



The International Institute for Counter-Terrorism (ICT)  
The Interdisciplinary Center Herzliya (IDC)

## Ragonis Foundation Scholarships for 2013–2014 In Memory of Eyal Ragonis

### Promoting Research in Counter-Terrorism and Homeland Security

The International Institute for Counter-Terrorism (ICT) and the Lauder School of Government, Diplomacy and Strategy at the Interdisciplinary Center Herzliya (IDC), are pleased to announce an annual scholarships distribution to promote research in counter-terrorism and homeland security.

The scholarships are being established in memory of Architect, Major Eyal Ragonis, of blessed memory, for his military and civilian accomplishments. The scholarships' aim is to promote research in counter-terrorism and homeland security by IDC students, soldiers and officers serving in the Israel Defense Forces (IDF).

A professional committee will select the outstanding research proposals and studies to be awarded. The committee will include representatives from the IDC academic staff, the IDF, and members of the Ragonis family. The selection will be according to the following criteria:

- Quality
- Contribution to the field and applicability
- Originality and innovativeness

The following candidates will be eligible to submit a proposal:

- Students currently attending the IDC Herzliya
- Fellows and interns at the International Institute for Counter-Terrorism (ICT)
- Soldiers and officers currently serving in the IDF (including the National Security College)

**The scholarships will be awarded in two stages:**

**First stage:** three research proposals that present a significant and notable contribution to the counter-terrorism and homeland security studies will be selected. The authors of each of these proposals will receive a first scholarship of 2,500 NIS. They will be committed to complete their research within one year.

The first scholarships will be awarded at the annual memorial for Eyal Ragonis on Thursday, July 4, 2013.

**Second stage:** after completion the selected studies 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 event for Eyal Ragonis, in June 2014. The scholarships granted for research in the second phase will be as follow:

- First Prize: 7,500 NIS
- Second Prize: 5,000 NIS
- Third Prize: 2,500 NIS

The winning studies will be posted on the ICT Working Paper Series (<http://www.ictwps.com>).

**Final submission date for research proposals is June 9, 2013.**

Research proposals should be sent to Ms. Hila Oved, at: [ict@idc.ac.il](mailto:ict@idc.ac.il)

Each research proposal must be accompanied by the following documents:

1. The candidate's personal details: full name, address, telephone number, email address, a curriculum vitae, a list of previous publications (if existent), and at least two letters of recommendations.
2. A cover letter and statement of purpose written by the candidate, including the following: the reason for the choice of research topic; whether the research proposal has been previously submitted elsewhere (e.g., as a position paper, seminar assignment); if so, whether and where it has been or will be published.
3. A research proposal for review by the prize committee, not longer than three pages, stating the following:
  - a. The importance of the topic to academic research in terrorism and counter-terrorism
  - b. The research question(s)
  - c. A literature review
  - d. Methodology

## **Eyal Ragonis, of Blessed Memory, 1958–1995**

### **As it is 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 for humanity and for the Land of Israel.

Eyal served as an intelligence officer in the Paratroops elite unit and the Chief of Staff's Corps (Sayeret Matkal). During his service he led superior secret missions which have become a legend 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's strategic planning was outstanding, creative, and ground-breaking. His deep knowledge of architecture could be felt in his military intelligence work as well, where he could apply his creative thinking and express his technical and professional expertise. In his civilian life, one of his outstanding contributions was the impressive Andromeda Project in Jaffa.

Eyal was an educator by nature and a man of high moral, principles and standards. He set an example to all, for his family, his colleagues, his subordinates and his 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.