

Call for Applications

The Stewart and Lynda Resnick Fellowship Program at the National Library of Israel, 2025

Deadline for submissions: June 30, 2024

The National Library of Israel (NLI) is delighted to invite applications for the second cohort of the **Stewart** and Lynda Resnick Fellowship Program. This annual Fellowship Program enables selected international scholars to conduct on-site research based on the unique resources and special collections of the NLI. Resnick fellows enrich the Library's intellectual life while strengthening connections between the global academic community and our new home in Jerusalem.

Founded in 1892, The National Library of Israel (NLI) serves as 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. The NLI houses the world's largest and most important collections of <u>Judaica</u> and <u>Israel</u> and world-class collections in <u>Islam and the Middle East</u>, the <u>Humanities</u>, and <u>Israeli and Jewish music</u>. The Library's collection formats include manuscripts, rare books, communal and personal archives, photographs, maps, posters, and the Israeli internet archive. In addition, the NLI's far-reaching digitization initiatives enable ever-growing access to the Library's collections and treasures to people throughout the world. The Resnick fellows will be in residence at the NLI's new campus in Jerusalem, and will enjoy state-of-the-art facilities for research and public engagement.

OBJECTIVES

The **Stewart and Lynda Resnick Fellowship Program** is open to scholars in all fields whose work is anchored in one or more of the Library'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.

In 2025, The Stewart and Lynda Resnick Fellowship will be awarded to four (4) international researchers.

ELIGIBILITY AND FELLOWSHIP DETAILS

The fellowship is intended for international scholars who have completed their doctoral studies and were awarded a Ph.D. at an institution of higher education. Residents of Israel are not eligible to apply for the 2024-2025 cohort. Scholars who were affected by the war in Ukraine are encouraged to apply. The fellowship includes a stipend of \$17,000 for up to two months of research in residence at the National Library of Israel and an additional period of remote research based on NLI's digitized collections and on-demand digitized materials. Each fellow will be matched with an academic mentor, and Library professionals will be available for reference and professional assistance. Mentors and Resnick fellows will meet virtually before the residency to help build a work plan 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.

APPLICATION PROCESS AND TIMELINE

NLI is now accepting fellowship applications for the Resnick Fellowship Program's inaugural cohort for the Spring-Summer semester of the academic year 2025, with a mandatory residence during the entire month of July, 2025.

Applicants should submit the following documents:

- 1. A research proposal that identifies which NLI resources they will study; preference will be given to applicants who can provide a rationale for on-site access to unique materials at the NLI. The research proposal should be no longer than two pages in length.
- 2. A proposal for the public lecture (suggested title and brief abstract).
- 3. An updated CV (no longer than four pages in length).
- 4. Names and e-mail addresses of two academic references.

The deadline for submissions is June 30, 2024. Applicants will be notified of the NLI's decision in September 2024.

Further details and the online application are through the following link:

https://nationallibraryofisrael.formtitan.com/resnick_nli