



# ROTHSCHILD FOUNDATION HANADIV EUROPE

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## Academic Jewish Studies Grant Programme Post-Doctoral Fellowships

### Frequently Asked Questions

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

To be eligible for a Post-Doctoral Fellowship, individuals must have either received their doctoral degree no more than 7 years before the application deadline, or they must be planning to submit their dissertation within 6 months of the application deadline. The post-doctoral candidate's research must focus upon a topic within the field of Jewish Studies and he or she must either be a European citizen or hold a valid European residency permit.

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?

We welcome applications from any organisation or institution based in Europe (EU and non-EU states alike), where activities are deemed charitable under UK charity law, these include public universities, research centres, and memory institutions. We are not currently accepting applications from Ukraine and Russia. Institutions must 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?

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 those engaged in the study of contemporary Jewish life in Europe from a social science perspective and those whose proposals involve digital humanities research techniques.

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. The project deals with Jewish topics, but is not based in a Jewish Studies department. Is it still eligible?**

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. If the post-doctoral application is not Jewish, are they 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. The post-doctoral applicant and/or the host institution are not based in Europe, but the proposed project focuses on Europe. Is the project eligible for a grant?**

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

**Q. The prospective fellow finished their PhD more than seven years ago and had to take a break from academic research due to health concerns, maternity/paternity leave, etc. Can they still apply?**

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 institutions can apply for?**

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

**Q. What is the maximum grant period?**

Applicants may apply for up to two years of funding.

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

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. The post-doctoral applicant has previously received a doctoral fellowship from the Rothschild Foundation Hanadiv Europe Foundation. Will this impact his/her application for a postdoctoral grant?**



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.

**Q. The proposed project has been rejected by the Foundation in the past, can the applicant reapply?**

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