



Endorsed by the Office of the Prime Minister and MASA, the **Israel Government Fellows Program (IGF)** offers outstanding young individuals an opportunity for internship in the Israeli Government. Applicants will be positioned in accordance with their fields of expertise and their interests – as well as the manpower needs of the Israeli Government. There are two main purposes for this exclusive program: strengthening the connections between the Jewish State and the Diaspora, and promoting Jewish leadership globally.

The program's duration is ten months and is based in Jerusalem. The main portion of the program is the internship at a ministry or other branch of government. Alongside work in the government offices, the Fellows will attend seminar days on issues of Israeli political culture, global Jewish current affairs, Israeli defense issues, media, economy and many more. The lectures on the program are conducted by leading public figures, members of Knesset, academics, businessmen and other prominent speakers from a range of different fields. There will be tours around the country, visiting historical and contemporary sites, and meeting people from across the spectrum of Israeli society. Hebrew language classes (Ulpan) will take place throughout the program.

This program provides participants with invaluable work experience and leadership training, which will be transferrable to future employment and will be impressive additions to any CV. It is a unique opportunity for aspiring Jewish leaders to acquire new skills while contributing to Israeli politics and society, to learn about Israeli history and culture, and to strengthen their connection to the Jewish state.

Application Requirements:

- Bachelor's degree plus work experience OR a Master's Degree. (Different internship opportunities will be available depending on the level of academic achievement and the nature of work experience).
- Age 22-30
- Fluent English
- MASA eligibility

Program Cost

The cost of the program is \$11,000.

All Fellows are eligible for a grant from the Begin Center as well as a grant from MASA (the precise amount is according to country of origin and other criteria). The MASA grant application also contains the option of requesting a further 'scholarship'. Some applicants will be successful in receiving this in addition to the grant.

Assuming these options are taken up, Fellows will be left paying only a small proportion of the full cost, if any.

Program duration: September 2010 – June 2011.

Official registration closes on April 15, 2010.

For complete applications received by February 2010, answers will be given by end of March.

For further information please visit the IGF website: www.israelgovernmentfellows.org.il

