

The Lynda and Stewart Resnick Fellowship Program at the National Library of Israel

1. Purpose of the Lynda and Stewart Resnick Fellowship Program

The National Library of Israel (NLI) is the vibrant institution of national memory for the Jewish people worldwide and Israelis of all backgrounds and faiths, a dynamic center for scholarship, creativity, and the democratization of knowledge. With the support of Lynda and Stewart Resnick, the National Library of Israel is establishing the Lynda and Stewart Resnick Fellowship Program (the “Program”). The Program is open to tenure scholars in all fields whose work is anchored in one or more of NLI’s core collections: Judaica, Israel, Islam and the Middle East, the Humanities, and the Music Collection and Sound Archive, and is designed to enable scholars to use the unique resources and special collections of the NLI to create ground-breaking research.

2. Requirements for Fellows

The criteria for Fellows are as follows:

- 2.1 Fellows will be international scholars who are tenured faculty in their academic institutions.
- 2.2 Availability to participate in research during the Spring-Summer semester of the academic year 2023-2024, with a mandatory residence in Jerusalem in July 2024 and a minimum of three days a week at the NLI building.
- 2.3 Fellows must deliver a public lecture within the framework of the Program.
- 2.4 Residents of the State of Israel are not eligible to apply to the Program.

3. Application Requirements

Applicants must submit the following documents:

- 3.1 A research proposal that identifies which NLI resources they will study. The research proposal should be no longer than two pages in length.
- 3.2 A proposal for the public lecture (suggested title and brief abstract).

3.3 An updated CV (no longer than four pages in length).

3.4 Names and e-mail addresses of two academic references.

4. Stipend

The Fellows will be entitled to a stipend of \$17,000 for their participation in the Program. The first payment of \$7,000 will be processed upon the fellow's arrival at the NLI and the second payment of \$10,000 will be processed at the end of the first month of residence. Fellows are responsible for making all travel and lodging arrangements.

5. Establishment of the selection committee and its composition

The selection committee for Fellows will consist of five (5) members, as follows:

5.1 One member of the academic community in Israel, who will serve as chairperson of the committee.

5.2 One member of the academic community in the United States.

5.3 One member of the academic community in Europe.

5.4 Two senior staff members of NLI / The Central Archives for the History of the Jewish People (CAHJP) with relevant academic backgrounds.

If one of the committee members is unable to serve, the National Library of Israel will select a replacement committee member.

6. Conflict of Interest

6.1 Each committee member undertakes to avoid a conflict-of-interest situation. To this end, before starting discussions about selection of the Fellows, each committee member will disclose friendships, professional, family, or other connections with applicants and will provide NLI with details thereof.

6.2 NLI will decide whether the aforementioned connections are sufficient to prevent that member from serving on the committee. If the NLI believes, at the end of its examination of the matter, that a member of the committee is qualified to serve on the committee despite the aforementioned connections, it may decide that the member must refrain from voting or expressing an opinion on the relevant application.

7. Selection of Fellows

7.1 Fellows will be selected on the basis of the documents submitted with their applications, with an emphasis on the strength of proposals and the connection between the proposal and NLI's core collection areas.

8. Fellows' Obligations

8.1 Fellows may be asked to sign individual agreements, a draft of which will be provided prior to commencement of their participation in the Program.

8.2 Each Fellow will meet with an Israeli colleague from his/her field (facilitator/local mentor) virtually prior to July 2024 to and establish contacts within the Israeli academic community. Within the fellowship period, each Fellow will be required to deliver a public lecture at the new NLI.

9. Miscellaneous

9.1 The National Library of Israel may change the terms of these Regulations at any time, at its sole discretion.