

Frequently asked questions (FAQ)

Who is eligible for the Fellowship?

To be eligible for the Fellowship you must hold a non-tenured teaching position at a university outside of Israel. Moreover, you may not be a permanent resident of the State of Israel or have received most of your academic training in Israel. Your area of instruction must be related to Jewish Studies.

How do I apply?

To apply you need to send the application form together with your curriculum, and a copy of a recent publication, representative of your research.

Two (2) letters of recommendation written in English are also required. The letters should be signed and written on official letterhead and sent in PDF format. They should be regarded as confidential and submitted by the referees directly to fellowships@nli.org.il.

When is the application deadline and when will successful applicants be notified?

Applications are due by 31 January 2017. Applicants will be notified no later than 1 March 2017.

What does the National Library provide to Fellows?

Each Fellow will be paired with a senior scholar who will be selected in consultation with the Fellow and who will serve as an academic advisor. Fellows will also be provided with access to resources across Israel as well as guidance from the curators and staff of the National Library of Israel.

What does the National Library require of Fellows?

Fellows are required to meet on a regular basis with their advisers and are expected to present their research in a symposium to be held at the end of the academic year. Fellows may be required to participate in occasional special events throughout the year.

How is the stipend calculated?

Each Fellow will receive ILS 130,000. When applicable, an additional allowance of ILS 10,500 per accompanying family member will be granted. Fellows are also entitled to a modest travel grant for themselves and their families.

Does the Fellowship include health care and accommodations?

No. All expenses for housing and medical care are the sole responsibility of the Fellow.

Are Fellows expected to do all of their research and work at the National Library?

No. Fellows will be given instruction on using the resources and facilities of the National Library. However, if better resources are available elsewhere in Israel, for example in a

particular archive, we encourage them to pursue those resources most relevant to their research.

Is Hebrew required?

Some command of Hebrew is necessary. We believe that Hebrew is important for any scholar of Jewish Studies and so we encourage Fellowes who are not competent in Hebrew to take a semester of Ulpan study. Nonetheless, a strong command or fluency in Hebrew is not required.

How long is the Fellowship?

The Visiting Fellowships in Jewish Studies are awarded for one full academic year. No applications for extension will be considered