

**APPLICATION INSTRUCTIONS FOR  
JEWISH STUDIES RESEARCH AWARDS**

**SPRING 2021**

**DEADLINE: MARCH 22, 2021**

**Jewish Studies Research awards** enable Rutgers undergraduate and graduate students to pursue Jewish Studies research in the United States or abroad, or take Jewish Studies courses at institutions other than Rutgers. To be eligible for an award, undergraduate applicants must have completed at least one course in the Department of Jewish Studies at Rutgers; *they need not be Jewish Studies majors or minors*. Graduate students enrolled in MA or PhD programs who are conducting research on a topic in Jewish Studies may also apply. Preference will be given to students who have a sustained record of achievement in Jewish Studies. Prior recipients of awards from the Department of Jewish Studies may reapply.

Prior to submitting an application, all applicants must have their plan for study or research pre-approved by Professor Michal Raucher, Undergraduate Director of the Rutgers Department of Jewish Studies, using the form below.

All awards are based on academic merit; some awards are based on both academic merit and financial need. To be considered for awards based on both merit and need, students must have a FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid) on file with the Rutgers Financial Aid Office. *NOTE: If you receive needs-based financial aid, please be advised that receiving a Jewish Studies Student Award may result in the reduction of federal student aid or loans.*

To be considered for an award, applicants must submit the following:

1. Application documents, including the pre-approval form (see below)
2. An unofficial Rutgers transcript
3. Two letters of recommendation from faculty. Please request these letters at least two weeks before the deadline and ask professors to e-mail their letters directly to the Jewish Studies Department Administrator, Jenny Gehrman ([jennyg13@rutgers.edu](mailto:jennyg13@rutgers.edu))

Applicants should either e-mail items 1 and 2 to Jenny Gehrman ([jennyg13@rutgers.edu](mailto:jennyg13@rutgers.edu)) or mail them to:

Study in Israel Awards c/o Jenny Gehrman  
Bildner Center for the Study of Jewish Life  
Rutgers University  
12 College Avenue  
New Brunswick, NJ 08901

If you have any questions, please e-mail Jenny Gehrman ([jennyg13@rutgers.edu](mailto:jennyg13@rutgers.edu)).

## JEWISH STUDIES AWARD FOR OUTSIDE RESEARCH OR STUDY APPLICATION FORM

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Home Address \_\_\_\_\_

RU ID \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail address \_\_\_\_\_

Cumulative GPA \_\_\_\_\_ School \_\_\_\_\_

Undergraduate Major(s) \_\_\_\_\_ Minor(s) \_\_\_\_\_

Graduate Program (if applicable): \_\_\_\_\_

Graduation Date \_\_\_\_\_

I have requested letters of recommendation from the following faculty (name, department, and institution if other than Rutgers):

1. \_\_\_\_\_

2. \_\_\_\_\_ I

hereby certify that all information presented in my application is accurate to the best of my knowledge:

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

### RESEARCH OR STUDY INFORMATION

*Please type your responses to the following questions:*

1. List all Jewish Studies courses that you have taken at the university level to date. Indicate semester taken, instructor's name, and institution if other than Rutgers.
2. Describe any research in Jewish Studies that you have already undertaken (e.g., independent study or honors thesis).
3. Describe your plans for research or study, including dates and location(s), the institution(s) where you will undertake this work, and how it relates to your scholarly work in Jewish Studies generally.
4. Provide a budget for your research or study (e.g., travel costs, tuition)
5. Describe your career goals after graduation.
6. List any renewable scholarships that you have received from the State of New Jersey, Rutgers University or other sources. Please also indicate any financial aid award, such as Pell, TAG, or EOF, which you received in 2010-2021. *NOTE: To be eligible for a needs-based award, you must have a FAFSA form on file.*
7. Indicate any additional information you would like considered.

**JEWISH STUDIES RESEARCH AWARDS  
PRE-APPROVAL FORM**

STUDENT NAME \_\_\_\_\_

RUID \_\_\_\_\_ EMAIL ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

TITLE OF RESEARCH PROJECT \_\_\_\_\_

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HAS THIS RESEARCH PROJECT BEEN APPROVED BY THE UNDERGRADUATE DIRECTOR? YES / NO

OPTIONAL COMMENTS FROM THE UNDERGRADUATE DIRECTOR:

SIGNATURE OF UNDERGRADUATE DIRECTOR \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_