

Application Guidance

Research Fellowships for Mid-Career Scholars

Deadline for submission: Wednesday 13 January 2027

References due by: Wednesday 20 January 2027

Support is available for mid-career Jewish Studies scholars to apply for six to twelve months of funding to complete a significant research project.

These fellowships are designed to free mid-career scholars from teaching, administrative responsibilities, and other professional duties.

For queries relating to this grant category please contact: [Dr Ruchama Johnston-Bloom](#).

For any other information including technical support please contact:
info@rothschildfoundation.eu.

**Please add the following emails to your contacts/safe senders list to ensure you receive all our communications regarding your grant application: noreply@yourcause.com;
noreply@blackbaud.com; adobesign@adobesign.com; message@adobe.com.**

Grant details

Eligible scholars may apply, via their institution, for up to £45,000 for a period between six to twelve months in order to focus on research and writing. The amount awarded is contingent on the demonstrated cost of employing a fixed-term replacement for the scholar and the duration of the proposed fellowship.

Note: If an application is successful, funding will be awarded to the scholar's institution to employ the replacement lecturer, etc., and disperse research funds to the scholar.

Eligibility

Eligibility criteria

Applicants must be employed at a European university or heritage institution (e.g., archive, library or museum), and we expect them to have already made a significant contribution to Jewish Studies. Typically, we expect applicants to be within 15 years of completing their PhD.

We suggest more junior applicants check to see whether they are eligible to apply for a post-doctoral fellowship instead.

Only one scholar from an institution may apply for a Mid-Career Fellowship at a time.

Eligible topics

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.

For more information on Jewish Studies please read our [AJS FAQs](#).

Eligible costs

If the applicant is employed at a university, funding can go toward a teaching buyout. If the applicant is employed at a heritage institution, funding can go toward employing a fixed-term replacement. Up to £5,000 can also go toward research expenses.

If you are uncertain about the eligibility of your proposed project or project costs, please contact [Dr Ruchama Johnston-Bloom](#).

Open Access policy

A fundamental component of the Rothschild Foundation Hanadiv Europe's mission is to increase access to European Jewish heritage and culture.

We encourage grantees to publish their Foundation-funded research in peer-reviewed journals with an open access option, and to make their articles freely accessible whenever possible. Should an article based on Foundation-funded research be accepted for publication, grantees may apply to the Foundation for funding to cover costs associated with open access publication, such as article processing charges.

Application process

Application timeline

Your application form and supporting documents must be submitted by **Wednesday 13 January 2027**. References will be due by **Wednesday 20 January 2027** – please ensure you provide a copy of your application form and the reference form to your referees to complete.

You should expect notification via email by mid-May 2027 letting you know whether your application has been successful or unsuccessful. If your application is approved, you will receive an official award

letter and agreement which you will need to e-sign and return with the necessary supporting documentation.

Required supporting documentation

Translations: For documents not originally written in English please include an English translation.

- This does not need to be an official or notarised translation, but it must be clear and accurate, *with document titles in English*.
- Original documents must be uploaded under the relevant attachment listed below along with their translated versions.
- 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:** This will vary from country to country and according to the type of organisation making the application.
 - 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](#).
 - International applicants should provide original documentation or evidence demonstrating their non-profit status under their local regulations (e.g. a copy of the relevant portion of the organisation's statutes, a certificate from the tax authorities demonstrating not-for-profit status)
2. **Budget table and budget explanation for the proposed project:** Download and complete the budget form at the bottom of the [website page](#). An example of a completed budget form is also available. **Do not use your own format.**
3. **CV of scholar in English (maximum 5 pages):** This should include all relevant academic experience, publications, and prizes. Only the first 5 pages of CVs which exceed the 5-page limit will be forwarded to the Academic Advisory Committee for assessment.
4. **Project Update/Final Report:** Only required if you currently receive funding from the [Foundation](#). Please submit a one-page Project Update of your existing grant. 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.
5. **Translated documents:** Upload translated versions of any of the above documents.

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. Forms are available to download at the bottom of the [website page](#).

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.

FAQs

You can find the most frequently asked questions relating to [Academic Jewish Studies here](#).

Contact

Please do not hesitate to contact us if you require any further information or advice as you prepare your application.

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