



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

Ragonis Foundation Scholarships for 2014-2015
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.

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 following candidates will be eligible to submit a proposal:

- Students currently attending the 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)

The scholarships will be awarded in two stages:

First stage: Four 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 an initial scholarship of 2,500 NIS. It 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 2014.

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 service for Eyal Ragonis z"l, in the summer of 2015. 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 (<http://www.ictwps.com>)

Final submission date for research proposals is May 1st, 2014.

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

* Research proposals submitted after May 1st at midnight, 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.

Each research proposal must include 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 existing), and at least two letters of recommendations.
2. A cover letter and statement of purpose written by the candidate, including the following: the research topic reasoning; whether the research proposal has been previously submitted elsewhere (e.g., as a position paper, seminar assignment); if so, had it been or will it be published and where.
3. A research proposal of no longer than three pages, encompassing 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 z"l , 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 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 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 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.