשפ"ו) and to submit an abstract for the 2nd Cuenca Conference, which will take place on May 31, 2026, at the Steinhardt Museum of Natural History, Tel Aviv University.

Submission Deadline: March 31, 2026

CONFERENCE REGISTRATION



Relevant Research Areas

Studies related to aging in fields such as public health, epidemiology, medicine, social work, psychology and health professions.

Note: The scholarship is not intended for basic research.

Eligibility Criteria

- > Applications are open to M.Sc., M.P.H., and M.A. students whose research proposals have been approved, as well as to Ph.D. students (Stage B) from Tel Aviv University.
- > Scholarships will be awarded to projects demonstrating excellence, innovation, applied relevance, and contribution to the field of healthy aging, age-related diseases, and their prevention.
- > Scholarship recipients will be required to present their research at the conference.

Scholarship Details

- > Excellence scholarships of 10,000 NIS each for Ph.D. students
- > Research grants of 5,000 NIS each for Ph.D. or Master's students
- > Poster prizes:
 - > 1st place: 3,000 NIS
 - > 2nd place: 2,000 NIS
 - > 3rd place: 1,000 NIS

No double prizes. Receipt of a grant is contingent on participation in the conference.

Required Documents (All in English)

- > Application Form ([download here](#))
- > Curriculum Vitae (including list of publications, if any), up to 2 pages
- > Proof of enrollment and student status for the 2025–2026 academic year
- > Research abstract (up to 300 words), including: scientific background, research objectives and hypotheses, research methods, preliminary findings (if any), planned timeline, and references
 - * The title, names of applicants, and references are not counted in the word limit.
 - ** The abstract must be accompanied by contact details of the academic advisor, and advisor's signature confirming the application submission

Submission Instructions

To submit, please complete the online [application form](#)

Timeline

Application deadline: March 31, 2026

Notification of awardees: April 30, 2026

Conference: May 31, 2026

Evaluation Criteria

- > Relevance to the study and prevention of age-related diseases and conditions, and to healthy aging;
- > Innovation and potential contribution to the field;
- > Academic excellence and clarity of abstract.

Awardee Responsibilities

- > Recipients must acknowledge the support of the Cuenca Research Institute in any publication, presentation, or public appearance related to the funded research.
- > Awardees are expected to participate in lectures and events organized by the Institute, and to present their work as requested.
- > Ph.D. excellence grant recipients will be required to present their research at the conference in a talk of approximately 10 minutes.

Scholarship conditions are determined annually by the Institute's scholarship committee and Tel Aviv University, and do not constitute precedent for future awards.

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