

Call for Applications: Doctoral Fellows Program

The Jack, Joseph and Morton Mandel Center for Studies in Jewish Education is excited to announce the call for applications for the seventh cohort of our Doctoral Fellows Program. This initiative is designed to provide advanced doctoral students from North American and Israeli universities with substantial support in their dissertation research endeavors related to Jewish education. The program will be led by Dr. Ilana Horwitz, Assistant Professor and Fields-Rayant Chair of Contemporary Jewish Life at Tulane University.

Program Goals:

- **Collaborative Support:** Offer intellectual partnership for refining ideas, enhancing presentations, and advancing academic writing to sustain research momentum during the dissertation phase.
- **Mentorship and Resources:** Provide tailored mentoring and access to intellectual resources that enhance the strengths of existing doctoral training, customized to each fellow's needs.
- **Professional Engagement:** Facilitate discussions on the broader landscape of Jewish education and related fields, aiding in career planning and development.
- **Financial Support:** Provide a stipend of \$2,000 for professional development, including conference attendance or data collection.

Commitment:

Participants are expected to engage bi-weekly in virtual workshops to collaboratively refine their work. Additionally, fellows will spend 1-2 hours bi-weekly providing peer feedback. The program also includes a mandatory in-person workshop in June 2027 that coincides with the Network for Research in Jewish Education, with travel expenses supported by the Mandel Center.

Eligibility:

We welcome applicants from across disciplines and universities who are able to articulate how their dissertation research is related to or relevant for the field of Jewish education (broadly defined). Priority will be given to students who have already collected their data. Because fellows will be workshopping their writing and ideas together, we will be selecting fellows primarily based on the topics they study and the types of methodologies they use. You can learn more about previous cohorts of fellows here: <https://www.brandeis.edu/mandel/programs/doctoral-fellows.html>

Program Timeline:

August 2026 to July 2027

Application Details:

Complete the application form by **5 PM ET, July 15, 2026.**

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Should you have any questions, please contact Dr. Ilana Horwitz at ihorwitz@tulane.edu.