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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
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
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
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
USIEF Review Criteria

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

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

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<td>Location</td>
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<td>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.</td>
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Postdoctoral Fellowships

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

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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
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
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
Special Guest: Erika Tritle

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