Modern Israel Scholarships

Deadline: March 15th, 2024

Offering $1,000-$4,000 for MSU students participating in study abroad, internship or research in Israel.

Scholarships for Study Abroad in Israel
Applicants must submit a 300–500-word essay to the Director of The Michael and Elaine Serling Institute for Jewish Studies and Modern Israel, Yael Aronoff: aronoffy@msu.edu, and Assistant to the Director, Ariana Mentzel: mentzela@msu.edu. The essay should describe what you hope to gain from the study abroad program and how it will contribute to your academic, professional, and personal interests.

Scholarships for Internships in Israel
Applicants must submit a 300–500-word essay to the Director of The Michael and Elaine Serling Institute for Jewish Studies and Modern Israel, Yael Aronoff: aronoffy@msu.edu and Assistant to the Director, Ariana Mentzel: mentzela@msu.edu. The essay should describe what you hope to get out of the internship, and how it will contribute to your academic, professional, and personal interests.

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).

Research scholarships Applicants
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. Letter of recommendation
4. Budget Applications should ask for no less than $1,000 and no more than $4,000.

Recipients of the research in Israel scholarship are expected to present their work at the next Serling Institute Undergraduate Research Conference on April 5th, 2024, 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 must also submit a brief written statement on their experiences studying, interning, or researching in Israel withing 30 days of their return, which the Director will send to the donors, Michael and Elaine Serling.

*Please contact Director Professor Aronoff if you have extenuating circumstances that require an extension for the deadline and there is a possibility, that if there are available funds, that you can apply late.