

Fulbright Post Grad Research Fellowships

Program Overview

The United States-Israel Educational Foundation (USIEF) plans to award up to 6 grants to students for post-graduate study in 2020/2021 (October 2020/June 2021).

The Fellowship is designed to give recent graduates, young professionals and artists opportunities for personal development and international experience. Grantees plan their own projects, which may include university coursework, independent library or field research, classes in a music conservatory or art school, special projects in the social or natural sciences, or a combination of such activities. Along with opportunities for intellectual, professional, and artistic growth, the Fulbright Program offers invaluable opportunities to meet and work with people of the host country, sharing daily life as well as professional and creative experiences.

Applications may be presented in all fields of study.

Candidates must be either at the Bachelor's level, or holders of a Master's degree.

PhD candidates seeking to conduct research in Israel are also encouraged to apply.

An accredited Israeli institution of higher education must host post-Graduate Student Fellows. For the complete list of such institutions, click [here](#).

Each candidate should try to arrange his/her institutional affiliations in Israel independently, including identification of a faculty member willing to serve as Fulbright Program adviser. If assistance is required, USIEF will attempt to help candidates to identify suitable host institutions.

It is recommended, but not required, that a letter or letters of invitation be included among the materials submitted with the candidate's other application materials. A formal hosting commitment, including designation of the faculty member who will serve as the candidate's Fulbright adviser, must be received by USIEF from an eligible institution no later than January 2020, when the Foundation

will make its final decisions regarding the choice of candidates to whom fellowships will be offered.

Grant Benefits

- A stipend for the full academic year (nine months) is \$20,000.
- Payment of tuition for course work for fellows other than Ph.D. candidates up to a maximum of \$4,000 for the entire academic year; for Ph.D. candidates – payment of the cost of institutional affiliation, but not payment of tuition for courses.
- Hebrew and/or Arabic language study fees (maximum – \$1,700)
- Research allowance (\$500), where appropriate
- Limited health insurance for the grantee only
- 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 or Master's degrees may apply for post-graduate student fellowships. Those still engaged in Bachelors degree studies at the time of application are eligible, if they will 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 by the application deadline are not eligible to request post-graduate student fellowships.
- Applicants who have not earned a Bachelor's degree or the equivalent, but who have extensive professional study and/or experience in fields in which they wish to pursue a project, may be considered. In the creative and performing arts, four years of professional study and/or experience meets the basic eligibility requirement.
- 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.

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 criterion.
- Possession of skills required to promote mutual understanding between the United States and Israel is an important evaluation criterion.

Application Procedures

The Post-Graduate Student Program 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 the IIE website [here](#).

At-large applicants (i.e., those not currently enrolled as students) must submit their applications directly to the Institute of International Education (IIE). The final date for receipt of at-large applications for 2020/2021 by IIE will be in October 06, 2019.

Candidates currently enrolled as students at an institution of higher learning must submit their applications through their college/university. On-campus submission deadlines are usually in the first half of September. 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](#).

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