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Academic Jewish Studies Grant Programme Postdoctoral Fellowships

Frequently Asked Questions

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

A. To be eligible for a Post-Doctoral Fellowship, individuals must have either received their doctoral degree no more than 5 years before the closing date of the current grant round, or they must be planning to submit their dissertation within 6 months of the deadline for submission of applications, i.e. July in any given application year. The post-doctoral candidate's research must focus upon a topic within the field of Jewish Studies and he or she must intend to remain in Europe after their Fellowship ends, thus continuing to strengthen the field of European Jewish Studies. As it is the host institution that applies on behalf of a Post-Doctoral candidate, there are also additional institutional eligibility requirements (read below).

Q. What are the institutional eligibility criteria?

A. Applying institutions must be based in Europe (including Albania, Armenia, Belarus, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Georgia, Gibraltar, Iceland, Kazakhstan, Kosovo, Liechtenstein, Macedonia, Moldova, Montenegro, Norway, Russia, Serbia, Switzerland, Turkey, and Ukraine), be public institutions and / or qualify as a charity under UK charity law, and be able to demonstrate how the presence of a Post-Doctoral Fellow will strengthen Jewish Studies at their institution.

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

A. All topics within the field of Jewish Studies will be considered, including Israel and Holocaust Studies. The Foundation particularly welcomes 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?

A. 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?

A. 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?

A. Individuals that are not based in Europe are not eligible to apply for grants from the Rothschild Foundation Hanadiv Europe.

Q. I have graduated from my PhD more than five years ago, and took a substantial break from my academic research in the interim due to health concerns/maternity/paternity leave. Could I potentially still apply?

A. Perspective applicants with extenuating circumstances which have led to pauses in their academic career are encouraged to contact the Foundation directly to explain their circumstances.

Q. What is the maximum grant award amount I can apply for?

A. Applicants may apply for up to £35,000 per annum.



Q. My institution wishes to apply for a postdoctoral fellowship grant, but we are unsure whether the maximum grant amount per annum will cover all of our fellow's salary and living expenses. How should we address this?

A. The Foundation's maximum grant amount is based upon averages of salaries, living expenses, and research expenses across Europe. However, your institution is more than welcome to supply supplementary funds to your fellow should they see fit. Alternatively, your institution could propose an 18 month or .75 FTE position.

Q. What is the maximum grant period?

A. Applicants may apply for up to two years of funding.

Q. I am applying through my institution for a postdoctoral fellowship. Will I need a reference from my potential project supervisor?

A. No. As your application is submitted by your institution, not by you as an individual, references may not come from your perspective supervisor, but from other academics familiar with your work.

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

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

Q. I have previously received a doctoral fellowship from the Rothschild Foundation Hanadiv Europe Foundation. Will this impact my application for a postdoctoral grant?

A. Former doctoral fellows are eligible to apply through an academic institution for postdoctoral fellowships. This grant programme does not discriminate (either positively or negatively) towards former grantees applying in a different category.