

Palestine Israel Fellowship Fund for Travel
Fellowship Details and Application Instructions

The American Anthropological Association (AAA) recognizes those Israeli government policies and practices that inhibit Palestinian and dissenting Israeli academics from effectively collaborating with colleagues internationally. The intention of the Palestine-Israeli Fellowship Fund for Travel (PIFFT) is to ameliorate these obstructions and obstacles in order to open discussion in Palestine-Israel. In the first instance, PIFFT is designed to support Palestinian scholars. It may also support those dissenting Israeli scholars whose academic freedom is limited. As documented by the [AAA Task Force on Israel Palestine report](#), there are Israeli scholars who feel silenced—unable to speak up against Israeli policies and practices. When they "dissent," they are punished or threatened with punishment; it is these Israeli scholars that the Fund seeks to support. Finally, the Fund may support visiting scholars to the region who face the obstructions and obstacles noted above.

Eligibility: PIFFT is open to all AAA members and to otherwise eligible nonmembers for whom the cost of membership constitutes a hardship (see next section on “Criteria” for eligibility). Nonmembers should indicate need for a one-year free membership through the fund as part of their application.

Criteria: Applications must be focused on scholarly exchange that will build understanding on topics of anthropological interest in Israel-Palestine. Specific selection criteria are as follows:

- Palestinian scholars living or working in the West Bank, Gaza or Israel
- “Dissenting” Israeli scholars. Note: Applicants must make the case for why they fit the category of “dissenting Israeli scholar.”
- Visiting scholars outside Palestine-Israel to the region. Applicants will include evidence of the specific conditions that have constituted obstruction and obstacle to their serving as teacher, mentor or research collaborator in the region. Applications for visiting scholar support will include evidence of a local collaborator who will serve as host. The local collaborator will provide a letter of support affirming the specific conditions that have constituted obstruction and obstacle to their receiving a teacher, mentor or research collaborator.

Financial support can be requested from Palestinian and dissenting Israeli scholars to support travel expenses to the annual meeting of the American Anthropological Association including airfare, ground transportation, and visa application fees; living expenses and housing; and other reasonable and justified expenses. Financial support can be requested from visiting scholars outside Palestine-Israel for travel to the region including airfare, ground transportation, and visa application fees; living expenses and housing; and other reasonable and justified expenses.

Application Components

1. **Application form:** Complete the fellowship application form from the AAA website.
2. **Application statement:** In 500-1000 words, describe the purpose of your proposed travel. Please include in your description the value of the trip to scholarly exchange on topics of anthropological interest in Israel-Palestine, and the benefit of the travel to your research, teaching or mentoring work in the field.
3. **Additional required information.** See application form for additional required information.
4. **Brief curriculum vitae:** In one single-spaced page, provide details on your education, research, publications, teaching and presentations. Include details on prior employment, volunteer work, and other experience only if it is directly relevant to scholarly exchange on topics of anthropological interest in Israel-Palestine.
5. **Letter of recommendation:** Applicants must obtain a letter written in support of their application from a scholar familiar with their work and research aspirations. In those cases where a letter of support from a hosting scholar is required, this letter of recommendation should be from a different scholar. It is the applicant's responsibility to be sure that the letter is received by the deadline. Incomplete applications will not be reviewed. Only one letter of recommendation will be accepted.