Fulbright MA Degree Fellowships

Program Overview

Applications for 2025/26 will open on April 2, 2024.

Fulbright Israel plans to award up to seven master's degree grants to students for the 2025-2026 academic year (starting October 2025).

This program is designed to pursue a Master's degree at an Israeli institution of higher education. Holders of one Master's degree may apply for a second in a different field than the one they already obtained.

In addition to applying for the Fulbright fellowship, each candidate **must apply** to the degree program through the university's application system. Receiving the Fulbright fellowship **is contingent upon acceptance** to the degree program. In a case in which the applicant has been awarded a Fulbright fellowship, but was not offered admission to the university, the Fulbright fellowship will be rescinded.

Please note that applications for MA fellowships in Israel do not require a letter of affiliation.

Finalists must receive a decision from the university by March 2, 2025 and inform Fulbright Israel whether or not they have been accepted by emailing Assaf Levinton at usprograms@fulbright.org.il.

Information on the application and degree requirements for each institution is available through their websites, which are linked below:

Ben Gurion University of the Negev:

MBA

Hebrew University of Jerusalem:

MA in Smart Cities & Urban Informatics

MA in Nonprofit Management & Leadership

MA in Israel Studies

MA in Islamic & Middle Eastern Studies

MA in Archaeology & the Ancient Near East

M.A. Program in Conflict Research, Management and Resolution

University of Haifa:

Archaeology

M.A. in Diplomacy Studies

Global Health Leadership (MPH)

Holocaust Studies

Israel Studies

Jewish Studies

Maritime Civilizations

MBA Sustainability

Modern German and European Studies

Peace and Conflict Management

Public Management and Policy Studies (MPA)

MSc Statistics

Tel Aviv University

MA in Ancient Israel Studies

MA in Cyber Politics

MA in Documentary Cinema

MDM Emergency and Disaster Management

MA in Environmental Studies

MSC in Plant Sciences

MA in Social Aspects of Climate Change

MA in Sustainable Development

MA in Conflict Resolution and Mediation

MA in Security and Diplomacy Studies

Parasol Foundation International LL.M. Program

<u>Documentary Cinema- MFA Degree in Film and Television - Directing and Production *</u>

MA in Teaching English to Speakers of Other Languages (TESOL) (1)

Grant Benefits

- Full tuition fees for the MA degree paid directly to the institution
- A living stipend for the full academic year of \$23,800
- Up to \$1,200 reimbursement of airfare expenses
- Limited health insurance for the grantee

Eligibility

- 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 Bachelor's 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.
- Candidates who have already completed all the requirements for receipt of a doctoral degree by the application deadline are also not eligible to apply. For Postdoc fellowships in Israel, please check the available Fulbright scholar grants on the website.
- 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.

 Applications involving travel, research, or study in the West Bank or Gaza will not be considered.

Evaluation Criteria

Receiving the Fulbright fellowship is contingent upon acceptance to the degree program. If a candidate is awarded a Fulbright fellowship, but not offered admission to the university, the Fulbright fellowship will be rescinded.

- 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.

Application Procedures

Applicants must apply to the university parallel to the Fulbright scholarship application submission. Please follow the universities timeline while submitting your application to Fulbright.

At-large applicants (i.e., those not currently enrolled as students) must submit their applications directly to the Institute of International Education (IIE).

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 IEC substite.

Timetable for 2025/2026

Application deadline	October 08, 2024
National Screening Committee	November/December
(NSC) timeline	2024