



Franz Rosenzweig
Minerva Research Center
for German-Jewish Literature
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Franz Rosenzweig Minerva Research Center Fellowship Program

Call for Applications

**The Franz Rosenzweig Minerva Research Center
for German-Jewish Literature and Cultural History
at The Hebrew University of Jerusalem
will award doctoral and post-doctoral research fellowships
for the academic year 2023-2024**

Fellowship Theme:

The German-Jewish Quotidian

For the 2023-2024 academic year, the Franz Rosenzweig Minerva Research Center invites applications for doctoral and post-doctoral fellowships devoted to research on **"The German-Jewish Quotidian."** Over the last decades, scholars of German-Jewish Studies have come to recognize the domain of the "everyday" as broadening the horizons of our understanding of the richness of German-Jewish life philosophically, aesthetically, and historically, and as allowing for the problematization of long-standing distinctions between elites and masses, and between high and popular culture. Our intention is to bring together scholars from a variety of disciplines, including history, philosophy, literature, and cultural studies, whose different perspectives on the study of German-Jewish everyday life, ordinary language, and popular culture will engender fruitful research and scholarly discussion. We envision literary projects, for example, that study the rise of the popular novel in German-Jewish circles, or letter-writing and feuilleton composition as literary forms. We foresee projects that explore the everyday in the arts, or inquire into the role of Jews in cultural movements such as social realism and the neue Sachlichkeit. We invite projects that address matters of German-Jewish daily life such as domestic structure and routine, everyday German-Jewish language (between German and Yiddish), youth culture and public education; as well as everyday gender roles and sexual identity in both private and public spheres. Projects on German-Jewish home, street and holiday cultural venues like the salon and coffeehouse, the market and the public bath, are encouraged. We likewise invite projects investigating the return to the everyday in German-Jewish thought, including the celebration of the truth of the ordinary as a response to post-Kantian Idealism, and everyday Jewish theology as expressed in developments in synagogue liturgy. We are interested in a range of historical studies of the German-Jewish quotidian, for example, in German Zionist training programs in agriculture and home economics. Finally, research projects devoted to everyday life under Nazi rule, or to the debate over the "banality" of the Nazi extermination program, are invited. The Center's interests in the year's theme are broad and interdisciplinary, and we encourage scholars of German-Jewish Studies across the humanities to apply.

Successful applicants will be expected to carry out their research work at the Franz Rosenzweig Minerva Center at The Hebrew University of Jerusalem from October 2023



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through June 2024. During this period the fellows are expected to conduct their research in Israel and to contribute research on the year's scholarly theme in the context of the seminar, workshops, and through publication in the Center's journal.

Applicants must have fair knowledge of the German language, i.e. the ability to read texts in German and to follow lectures given in the German language.

Applicants interested in a **postdoctoral fellowship** must have been awarded their Ph.D. no earlier than October 01, 2019. Candidates can submit an application for a post-doctoral fellowship as long as they submit their dissertation no later than June 1st, 2023.

Applications for a **doctoral fellowship** from doctoral students at the Hebrew University can only be accepted if the applicant is in good standing with the Authority for Research Students and has not exceeded the limits for funding established by the University.

Applicants may be of all nationalities. Israeli citizens applying for a doctoral fellowship must be registered at the Hebrew University as a Ph.D. student. Israeli citizens who are registered as Ph.D. students at a university abroad will be treated as international applicants.

Successful applicants will be granted a monthly stipend of 6,000 NIS for postdoctoral fellowships or 5,500 NIS for doctoral fellowships. Furthermore, international applicants will be entitled to health insurance coverage. Fellows from abroad will also be allotted a round-trip flight (up to \$800 or €600).

Applicants must submit:

- Application Form
- A letter of application
- Research proposal (3-5 pages)
- Curriculum Vitae
- One example of written work, max. 30 pages
- Two letters of recommendation
- Official M.A. or Doctoral Diploma

All material can be written either in English, German or Hebrew.

Applications should be submitted through the HUJI Scholarships System:

<http://scholarships.huji.ac.il> (the call for applications can be seen under: select faculty > Humanities).

Applications must be submitted by **April 3, 2023**. Decisions will be made within two months and applicants will be informed accordingly.

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