

## **The Ph.D. Degree – The Blavatnik School of Computer Science**

The School of Computer Science offers two tracks of Ph.D. studies:

- ❖ The regular track, for outstanding students with an M.Sc. degree (with a thesis).
- ❖ A direct track toward the Ph.D degree for exceptional students with a B.Sc. only.

The regular track admits students who have received an M.Sc. in Computer Science from Tel Aviv University or another certified university in Israel or abroad. Application requires a course grade average of at least 80 and final thesis grade of at least 85.

An M.Sc. graduate in a related domain (e.g., Mathematics or Engineering) or an M.D. will be required to complement the regular course load for M.Sc. in Computer Sciences. Candidates who have completed CS studies without a thesis will be required to submit a manuscript at the level and scope of a thesis as customary in the School. The manuscript needs to be approved by the Graduate Studies Committee as a substitute for an M.Sc. thesis.

Acceptance to the direct track is possible for students who comply with the following criteria:

B.Sc. Computer Science graduates with a course grade average of at least 95, or, excellent M.Sc. students in their first or second year of studies who have completed at least 4 courses and one seminar of their M.Sc. studies quota. A special committee is established to approve the transfer of an M.Sc. student to the direct Ph.D. track. The committee examines the independent research abilities of the candidate. Candidates accepted to the direct Ph.D. track have to complete their M.Sc. studies course load.

Admission to the Ph.D program in both tracks requires the written consent of a School faculty member to serve as a thesis advisor of the candidate.

It should be noted that the aforementioned criteria, both for the regular and the direct track, are the minimum acceptance requirements, and do not guarantee admission to the PhD program.

As part of the application process, all candidates are required to submit the following registration forms and documents:

- ❖ [Application form](#)
- ❖ [Supervisor consent form](#) (or for [joint supervision](#)) – the forms are available in Hebrew only
- ❖ Original B.Sc. and M.Sc. grade records and transcripts. The documents should clearly indicate the final grade average and thesis grade (\*)
- ❖ CV
- ❖ Two passport photos

- ❖ Candidates for the direct track are also required to provide two recommendation letters from academic staff members.

(\*) **Important note**: Overseas candidates are required to send their grade records and university records for evaluation to Tel Aviv University's Registration and Admissions Center. The university will need to evaluate the applicant's B.Sc. and M.Sc. grades and translate them to the equivalent Israeli grades.

All application requests are considered and reviewed by the Ph.D. Graduate Studies Committee.