

Ragonis Foundation Scholarships for 2022-2023 In Memory of Maj. Eyal Ragonis z"l

Promoting Research in Counter-Terrorism and Homeland Security

The International Institute for Counter-Terrorism (ICT) and Lauder School of Government, Diplomacy and Strategy at the Reichman University, are pleased to announce the annual scholarships promoting research in Counter-Terrorism and Homeland Security.

The scholarships will be granted in memory of Architect, Maj. Eyal Ragonis z"l, in memory of his military and civilian accomplishments. The scholarships' aim is the promotion of research in Counter-Terrorism and Homeland Security by Reichman University students and IDF soldiers and officers.

Who is eligible to submit a proposal?

- Students currently attending Reichman University (BA and MA students).
- Teaching assistants at Reichman University
- Fellows and interns at the International Institute for Counter-Terrorism (ICT).
- Soldiers and officers currently serving in the IDF (including the National Security College).

What is the final submission date?

June 20th, 2023 at 23:55 (Israel time).

Research proposals should be sent to ragonis.fund@ict.org.il

* Research proposals submitted after this date will not be examined by the judging committee.

* It is the candidate's responsibility to verify the admission of the documents. Candidates must make sure they receive a confirmation of their submission.

What should be included in the research proposal?

1. The candidate's personal details: full name, address, telephone number, email address, a curriculum vitae and a list of previous publications (if existing).
2. A research proposal of **up to three pages**, encompassing the following: The importance of the topic to academic research in Terrorism and Counter-Terrorism, the research question(s), a literature review and methodology.

* Do not submit full researches, only proposals.

* Research proposals and final researches are to include only **unclassified materials**.

* Research proposals can be written in English or Hebrew.

A professional committee will select the outstanding research proposals and studies to be awarded the scholarships. The committee will include representatives from the Reichman University academic staff and representatives from the Ragonis family. The selection will be according to the following criteria:

- Quality of work.
- Contribution and applicability to the Counter-Terrorism and Homeland Security research field.
- Originality and innovativeness.

The scholarships will be awarded in two stages:

First stage: Four research proposals that present a significant and notable contribution to the study of Counter-Terrorism and Homeland Security will be selected. The authors of the chosen proposals will receive an initial scholarship of 2,500 NIS.

The scholarships will be given to researches completed within one year. The scholarships will be awarded at the annual memorial service for Maj. Eyal Ragonis z"l during summer 2023.

Please note that the event will be held in Hebrew. **The attendance of the scholarship recipients is mandatory.**

Second stage: After completion, the selected researches will be graded according to the above criteria and will be awarded the remainder of the scholarship accordingly. The principal findings of the studies will be presented the following year, at the annual memorial service for Maj. Eyal Ragonis z"l. The scholarships granted for research in the second phase will be as follows:

- First Prize: 7,000 NIS
- Second Prize: 4,000 NIS
- Two remaining research projects: 2,000 NIS (each)

The winning research will be posted on the Website www.ict.org.il

Eyal Ragonis z"l 1958-1995

As written on his headstone: A Man, an Intelligence Officer, an Architect

Eyal was imbued with a sense of purpose and patriotism. He artfully succeeded to integrate his two main areas of interest, intelligence work, and architecture and was guided both by his love of humanity and of the land of Israel.

Eyal served as an intelligence officer in elite units, the Paratroops and the Chief of Staff's Corps (Sayeret Matkal). During his service he led secret missions which have since become legends among Israel's intelligence and security communities. Eyal is called "the ultimate intelligence officer", one whose values and professional standards guided generations of intelligence officers. Eyal excelled in strategic planning; he was a creative, ground-breaking, and precise executor. His deep knowledge of architecture was felt in his military intelligence work as well, where he applied his creative thinking and expressed his technical and professional expertise with which he contributed to the promotion of intelligence combat doctrines in elite units. His involvement in the impressive Andromeda Project in Jaffa stands out in his civilian life as an architect,

Eyal was an educator by nature and a man of high morals, in principles and standards. He set an example to all of his surroundings, his family, colleagues, subordinates and commanders. Eyal was a family man, a true offshoot of the Ragonis family from Rishon Lezion, adored son of Raya and Haim, and beloved brother of Onn, Oz and Adir.