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Ragonis Foundation Scholarships for 2015-2016 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 awarding to promote research in counter-terrorism and homeland security.

The scholarships will be given in memory of Architect, Major Eyal Ragonis z"l, for his military and civilian accomplishments. The scholarships' aim is to promote research in counter-terrorism and homeland security by IDC Herzliya students as well as IDF soldiers and officers.

Who is eligible to submit a proposal?

- Students currently attending IDC Herzliya (BA and MA students)
- 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?

March 31st 2015, at midnight.

Research proposals should be sent to Ms. Lorena Atiyas Lvovsky, at: ragonis.fund@ict.org.il

*Research proposals submitted after this date will not be examined by the judging committee. In addition, it is the candidate's responsibility to verify the admission of the documents - candidates need to 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 no longer than 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 should only be **unclassified**.

A professional committee will select the outstanding research proposals and studies to be awarded the scholarships. The committee will include representatives from the IDC Herzliya academic staff, IDF representatives, and members of 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 each of these 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 Eyal Ragonis z"l on July 2015. Please note that the event will be held in Hebrew.

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 Eyal Ragonis z"l, on July 2016. 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 researches: 2,000 NIS (each)

The winning researches will be posted on the ICT Working Paper Series (ICTWPS) on the ICT 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 being creative, and ground-breaking, as well as a 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. In his civilian life as an architect stands out his involvement in the impressive Andromeda Project in Jaffa.

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.