The Fulbright Program in Israel

Approximately 1,800 Israelis have received grants to the United States since the inception of the Fulbright Program in Israel in 1956.

Over the years, 670 post-doctoral scholar fellowships have been awarded.

Their achievements are linked with the prestige of the Fulbright name and its association with excellence.

Prominent Israeli alumni include well-known dignitaries, Israel Prize winners, and many who have achieved high positions in Israeli academia and the public service.
Among our alumnae we are proud to count

Professor Ruth Arad
Dr. Ilana Dayan
Professor Ruth Halperin-Kadari
Ms. Savyon Liebrecht
Professor Anat Ninio
Ambassador Gabriella Shalev
Professor Yuli Tamir

And among our alumni

Justice Aharon Barak
Professor Aaron Ciechanover
Ambassador Itamar Rabinovich
What is Fulbright?

• Fulbright is the most widely recognized and prestigious international exchange program in the world.

• The fundamental principles of international partnership and mutual understanding remain at the core of the Fulbright Program’s mission.

• Student and faculty exchanges at the highest level of academic excellence as well as cultural and professional exchange programs are the principal means employed to achieve this goal.

• The Program selects nominees through open, merit-based competitions.
Why apply for a Fulbright Fellowship?

• A period of post-doctoral research has become an essential element on the way to obtaining a position in Israeli academia.

• Fulbright changes lives and has a profound influence on professional and personal endeavors by:

  ➢ Providing funding and status;
  ➢ Opening new doors and professional opportunities;
  ➢ Expanding scholars’ worldview;
  ➢ Allowing fellows to forge professional connections;
  ➢ Providing a strong international network of alumni;
  ➢ Allowing fellows to experience U.S. culture;
  ➢ Promoting goodwill and cultural exchange;
  ➢ Fostering life-long learning, research and friendship.
The Fulbright Fellowship

• In 2016 sixteen research fellowships of $37,500 will be awarded.
• Awards are made in all fields of study except clinical fields.
• Applicants apply directly to the Foundation. The application opens on December 1 each year with a deadline date of January 15.
• The program is highly competitive: last year 140 applications were received for a total of 16 grants awarded.
Some important eligibility requirements

- Candidates must be Israeli citizens and resident in Israel.
- Dual American-Israeli citizens are not eligible to apply.
- Applicants must arrange their own institutional affiliation.
Evaluation criteria

• Academic excellence.
• Preference will be given to projects expected to bring particular benefits to Israel and the United States.
• Preference to candidates who have received their doctorates within two years prior to the presentation of their applications.
• English language proficiency.
• Leadership qualities.
• Ambassadorial skills.
Conditions of award

• Funding is for one year only.
• Current visa regulations limit the stay of J-1 scholars to 5 years.
• The grantee must travel on a J-1 Exchange Visitor visa sponsored by the Fulbright Program.
• Two-year home residency requirement.
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