**How to transfer to the direct track to Ph.D.**

Outstanding M.Sc. students may transfer to the direct Ph.D. track if they meet the requirements of the Graduate School (in particular, an average grade of 90 or above), their research topic is suitable for a doctorate, they have made progress in their research largely justifying transfer to the direct track (e.g. their articles have been published at conferences or in journals), and the supervisor agrees.

Please contact the supervisor to examine the possibility of transferring to the direct track.

After a decision has been taken to submit candidacy, and referees have been chosen, a special seminar must be held with the participation of the referees.

With the supervisor’s agreement, an application for transfer to the direct track is to be submitted and is discussed as admission to Ph.D. studies. Three submission dates are held each year (jointly for Ph.D. and direct track), as published from time to time.

**Transfer application**

A transfer application will include:

1. A brief letter with the candidate’s details and their request to transfer to the direct track.

2. Summary of Details for a Candidate for Ph.D. / Transfer to Direct Track to Ph.D. form (from the Forms page).

3. Resume.

4. List of publications (it is recommended that the articles also be attached).

5. A new research proposal describing the research already undertaken and a plans for the direct track suitable for a Ph.D.

6. Explanation about the research and why it is appropriate for a direct track to Ph.D.

7. Grade transcript for the B.Sc. and M.Sc. degrees.

8. Two Evaluation Forms for a Candidate for Ph.D. (Faculty) completed by referees (from the Forms page) – to be sent directly to the Graduate Studies Coordinator.

9. Two letters of recommendation from referees – to be sent directly to the Graduate Studies Coordinator (it is recommended that one of the referees be the supervisor and the other a faculty member (not necessarily from the Technion) or other senior researcher familiar with the subject of the research).

10. If articles have not yet been accepted for publication but an article has been submitted or prepared for submission, three letters of recommendation are required, and these must discuss the article that has not yet been published, its standard, and the writer’s opinion regarding its potential to be accepted for publication.

The application should be submitted to the Graduate Studies Coordinator.

**Additional details**

• Additional details about the transfer application can be obtained from the Graduate Studies Coordinator.

• The Graduate Studies Committee will discuss the application together with the applications for admission to Ph.D. studies. Final authorization will be received from the Graduate School.

• The special seminar should be publicized through Faculty distribution as for an M.Sc. or Ph.D. seminar, and the notice should also be distributed to the referees.

• As a general rule, the application should be submitted within 3-4 semesters from the approval of the research topic (in the case of internal students), or up to 5 semesters (for external students).

• It is not necessary to buy a Ph.D. registration envelope! The application for transfer to the direct track us submitted directly to the Faculty.