

# **Fulbright English Teaching Assistant Fellowships**

## **Program Overview**

### **Applications for 2024/25 are now closed.**

Fulbright Israel plans to award approximately six English Teaching Assistant Fellowships to students for the 2024/2025 academic year (starting October 2024).

Preference will be given to applicants who hold a degree in English literature, TEFL/linguistics, American studies, or education. Fulbright Israel awards are granted on the basis of academic excellence, the leadership promise of the applicant, and their potential of the proposed visit to both advance knowledge and enhance mutual understanding between the peoples of the United States and Israel.

Holders of Bachelor's and Master's degrees as well as doctoral students may apply for the fellowship. Those still engaged in Bachelor's degree studies at the time of application are also eligible, if they complete their studies and receive their degrees by May 2023. Those who have already completed all the requirements for receipt of a doctoral degree at the time of application are not eligible to request English Teaching Assistant fellowships.

Preference will be given to applicants who have had limited or no prior experience in Israel.

English Teaching Assistants will be placed in English classes at colleges according to their background, level of teaching experience, and field of knowledge. ETAs assist English teachers in the classroom for up to 20 hours per week. They may be asked to conduct conversation practice in small groups and/or help students from underprivileged communities with a poor command of the English language. Assignments may vary depending on the college's needs and ETAs abilities.

## **Grant Benefits**

- \$29,000 living stipend
- Up to \$1,000 Hebrew or Arabic studies reimbursement
- Limited health insurance for the grantee
- Orientation meetings in Israel (attendance compulsory) and other grantee events during the course of the year

## **Eligibility Criteria**

- Applicants must be U.S. citizens at the time of application (permanent resident status is not sufficient).
- Individuals already residing in Israel are not eligible to apply for a grant.
- Holders of Bachelor's and Master's degrees or doctoral students may apply for the fellowship. Those still engaged in Bachelor's degree studies at the time of application are also eligible, if they complete their studies and receive their degrees prior to the planned commencement date of their fellowships.
- Those who have already completed all the requirements for receipt of a doctoral degree at the time of application are not eligible to request English Teaching Assistant awards.
- Candidates must be in good health. All applicants selected for a Fulbright grant are required to submit a Medical History and Examination Report before their grants can be activated.
- Prior conviction or current indictment for a felony may result in disqualification.
- Candidates should be articulate individuals with the skills and motivation needed to teach the English language as well as share American culture with Jewish-Israeli and Arab-Israeli college students. This may include teaching one-on-one sessions, leading the local English Club, curriculum building assistance, and more.

## **Evaluation Criteria**

- Academic excellence is the primary criterion for the evaluation of candidates.
- Leadership qualities are an important evaluation criterion.
- Preference will be given to applicants who have not had substantial, recent experience Israel.
- Hebrew/Arabic language proficiency is not an evaluation criteria.
- Possession of skills required to promote mutual understanding between the United States and Israel is an important evaluation criterion.

The Foundation reserves the exclusive right to determine, within the framework of applicable law and regulations, the qualitative standards for the evaluation of applications forwarded to it by the responsible agency in the United States. The Foundation is not under any obligation to provide the reasons for its decisions regarding the allocation of Fellowships.

## **Application Procedures**

The English Teaching Assistant Fellowship is administered for the Department of State by the Institute of International Education (IIE). Details on the program and on submission of

applications may be found on [IIE's website](#).

At-large applicants (i.e., those not currently enrolled as students) must submit their applications directly to IIE's website.

Candidates currently enrolled as students at an institution of higher learning must submit their applications through their college/university. For full details regarding the on-campus application process, students should contact the Fulbright Program Adviser on their campuses. The names and contact details of campus Fulbright Program Advisers are listed on IIE's website.

## **Timetable for 2024-25**

Application deadline	October 12, 2023
National Screening Committee (NSC) timeline	November/December 2023