

# UJA GRADUATE FELLOWSHIP PROGRAM

The Jewish community is only as strong as its professionals and leaders, and we believe in investing in their growth. Every year, we select up to 30 graduate students who are pursuing careers within the Jewish nonprofit world for the fellowship program. Each fellow will receive a scholarship toward earning their degree, engage in innovative seminars, and build relationships with a cohort of future Jewish leaders. Both prospective and current students are welcome to apply.

## ABOUT THE FELLOWSHIP

The fellowship offers a range of scholarships, all of which are intended for students who are interested in pursuing a career in the Jewish nonprofit sector. In addition, we offer scholarships that are specifically geared toward students who wish to pursue a career with UJA-Federation of New York. Scholarship availability varies based on merit and need, and applicants will be considered for all scholarships for which they are eligible.

Fellowships are awarded for a maximum of two years and must be applied toward tuition. All accepted fellows will participate in the UJA Graduate Fellowship cohort. More information about the types of scholarships offered can be found below.

## SCHOLARSHIPS FOR STUDENTS PURSUING A CAREER IN THE JEWISH NONPROFIT SECTOR

UJA offers scholarships for students interested in working within one of our partner agencies, grantees, day schools, or synagogues. We consider applicants pursuing graduate degrees in:

Cantorial studies • Clinical psychology  
Jewish education • Nonprofit business administration • Nonprofit management  
Public administration • Rabbinic ordination  
Social work • Special education  
Other relevant fields

Please contact us to determine whether your program is eligible for consideration. This is an opportunity to receive a scholarship of up to \$7,500 a year for up to two years.

### Eligibility:

In order to apply for a scholarship, applicants must:

- ▶ Have an interest in interning and/or working within the Jewish nonprofit sector
- ▶ Study in the New York area
- ▶ Be a United States citizen or permanent resident
- ▶ Attend or plan to attend school in the upcoming academic year

### Fellowship Requirements Include:

- ▶ **Learning Seminars:** Our community of learners is diverse and each fellow brings a different lens to their work. Let's learn from and with each other. Participate in six learning seminars on topics relevant to work in the Jewish nonprofit sector. Seminars will take place six times a year in various locations.

➤ **Community Engagement:** We want our fellows to have their ears on the ground and engage with community as they learn in the classroom. Fellows will be required to engage in a community event, site visit, or volunteer opportunity three times during the academic year. Volunteer on MLK Day. Learn at BASE Hillel. Attend an antipoverty conference at UJA. A full list of suggestions and guidelines will be provided for fellows to select.

*For students required by their program to intern:* Students who have at least one year of internship remaining in their program are required to intern with a Jewish nonprofit organization, Jewish day school, or synagogue in the five boroughs of New York City, Long Island, or Westchester. This is particularly relevant for social work students.

*For rabbinical and cantorial students:* Rabbinical and cantorial students engage in community as described above. In year two, fellows will teach a course of approximately six sessions to donors, staff, clients, or lay leaders at UJA or a partner agency.

➤ **Commitment to the Jewish Nonprofit Sector:** Our goal is to develop high quality professionals for work in the Jewish nonprofit sector. Fellows will commit to at least one year of employment after graduation within a Jewish nonprofit organization, Jewish day school, or synagogue, preferably in New York in the five boroughs of New York City, Long Island, or Westchester.

## SCHOLARSHIPS FOR STUDENTS PURSUING A CAREER SPECIFICALLY WITH UJA-FEDERATION OF NEW YORK

We offer three scholarships for students who are interested in a career with UJA:

### ERNEST W. MICHEL SCHOLARSHIP

The Ernest W. Michel scholarship is available to an exceptional graduate student who is working or preparing to work at UJA. This scholarship of up to \$20,000 per year (a total of \$40,000) was established in honor of Ernie Michel, z”l, a past chief executive officer of UJA.

➤ If you have any questions regarding the fellowship, please contact [gradfellowship@ujafedny.org](mailto:gradfellowship@ujafedny.org).

By accepting a Michel scholarship, the recipient agrees to complete their internship or work at UJA during graduate school and to work for a minimum of two years at UJA post-graduation.

### UJA-FEDERATION WIENER SCHOLARSHIP

The Wiener Scholarship is available to graduate students who are preparing for a career at UJA. This is a partial scholarship of up to \$10,000 per year for a maximum of two years. Eligible students include those who are enrolled in social work programs or studying community organization, social administration, or advanced generalist practice, as well as those studying toward an M.P.A. If you are studying in another program, and are interested in working for a federation, please contact us to determine whether your program is eligible for consideration.

Ideally, students will complete two years of internship at UJA — one year in a fundraising department and one year in a planning and program-development department. If required by their academic institution, students may complete their placement at one of UJA’s partner agencies. The scholarship requires a two-year work commitment at UJA following graduation. Applicants must be committed to macro-level practice.

### EMPLOYEE SCHOLARSHIP

Employees who have worked in a professional position at UJA for more than one year may qualify for partial scholarships to attend a graduate school program that is relevant to the scope of their position. This includes, but is not limited to, graduate degrees in the fields of nonprofit management, nonprofit business administration, public administration, and social work. The scholarship requires a two-year commitment to working at UJA after the completion of the degree. Recipients of the employee scholarship will take part in the UJA Graduate Fellowship program and are expected to attend all learning seminars.