

Application

James & Anna Hersh Scholarship for Student Internships in Israel

A minimum award of \$2,500 effective during the Summer Semester

Application criteria: recipients shall be Jewish Studies minors and have obtained sophomore status, shall have a minimum grade point average of 2.5, and must have been accepted by an organization to participate in an internship in Israel for a period of six weeks or more unless combined with a study abroad program, in which case the internship period may be for a period of four weeks or more.

Recipients of the Hersh Scholarship are expected to submit a brief written statement on their internship experience in Israel on their return. These statements will act as a thank you to the sponsors of the scholarship, the Hersh family.

Administered by the Michigan State University
Michael and Elaine Serling Institute for Jewish Studies and
Modern Israel
www.jsp.msu.edu

ANNUAL DEADLINES

**Academic Year, Summer,
or Fall Semester Programs**
March 15 of the year of study

Spring Semester Programs
Preceding October 1

All application materials must be received by 5:00 pm on the deadline date. If the deadline is on a weekend, the application is due by 5:00 pm on the Friday immediately preceding the deadline.

INSTRUCTIONS: Please be sure to provide all the information requested below; only complete applications will be considered. This form is meant to be completed electronically; that is, simply use the TAB key or mouse to move from one field to the next. When you've provided the information requested, print and sign the form. Deadlines for submission of applications are given above. If you have questions about the scholarships or the application procedures, please contact the Serling Institute office (tel. 517-432-3493; email jewishst@msu.edu)

Submit the printed, signed form and the following supporting materials to the address below:

- Official MSU transcript (visit www.reg.msu.edu/StuForms/TranscriptRequest/Transcript.asp)
- A 750-word, typed personal statement (see details below).
- Letter of recommendation from a current MSU faculty member (must be printed on university letterhead stationery)

Submit completed, signed application and supporting materials to:

Yael Aronoff at aronoffy@msu.edu

First name: Middle name: Last name:
MSU PID: MSU E-mail address: @msu.edu
Local telephone: Cell phone:
Local address:
Local city: Local zipcode:
Permanent address:
Permanent city: Permanent state: Zipcode: Country:
Permanent home telephone: I am a citizen of (*country*):

MSU major(s): MSU College(s):
MSU minor(s):
Current level (fresh., soph., etc.):
Are you earning a minor in Jewish Studies?
Yes (*checklist must be on file in Jewish Studies Office*) No

Anticipated **semester and year** of internship:

Anticipated site of internship:

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IMPORTANT: Please use the space below to write a 750-word personal statement describing the following: Your academic program and record at MSU, briefly state how you will benefit from the internship, and discuss what your responsibilities will be in the internship, what you hope to get out of it, and how it might connect to your academic, personal, and/or professional goals.

BEGIN PERSONAL STATEMENT HERE:

For advertising purposes, we would like to know how you found out about the Hersh Scholarships (*please check all that apply*):

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| Class (<i>which one?</i>) | Friend |
| Study Abroad Fair/Office | AOP |
| Registrar's Office | Other (please explain) |
| State News | |

Scholarship Agreement – RESPONSE REQUIRED

I hereby agree to express acceptance of a Harsh Scholarship if offered to the Director of the Serling Institute for Jewish Studies and Modern Israel in writing within 3 weeks of notification of the award. Failure to do so may result in forfeiture of the scholarship. If I am awarded and I accept a Hersh Scholarship, I hereby agree to submit a type-written report about my Israel-related experience to the Serling Institute Director within 30 days of my return to the United States. I understand that statements made in my report may be used by the Serling Institute to promote Hersh Scholarships and Study Abroad and internship activities in Israel.

Third, I hereby authorize the College of Arts and Letters and the Michael and Elaine Serling Institute for Jewish Studies and Modern Israel to release my name and information regarding this scholarship to the donor and to the media. Finally, I understand that if I withdraw from study abroad in Israel (either voluntarily or involuntarily, e.g., if I am suspended from the program) that I will need to reimburse the university the full scholarship. This will not apply to a situation where, due to safety and security considerations, the program is suspended or shortened.

Signature

Date

APPLICATION ENDS HERE

If you have provided all the information requested, please print and sign the form and return it along with all your supporting materials to the Serling Institute office. You will be notified of the status of your application within two weeks of the deadline.

Note: Applicants for the Hersh Scholarships may also apply for scholarships offered through the MSU Office of Study Abroad

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- Transcript included
- Personal statement included
- Faculty recommendation included
- JSP minor student? Yes No
- Currently enrolled? Yes No
- Overall GPA