



ROTHSCHILD FOUNDATION HANADIV EUROPE

Registered Company No: 3948898 Registered Charity No: 1083262

Academic Jewish Studies Grant Programme Doctoral Fellowships

Frequently Asked Questions

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

To be eligible for a Doctoral Fellowship, applicants must be European citizens (citizens of both EU and non-EU European countries are eligible). Likewise, the institution where applicants propose to undertake their doctoral degree must be in Europe. We are not currently accepting applications from Ukraine and Russia. Further, the applicant's planned dissertation must focus upon a topic within the field of Jewish Studies.

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

A. Jewish Studies is the study of both Judaism and the Jews. It encompasses the study of many different aspects of Jewish civilization, including but not limited to architecture, languages, literature, liturgy and ritual, philosophy and theology, as well as the history and sociology of the Jewish people. Jewish Studies draws on methodologies from a variety of disciplines, but some of the key skills Jewish Studies scholars rely on include facility with Jewish languages, textual analysis and hermeneutics, archival research, palaeography, and, when relevant, social science methodologies such as ethnographic research and linguistic analysis.

All topics within the broad field of Jewish Studies are considered eligible for the Foundation's Jewish Studies grants. The Foundation particularly welcomes applications from within the social sciences that investigate Jewish life in contemporary Europe.

In principle, projects only tangentially related to Jewish Studies are unlikely to be successful, nor will projects devoted to an individual or individuals who happen to be Jewish, but whose historical importance is not significantly contingent on that biographical fact. Secondary school education, informal education and documentary films will not be funded within the context of the Academic Jewish Studies grant programme.

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 (see above), regardless of which department they are based in, are eligible.



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 need not 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. At this time, the Foundation does not offer funding for Masters degrees.

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.