The Michael and Elaine Serling Institute for Jewish Studies and Modern Israel sponsors the Hersh family Endowment fund for Student Internships in Israel.

This scholarship is available to students who meet the following criteria:

• Recipients shall be Jewish Studies minors and have obtained sophomore status;
• Recipients shall have a minimum grade point average of 2.5;
• Recipients must have been accepted by an organization to participate in an internship in Israel for 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.

Applicants must submit a letter to the Director of The Michael and Elaine Serling Institute for Jewish Studies and Modern Israel, Yael Aronoff at: aronoffy@msu.edu, addressing the criteria stated above. Qualified Internships will be approved by the Director of The Institute. The letter should describe the student’s academic program and record at MSU, provide evidence of student leadership skill or potential, and briefly state how the student will benefit from the internship. Each student should also submit a university transcript, faculty letter of recommendation, and a brief description of their internship in Israel.

Applications may be found on the department website (jsp.msu.edu), and are due March 1st.

Recipients of the Hersh Scholarship are expected to express acceptance in writing within two weeks of notification to the Director of The Michael and Elaine Serling Institute for Jewish Studies and Modern Israel. Recipients must also 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.

For more information, please contact the Director of The Michael and Elaine Serling Institute for Jewish Studies and Modern Israel, Dr. Yael Aronoff (aronoffy@msu.edu).