

H-CSRC – HUJI Cyber Security Research Center – Cyber Law Program

Cybersecurity Breaches and Legal Liability Under Private Law

Call for Applications

The HUJI Cyber Security Research Center is seeking a doctoral/post-doctoral student to work on topics related to Cybersecurity breaches and legal liability under private law. Priority shall be given to the topics of software liability; the internet of things and autonomous cars.

The mission of the HUJI Cyber Security Research Center is to advance both basic and applied research and to develop advanced technologies in order to improve cyber security. The Cyber Law program aims to advance research regarding regulations used to protect cyber space and activities within it against misuse and abuse, and to fight cyber-crime and cyber-attacks while focusing on the following areas: international law, human rights, law and technology, and criminology.

The Cybersecurity Breaches and Legal Liability under Private Law Research Project examines the interface of cybersecurity breaches and legal liability under private law. Issues related to cybersecurity breaches are increasingly attracting the attention of policy makers and legal scholars. The project's focus is on private law mechanisms – the imposition of civil liability for harms that result from cybersecurity breaches, with emphasis on the adaptation of existing legal doctrines to the ramifications of cybersecurity harms which are a consequence of interconnected-software-based products and services.

The current call for applications is for a fellowship working on topics that fall under this area.

The research program will be led by Professor Guy Pessach, and the Fellow will work under his guidance.

This project is part of an international collaboration of the Cyber Law program with the University of Geneva. In addition to conducting research, the Fellow will also participate in project activities and the preparation of grant applications for further work in this area.

The Fellowship benefits include:

- A part-time monthly stipend of 3,500 NIS awarded for a period of 12 months, or a full-time monthly stipend of 7,000 NIS awarded for a period of 6 months.
- The Fellow will be based at HUJI and participate in all the H-CSRC activities.

Fellowship application requirements:

- The Fellowship is open to doctoral and post-doctoral student
- The fellow will be required to submit to the center's management bi-annual scientific reports regarding the advancement of the research and a final scientific report at the completion of the research.

Applications should include:

- Research proposal (up to 5 pp., double space) setting out the applicant's interest and relevant background for work on the project subject area;
- Curriculum vitae, including publications;
- Description of the anticipated contribution to the professional development of the candidate;
- Two recommendation letters (including one from the applicant's doctoral supervisor).

The research proposals will be submitted by June 1st in English in one file via email to Dr. Tamar Berenblum at tamar.berenblum@mail.huji.ac.il.

Evaluation of submissions:

The applications will be evaluated by Professor Pessach and the leadership of the Cyber Law program, and by external referees, as needed. The decisions will be approved by the Center's steering committee. Decisions will be final. The decisions will be announced during June-July 2018.