

Academic Jewish Studies - Departmental Initiative Application Form

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Please submit by **GMT 17:00, Tuesday 13 January 2026**. References must be submitted no later than **Tuesday 20 January 2026**. Please read the **Application Guidance** to help you complete the online application. If you need further assistance please contact us at info@rothschildfoundation.eu

Summary Information

Name of Department*

Name of Institution/Centre/Organisation Name*

Department website address*

Address*

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Project Details

Project Title*

Total amount requested from the Foundation. Sum total for all months/years to the nearest pound. (maximum £75,000 per annum)*
This must be the same as the total requested amount that appears on the project budget table.

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Total project budget. To the nearest pound.*
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Project Summary - Please describe the key elements of your proposal.*

Maximum 200 words.

When would you like your project to start?*

Please note the earliest possible start date is 01 September 2026.

DD/MM/YYYY

Project end date. (maximum 36 months)*

DD/MM/YYYY

Proposed Project

Please describe your proposed initiative in full. Initiatives can focus on teaching and students (curriculum development, teaching positions, visiting lectureships, funding for studentships, fieldtrips, and resources), collaborative research projects, and/or dissemination and public engagement.*

Maximum 1,200 words.

If you plan to create any new positions as part of this project, for example a language instructor or lecturer, please outline the position(s) to be created. If you have a specific candidate in mind already, please briefly discuss his/her qualifications and include his/her CV in the supporting documentation.*

Maximum 200 words.

Project Evaluation

How will the success of this project be defined and measured?*

Maximum 200 words.

What are the planned outcomes of this project? For example, new courses, new degree programmes, new digital humanities tools, new publications, conferences, etc.?*

Maximum 200 words.

What lasting impact is this project designed to have on your department? For example: sustained increase in number of students; a stronger research profile in a particular subfield of Jewish Studies, more financial support from the university or from other outside funding bodies. Be as specific as possible*

Maximum 200 words.

What difficulties might you face in carrying out this project and how do you plan to overcome them?*

Maximum 200 words.

If awarded a grant from the Foundation, how will you secure on-going funding of your project following the completion of the grant?*

Maximum 100 words.

Department / Centre Information

Please describe the organisational structure of your department/institution.*
Maximum 100 words.

Please provide a list of your department/centre's faculty and staff and describe their roles.*
Use a new line per member.

Please list the names of the department/centre's directors and/or trustees.*
Use a new line per member.

If applicable, please list the names of the department/centre's external academic advisory board. Include name, role, position and Institution.*
Use a new line per member.

Degree Programmes

What degree programmes (e.g., BA, MA) in Jewish Studies have been offered by your department/centre in the last 3 years? Please describe these, including a full list of the mandatory courses required for each.*
Maximum 100 words.

Is language instruction a requirement of the Jewish studies degree programme(s) at your department/centre? If yes, please provide details (e.g., which language(s) and what level of proficiency must students achieve?). Is knowledge of more than one language an entry requirement for the MA programme at your department/centre? Generally, which language(s) relevant for Jewish studies are available for your students to take?*

Maximum 100 words.

On average, how many students per year are a) enrolled in at least one Jewish Studies class, b) enrolled in a Jewish Studies BA and c) enrolled in a Jewish Studies MA?*

How many PhD students, if any, has your department had in the past 5 years?*

If your department has PhD students, please list the dissertation topics pursued by PhD students in last 5 years.*

Is there anything else the Foundation should know about student demand at your department/centre? (e.g. Why are the numbers of students interested in Jewish studies rising/falling? How does your university use these numbers to determine its strategy regarding Jewish studies?)*

Maximum 100 words.

Research and Public Engagement

How do you plan to disseminate this project beyond the university? How will your department engage the local Jewish community (if one exists) and/or the wider public regarding this project?*

Maximum 100 words.

What major research projects have been completed by your department/centre in the last 3-5 years?*

Please list any major publications produced by department/centre staff in the past 3 years, including publications that are forthcoming*

University Support

Has your university demonstrated a commitment to fostering Jewish studies? What is the evidence of this commitment? For example, has the university recently refilled any positions that have become vacant? Or committed additional funding to your department/centre? How is this reflected in this current application (in addition to the 20% contribution expected as part of the budget).*

What is the climate like at your university since 7th of October 2023? How has your university responded to increased calls for an academic boycott of Israeli academics and Israeli institutions?*

Please provide any additional information that is relevant to this project and is not covered elsewhere in the application form

Maximum 300 words

Organisation Status

Which best describes the legal status of your organisation?

For **UK applicants** this may be a UK charity number where applicable. Please refer to the [Charity Commission](#) website and its list of **Charitable Purposes**.

Applicants from **outside the UK** should provide original documentation or evidence demonstrating their non-profit status under their local regulations in the attachments section (e.g. a copy of the relevant portion of the organisation's statutes, a certificate from the tax authorities demonstrating not-for-profit status)

Note: If your organisation is awarded a grant, not-for-profit or charitable status must be in place within three months of receiving notification or your grant may be cancelled.

UK applicants section

For UK applicants, is your organisation a registered charity?

If YES, please provide a Registered Charity Number:

Applicants from outside the UK section

Does your organisation operate as a non-profit or not-for-profit entity?

If NO, is your organisation in the process of obtaining not-for-profit status?

Contact Information

Primary Contact (Required): The primary contact will receive correspondence regarding the outcome of the application, along with any questions or queries the Foundation may have.

Primary Contact Details*

Minimum number of responses: 1

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Authorised Signatory (if applicable) - The authorised signatory is responsible for signing the grant letter. For example, the organisation director or chair of the board.

Only complete this contact information if this person is different from the primary contact.

Authorised Signatory Details

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Senior University Contact (required)

The Foundation expects that the university fully supports this proposal. Please confirm the details of the senior administrator, e.g., vice chancellor, provost, rector, etc., who will submit a letter in support of the application and whom we may contact at any point during the application process.

Senior University Contact*

Minimum number of responses: 1

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Referees

Applicants must supply details for two, external referees able to evaluate their proposal. **Referees must not be affiliated with the institution applying for the fellowship.**

It is the responsibility of the applicant to send their referees the correct reference form and to ensure references are submitted by the referee deadline.

The Foundation will confirm receipt of your references to you via email no later than 5 working days after the referee deadline. If the Foundation has not received your reference(s) you will be contacted no later than 3 working days after the referee deadline. Please do not contact the Foundation during this period regarding your references as there will be a delay in responding to your query.

Instructions:

Please download the referee form here: [Referee Form](#)

When you have completed your application, please email a copy of it along with the reference form to your referees. You can do this by creating a copy of your completed application from your online account.

When your referee has completed the form, they should email it directly to reference@rothschildfoundation.eu

Referee Deadline: Tuesday 20 January 2026.

Referee's Details*

Minimum number of responses: 2

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Attachments

Please ensure that your application is accompanied by the following documents as it will not be considered for funding if you fail to include them.

This applies to all applicants, including those that have received funding in the past. Documents must be uploaded under the relevant drop-down attachment headings below.

Budget Table and Budget Explanation: Please save a copy of the [template](#) to your computer and upload your completed budget and budget explanation. Click on the link to download a [sample template](#).

Please consult the [Application Guidance](#) for additional information for each document request.

Translations: For documents not originally written in English (aside from your proposal) please include an English translation. This does not need to be an official or notarised translation, but it must be clear and accurate. Documents in a language other than English that are not accompanied by an English translation will not be processed.

If your application is approved, you will need to submit further [supporting documentation](#) once you receive your Grant Letter and Agreement.

1. Proof of not-for-profit or charitable status.*

Check the application guidance for document requirements for UK and non-UK organisations.



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2. Budget table and budget explanation for the proposed project.*

Use the form provided in the link above.



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3. CVs of key staff people working on the project (maximum 5 pages for each staff member).*

Please note only the first 5 pages of CVs which exceed the 5-page limit will be forwarded to the Academic Advisory Committee for assessment. Include the CVs of anyone you plan to recruit for this project. Combine all CVs into one document before uploading.



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4. A letter from your senior university contact confirming your university's commitment to the project.*



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5. The most recently available audited accounts or financial statement stamped by the financial authority in your country.*

This is a formal record of your organisation's financial activities for either a one- or three-year period. The statement must include a summary of the income and expenditure over a given period. It should have been prepared by a chartered accountant and, if your country requires it, approved by the relevant government department.



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5a. Income and Expenditure.

If the submitted audited accounts or financial statement are not in English, you are required to submit an English summary of the income and expenditure account and balance sheet.



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6. The operating budget of your organisation for the current fiscal year.*

Please consult your university or departmental finance department to obtain these.



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7. Project Update/Final Report.

If you have recently finished a grant funded by the Foundation, please ensure the Final Report has been submitted before the closing date for the current grant round as this will be assessed alongside your new application.



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8. Translations.

Please upload translated versions of any of the above documents. Make sure titles are in English and accurately describe the contents. Original documents must be uploaded under the relevant attachment listed above.



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Safeguarding

Rothschild Foundation Hanadiv Europe is committed to creating a safe and inclusive environment, where people are respected and valued. We expect those we work with and support to do the same. Organisations should actively prevent harm, harassment, bullying, abuse and neglect in the workplace and everyone in the organisation must play an active role in ensuring a duty of care to staff members, volunteers, participants and donors. Specifically, we expect all grantees to:

- Comply with all Safeguarding laws and regulations applicable in all countries in which they operate.
- Carry out and maintain all required safeguarding checks of their staff, volunteers and consultants.
- Ensure robust safeguarding policies are in place to cover activities involving children, young people or vulnerable adults.
- Notify the Foundation of any safeguarding concerns or any serious incidents reported to the authorities, whether or not they directly relate to a RFHE grant, in a timely manner.

Please respond with your organisations response to the safeguarding statement above*

Collecting Personal data Declaration

RFHE is committed to the principles of data protection including the principle that information is only to be retained for as long as necessary for the purpose concerned. In addition to the information submitted in this form, to process this application RFHE may collect information about your project and organisation that you do not directly provide, whether it is information received from third parties, such as referees, employers and partners, or information RFHE collects about your organisation's activities. The application might be shared with an expert committee and occasionally external referees. If your application is successful, RFHE will keep your personal identifiable information for a reasonable period as part of the process of managing the grant. If your application is not successful, RFHE will retain only your contact details and basic information about the project for future reference in case you approach us again. For more information please read our [privacy policy](#)

I am aware that the personal identifiable information submitted in this application including names, email addresses, phone numbers, business addresses, as well as demographic information will be used by RFHE to process this application.*

I am the Chair, Director, Dean, Head or Principal Curator (authorised signatory) of the applying organisation or department, with the authority to accept a grant should one be awarded. If I am not the authorised signatory, then I have their express permission to submit this application and they have reviewed the application, proposed budget and any plans to hire personnel for the project. Please note that failure to have obtained permission from the authorised signatory prior to submitting an application will result in automatic disqualification from the application process.*

Please confirm that you are either the authorised signatory or that his/ her permission has been granted.

I declare that the information supplied in this form is accurate to the best of my knowledge.*

Please confirm this as your electronic declaration