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Fulbright Opportunities in Israel

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Today's Webinar: What to Expect



Fulbright History & Eligibility



USIEF Overview



Overview of Opportunities Available to Israel



Application Process Overview and Approaches



Alumni Guest: Erika Tritle



Q&A



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of International
Education

The Fulbright Program



“We must try to expand the boundaries of human wisdom, empathy and perception, and there is no way of doing that except through education.”

— Senator J. William Fulbright



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Eligibility for U.S. Scholar Programs

- U.S. citizenship
- Degree as required by award
 - Ph.D. or other terminal degree may be required
 - Many awards in the Core Program are open to applicants with a Masters and professional or academic experience – see Award Description for details
- Professionals and artists outside academia – recognized professional standing and substantial accomplishments
- [New policies](#) on previous Fulbright Scholar grants and waiting periods between grants



Why Israel?



- Broad range of potential host institutions; universities in Israel are among the best in the world
- Vibrant culture, cosmopolitan cities
- In-country support from Fulbright Commission Staff
- High potential for lasting relationships at host institution



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Who is USIEF?

United States - Israel Educational Foundation

صندوق التعليم الولايات المتحدة - إسرائيل

קרן חינוך ארצות הברית - ישראל

- Established in 1956
- Located in Tel Aviv
- Aims to promote mutual understanding between the people of the United States and Israel by means of student and faculty exchanges at the highest possible level of academic excellence.
- Administers Fulbright (student and scholar), USIEF Lecturer Program, and alumni activities



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USIEF Review Criteria

- Academic excellence
- Leadership capabilities
- Potential to achieve professional objectives
- Enhances mutual understanding
- Geographic and ethnic diversity



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Support from USIEF

- Cultural and Academic Events
- Networking with Local Community
- Lecturing and Public Speaking Engagements
- Media Exposure
- Alumni Network
- Institutional Troubleshooting



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Senior Scholar Fellowships

- Open to senior faculty members, senior professionals, and accomplished artists or writers
- Research, lecturing, or a combination of both
- Letter of Invitation required

Grant Length	Four months
Location	Any accredited institution of higher education.
Eligibility	Ph.D. (or other terminal degree) and assistant professor or higher academic rank (or equivalent professional standing) is required. For artists, significant professional experience and accomplishments in lieu of terminal degree.



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Postdoctoral Fellowships

- Conduct postdoctoral research (no lecturing)
- Additional funding for Fulbright Fellows available at host institutions
- Letter of invitation required.

Grant Length	Up to two academic years, minimum of one academic year.
Location	Any accredited institution of higher education.
Eligibility	Open to applicants within five years post-Ph.D. Ph.D. (or other terminal degree) required.



Financial Commitment from Host Institution

- Senior Scholar Fellowships - \$2,000 commitment from host institution required.
- The following do not require host commitment:
 - Fulbright Senior Scholar Fellowship at University of Haifa
 - Fulbright Senior Scholar Fellowship at The Hebrew University of Jerusalem
 - Fulbright Senior Scholar Fellowship at Ben-Gurion University of the Negev
 - Fulbright Senior Scholar Fellowship at Tel Aviv University
- Not required for Postdoctoral Fellowships



Host Institutions in Israel

- Review the accredited institutions on the Israeli Council of Higher Education Website
- Search for the institutions, departments, and academic hosts that match your disciplinary interests
- Contact the potential hosts to inquire about the possibility of being hosted
- Contact the Commission if you have any difficulty securing a letter of invitation
- Contact Noa Turgeman at the commission in Israel with any questions



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Application Components

- Application Form
- Project Statement
- Curriculum Vitae or Resume
- Course Outlines or Syllabi (for teaching awards)
- Select Bibliography (for research awards)
- Letters of Reference
- Additional Components, Depending on Award
 - Language Proficiency Report
 - Letter of Invitation
 - Supplemental materials for applicants in the Arts, Architecture, Writing and Journalism



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Submitting a Competitive Application

- **Fulbright goal:** promote **mutual understanding**
- **Why** you are interested in a Fulbright in the proposed host country
- Professional expertise and skills you can offer; **benefits** to the host institution and host country; **exchange** of knowledge and experience
- Cultural diplomacy; demonstrated flexibility, adaptability
- **Outcomes, impact, and multiplier effect**
 - For your professional development, home campus, students, discipline; for your host institution
 - Future collaborations; linkages: personal, professional, institutional; plans for sustaining relationships
 - **Internationalizing** campus and curriculum



Review Process and Timeline

SEPT. 16

Application deadline

SEPT.

Program staff conduct technical reviews for completeness

OCT. - NOV.

U.S. peer review

DEC.

Applicants notified of status - Recommended applications are sent to host countries and to the J. William Fulbright Foreign Scholarship Board

JAN. - APR.

Grantees notified of final approvals

MAY - onward

Grantees prepare for grants



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Special Guest: Erika Tritle



Postdoctoral Scholar
Center for the Study of Conversion and Inter-religious Encounters
Ben Gurion University of the Negev
Interpreting Flesh: How Christian Theology Embraced Race in the Fifteenth Century



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Question and Answer

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