

Fulbright Scholar-in-Residence Fellowship

Program overview

Applications for 2022/23 are now closed.

Fulbright Israel will grant one Israeli scholar a one-semester Scholar-in-Residence Fellowship.

The scholar will be hosted by Northeastern Illinois University (NEIU) for one semester, during which the scholar will have the opportunity to:

- Teach courses
- Assist in curriculum development
- Develop study abroad and exchange partnerships
- Engage with the campus and within the local community to foster cross cultural and global understanding

Program dates: August 1st 2022- December 31st, 2022

In the online application make sure to select “Recruited Scholar-in-Residence”

Northeastern Illinois University (NEIU) is a vibrant learning and research community, with its Main Campus on the Northwest Side of Chicago and three other locations in the area. At NEIU, more than 100 countries are represented by its student body, and the student-to-teacher ratio is a low 13 to 1. As a public comprehensive university with locations throughout Chicago, NEIU provides an exceptional environment for learning, teaching, and scholarship. The university prepares a diverse community of students for leadership and service in a dynamic multicultural world. Related to this mission, NEIU is committed to the following values: integrity, excellence, access to opportunity, community, and empowerment through learning.

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Award Activity

Summary of Teaching Requirements:

1. Languages and Cultures: MENA (Middle East and North Africa) course - an undergraduate class that is required for the new minor in Jewish Studies

2. Languages and Cultures of MENA - a new graduate course

*(These courses will likely be stacked, i.e. offered at the same time, in the same place)

3. Colloquium for the Linguistics Department

4. Presentations at other universities and organizations in the area

Plans for Other Campus Engagements:

1. Participate in the Political Science Department's Brown Bag series, organized by the Dean of the College of Arts and Sciences, where the S-I-R will present their original research

2. Present a series of short lectures on relevant subjects in related classes, e.g., Jewish Political Thought (JS 396)

3. Give a presentation at the Genocide and Human Rights Research in African and the Diaspora (GHRAD) Center or at the Angelina Pedrosa Center for Diversity and Intercultural Affairs, both of which are housed at NEIU

4. Provide a session for the NEIU Center for Teaching and Learning to expand faculty understanding and use of non-Westcentric instructional pedagogies

5. (Optional but encouraged) to participate in the annual NEIU Faculty Research and Creative Activities Symposium, which is held each fall

Community Outreach: The Linguistics Department will schedule a colloquium for the S-I-R and will facilitate other colloquia, lectures or presentations at other universities, colleges and museums in the area, including the Linguistics Departments at Northwestern University, the University of Illinois at Chicago (UIC), and the University of Chicago; Northwestern University, the Illinois Holocaust Museum and Education Center; the Oriental Institute Museum; the Spertus Institute for Jewish Learning and Leadership and Newberry Library.

Grant Benefits

- A monthly stipend
- One-time allowance for materials (\$250)
- Settling-in expenses
- Professional development grant
- A monthly dependent allowance; (note that qualifying dependents include spouses and unmarried children under the age of 21 who accompany the scholar

for at least 80% of the time in the United States)

- Round-trip international airfare for the S-I-R
- Accident and sickness health benefits for the S-I-R
- J-Visa sponsorship for the Scholar, accompanying spouse and unmarried children under the age of 21
- On campus housing

Eligibility Criteria

Candidates must be Israeli citizens. Dual American-Israeli citizens or permanent residents of the United States are not eligible to apply.

The scholar needs to be an expert in at least one of the languages of the Middle East and North Africa, e.g. Hebrew, Arabic, Aramaic, Ladino, Israeli Sign Language, etc., who can teach both the structure of the language(s) and the sociolinguistic settings of the language(s) in use. Ideally, the scholar would be able to offer a cross-linguistic comparison of two or more languages (e.g. Modern Hebrew & Levantine Arabic) or two or more varieties of a language (e.g. Biblical Hebrew and Modern Hebrew).

Since one of the classes the scholar will be teaching is a master's level class in Linguistics, the scholar should have a Ph.D in one of the following fields: Jewish Studies, Middle Eastern studies, Arabic or Hebrew language/literature or related fields. The scholar should have a great understanding of two of the languages of the Middle East and North Africa Region, preferably a Semitic language or a signed language. Ideally, the scholar would be able to offer a comparison of two or more languages of the region. There is no minimum teaching experience for this position. The scholar will need to be able to teach units, not only on the structure of the language(s) but also on different cultural aspects of the languaculture(s) (e.g. linguistic imperialism, Islamophobia, anti-Semitism, racism, classism, ableism, etc.).

scholar's will need a letter from their home institution stating that the scholar will receive leave of absence if selected for the Fulbright grant.

Evaluation Criteria

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.

Timetable for 2022/2023

Application deadline	March 14, 2022
Program start date	August 1, 2022