

Frequently Asked Questions: Doctoral Fellowships

Q. What are the eligibility criteria to apply for a Doctoral Fellowship?

To be eligible for a Doctoral Fellowship, applicants must be either EU citizens or citizens of another European non-EU member country (Albania, Armenia, Belarus, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Georgia, Gibraltar, Iceland, Kazakhstan, Kosovo, Liechtenstein, Macedonia, Moldova, Montenegro, Norway, Russia, Serbia, Switzerland, Turkey, and Ukraine). Likewise, the institution where applicants propose to undertake their doctoral degree must either be based in the EU or in another European country (as listed above). Further, their planned dissertation must focus upon a topic within the field of Jewish Studies. It is expected that fellows will remain in Europe after graduation and contribute to the development of Jewish Studies there.

Q. Which topics within the field of Jewish studies will be considered eligible?

All topics within the broad field of Jewish Studies will be considered eligible, including Israel and Holocaust Studies. The Foundation would particularly welcome topics from within the social sciences that investigate Jewish life in contemporary Europe.

Q. My project deals with Jewish topics, but I am not based in a Jewish Studies department. Am I still eligible to apply?

Topics that fall within the realm of Jewish Studies are often based in other departments (for instance, a Jewish history project may be based in a university history department). All topics that could reasonably be classified as Jewish Studies, regardless of which department they are based in, are eligible to apply.

Q. I am not Jewish, am I still eligible to apply?

Please note that this grant programme does not discriminate (either positively or negatively) on the basis of religious affiliation. Fellows may be (and often are) not Jewish.

Q. I am not based in Europe but my proposed project focuses on Europe. Am I eligible for a grant?

Individuals must be European citizens and based in Europe in order to be eligible to apply for a doctoral fellowship grant from the Rothschild Foundation Hanadiv Europe.

Q. I have lived in Europe for several years, but I am not a European citizen. Would I still be eligible to apply?

Individuals must be European citizens in order to be eligible to apply for a doctoral fellowship from the Foundation.

Q. I am an undergraduate studying at a European institution, am I eligible to apply to the Academic Jewish Studies Grant Programme to fund my Masters programme?

Only applications submitted by prospective or current doctoral students will be considered within RFHE's Doctoral Fellowship category.

Q. I am a current PhD student. My current program is a research degree, and I do not have a transcript from it. Will this be a problem?

Applicants are required to provide transcripts from their Bachelors' and Masters' degrees. If transcripts are not available from your current doctoral program, please make a note of this when you apply.

Q. My proposed project has been rejected by the Foundation in the past, am I

eligible to reapply?

Unless you have been otherwise advised by Foundation Staff, please do not resubmit a previously rejected application without making substantial changes to your proposal.