

# Modern Israel Scholarships for Study Abroad, Research, and Internships in Israel

These scholarships, which are all a minimum of \$1,000 are available to students who meet the following criteria: Enrolled at MSU and have completed at least one year of successful study prior to participation.

## **Scholarships for Study Abroad in Israel**

Study Abroad scholarships are a minimum of \$1,000. Please fill out the application form on the Serling Institute for Jewish Studies and Modern Israel website <https://jsp.msu.edu/> and email the Director of The Michael and Elaine Serling Institute for Jewish Studies and Modern Israel, Yael Aronoff at: [aronoffy@msu.edu](mailto:aronoffy@msu.edu) an essay describing what you hope to get out of the study abroad experience in Israel and how it may contribute to your personal, academic, and professional goals. The deadline is February 1st for any study abroad program during the spring break, April 1st for summer study abroad, April 15th for fall semester in Israel, and October 15th for spring semester in Israel.

## **Scholarships for Internships in Israel**

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

1. Recipients shall have a minimum grade point average of 2.5 and send an official transcript to the Director of the Serling Institute
2. 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](mailto: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 at MSU, and state how the student will benefit academically and professionally from the internship. Each student should also submit this essay, an official transcript, and proof from the organizations that the student has been accepted for an internship. Applications may be found on the department website ([jsp.msu.edu](http://jsp.msu.edu)), and are due March 1st.

## **Research scholarships**

Applicants must apply electronically by March 15, 2021 to: Dr. Yael Aronoff: [aronoffy@msu.edu](mailto:aronoffy@msu.edu), and Assistant to the Director, Ariana Mentzel: [mentzela@msu.edu](mailto:mentzela@msu.edu).

The application requires:

1. Proposal (a description of the proposed project or research) and what research will be conducted in Israel and how (interviews, archives, etc.). An explanation of whether this is part of an independent study, or research for a senior seminar or thesis. This research must be guided by a Serling Institute faculty.
2. Discussion of the applicant's relevant qualifications
3. Official transcript and a minimum 2.5 GPA.
4. Letter of recommendation
5. Budget Applications should ask for no less than \$1,000 and no more than \$4,000.

The recipient of the research in Israel scholarships will give a presentation of the research at the Serling Institute Undergraduate Research Conference, and all awardees will submit copies of completed projects to be kept on file at the Serling Institute for Jewish Studies and Modern Israel.

Recipients of the Modern Israel Scholarships are expected to express acceptance in writing within two weeks of notification to Dr. Aronoff. Recipients must also submit a brief written statement on their experiences studying, interning, or researching in Israel within 30 days of their return, which the Director will send to the donors, Michael and Elaine Serling.

