

Application fee: US \$100 (non-refundable)

Israel Government Fellows 2020-2021

Application Form

Applications will be accepted in rounds, then on a rolling basis. Admissions decisions for each round will be sent out within one week of the respective deadline.

Round 1 Application Deadline: January 31, 2020

Round 2 Application Deadline: March 31, 2020

Applications received after the Round 2 application deadline will be accepted on a rolling basis according to availability.

1. Personal Information:

First name: _____ Family name: _____

Permanent address: _____

Email: _____

Date of Birth (dd/mm/yyyy): _____

Phone number with country code: _____

Skype Username: _____

Single / Married Gender: M / F

Citizenship (if more than one, list all): _____

Passport Number(s)/Country: _____

2. Academic Background:

University	Date of Graduation	Degree	Major

3. Languages: [level: mother tongue, high, medium, weak]

Language	Writing	Reading	Speaking
English			
Hebrew			
Other:			
Other:			
Other:			

4. Other:

- Have you ever been to Israel before? Y / N

If so, in what framework? (Visit relatives, Tourism, Short/Long-term program, etc. – please elaborate)



- How did you hear about the Israel Government Fellows Program? Please include names.

Former participant: _____

University Professor: _____

Community/Hillel Shaliach (emissary): _____

Masa representative/Masa website: _____

Other : _____

- Please provide details of who we should contact in case of emergency:

In Your home country:

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

Relationship: _____

In Israel (if applicable):

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

Relationship: _____



5. Please Attach:**

- ✓ CV (resume)
- ✓ Official University Transcripts
- ✓ Personal Statement: Briefly explain why you are interested in participating in the IGF Program, what you hope to gain from it and why you think you would be a suitable candidate (up to 500 words).
- ✓ Academic Writing Sample in English, e.g. essay or paper written for university, news article, etc. (2-10 page limit).
 - *Your writing sample will be assessed on the quality of writing and analysis, not on any political or ideological views expressed.*
- ✓ Signed Masa Grant Application Form, if applicable (see item 6)
- ✓ Application Fee (see item 7)
- ✓ Three Letters of Recommendation (see item 8)
- ✓ Additional Relevant Information
- ✓ Recent Photo

****Applications will be considered complete only once all these documents have been received.****

6. Masa:

The IGF program is affiliated with MASA Israel Journey which offers generous grants for eligible participants.

- Do you meet Masa's eligibility requirements*? Y / N ([link](#))
- If yes, please fill out the Masa grant application. ([link](#))
- Once filled out, you will receive a copy of the form via email. Please print and sign the form, then scan and email it with the other application documents.

***Please note:** Ineligibility for the Masa grant **does not** disqualify participation in the program.



Israel Government Fellows Program The Menachem Begin Heritage Center

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7. Application Fee: \$100 (non-refundable*)

Can be paid via:

- Credit card, please fill in details:

NAME ON CARD: _____

CARD COMPANY: _____

CARD NO.: _____

EXPIRATION DATE: _____

SECURITY CODE (three or four digits on back of card): _____

- Check made out to "The Menachem Begin Heritage Center", sent to the address listed at the bottom of the page.

*Please note that, should you be accepted, the \$100 goes toward the tuition of the program.

8. Three letters of recommendation:

Please include references from the following categories:

- (a) **Employer**
- (b) **Professor or Academic Advisor**
- (c) **Representative of Jewish Community/Local Jewish Organization***

*If you are not connected to a Jewish community, then another community or lay leader will suffice, or alternatively someone senior to you in any organization in which you were a volunteer; i.e. outside of paid employment.

Please ensure that the person writing the reference is presented with the letter below (“**Re: Reference for Israel Government Fellows applicant**”, page 7) which contains guidelines on what needs to be included in the letters of recommendation.

<u>Name</u>	<u>Relation</u>	<u>Telephone</u>	<u>E-mail</u>
(a)			
(b)			
(c)			

Please send your complete application to this email address: igf@begincenter.org.il

Email is preferred, but you may also send your application via post:

Israel Government Fellows Program
Menachem Begin Heritage Center
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Jerusalem, 94110
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A confirmation of receipt of your application will be sent via email. Applications will be reviewed as soon as they are complete, and you will be notified if you have been selected to continue to the interview stage of the application process.

Dear Sir/Madam:

Re: Reference for Israel Government Fellows applicant

The Israel Government Fellows program of the Menachem Begin Heritage Center is a unique partnership between the Begin Center and the Israeli government, endorsed by the Prime Minister, in which participants intern in various government offices in conjunction with an educational program focusing on social, economical and political issues facing Israel.

The Israel Government Fellows program is a prestigious initiative, highly-regarded by the institutions of government that work with us and receive our fellows as interns. Participants on the program work with senior government officials and are exposed to high-profile figures in Israeli political and cultural life.

In your letter of recommendation, please refer to relevant qualities and skills that you feel the applicant possesses, such as leadership skills, working well under pressure, working well in a team, good analytical, research and writing skills, and/or strong affinity with Israel or the Jewish people. Please feel free to relate to the applicant's suitability in terms of characteristics such as an eagerness to learn, humility, maturity in challenging situations, ability to see the big picture, open-mindedness, interpersonal skills, innovative thinking and a desire to contribute to something beyond themselves.

The letter should be written on letterhead and emailed to igf@begincenter.org.il with the subject line: "Recommendation for _____".

Please include the following in the body of the email:

Your name: _____
Title: _____
Telephone number: _____
Relationship to applicant: _____

Email is preferred, but you may also send the letter via post:

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We are most grateful for your cooperation.

Yours sincerely,

The IGF staff



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