

**APPLICATION INSTRUCTIONS FOR
JEWISH STUDIES RESEARCH AWARDS
FALL 2020
DEADLINE: NOVEMBER 16, 2020**

Jewish Studies Research awards enable Rutgers undergraduate and graduate students to pursue Jewish Studies research, or take Jewish Studies courses at institutions other than Rutgers. In accordance with travel restrictions due to the Covid-19 pandemic, research must be completed remotely or on a digital platform. Students can take courses at another university if they are taken online. 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.

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
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).

Applicants should e-mail items 1 and 2 to Jenny Gehrman (jennyg13@rutgers.edu).

If you have any questions about the application process please e-mail department administrator Jenny Gehrman (jennyg13@rutgers.edu).

If you want to discuss your research project or plan of study, please reach out to undergraduate director Prof. Michal Raucher (michal.raucher@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 the institution(s) where you will undertake this work. Make sure to mention how your research or study will be completed remotely. Discuss how this plan relates to your scholarly work in Jewish Studies generally.
4. Provide a budget for your research or study (e.g., technology needs, 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 2020-2021. *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.