



## STEP APPLICATION

STEP-GTP is a non-governmental, not-for-profit organization fostering sustainable, cooperative relationships between Israelis and Palestinian by providing stipends for graduate school to pairs of Israeli and Palestinian students (1 Israeli, 1 Palestinian per pair) and professionals in the same graduate program.

(Feel free to attach additional pages if needed)

BEFORE COMPLETING THIS APPLICATION, PLEASE READ GUIDELINES AND ELIGIBILITY.

### I. BACKGROUND

A. Name:

B. Mailing Address:

C. Birthplace:

D. Do you currently hold Israeli Citizenship?

E. Email Address:

Phone Number:

E. Education:

<u>Academic Institution</u>	<u>Degree Completed</u>	<u>Date of Degree Received</u>	<u>In what field of study did you receive this degree?</u>

F. Name and Contact Information of your Advisor(s)

**II. ACADEMIC AND PROFESSIONAL GOALS**

A. Which university or college are you planning to attend?

In which faculty, program or project are you applying for STEP-GTP support.

B. Degree/certificate you will receive upon completion of studies. If you are in a MS program, indicate if you plan to continue for PhD.

C. What is your anticipated date for completion of this degree/training/research?

D. What do you hope to do with the training you receive?

E. Do you have a job that will enable you to use your skills after the training or project has been completed. Please describe.

**III. RESEARCH**

Describe your proposed project (two pages) including the following: (Please Attach.) Each applicant should have their own statement of hypothesis and statement describing importance of the proposed work.

A. State your Hypothesis in simple English,

B. Significance: why is this work important – in one sentence.

C. Background

1. Aims,(2 sentences per aim)

2. Approach( 1 paragraph regarding how you will test the hypothesis. List names of techniques you will use, not specific details of the techniques)

3. Expected outcomes of your research.

4. What are anticipated challenges, and how will you overcome them?

5. What is the cost of your project? What organization is funding the research?

#### **IV. STEP and PARTNERSHIPS**

STEP requires that you partner with an Israeli (if you are Palestinian), or a Palestinian (if you are Israeli). How can you successfully achieve this partnership? Describe how you hope this partnership will impact your academic research. Indicate what you can bring to this partnership, and beyond academics, what you hope to get out of it.

A. Name of Palestinian/Israeli Study Partner

(If you do not yet have a STEP Partner, send us a statement that you agree to work with a STEP partner who lives across the Israeli-Palestinian border from you.

B. Describe your plans for working with your STEP partner. Be specific. Make sure you include the following:

What projects and/or tasks will you do together? If you are doing experiments together, what kinds of experiments? If methodologies, what kinds of methodologies? How will sharing these activities advance your research?

C. Where will you meet? How often will you meet?

How will you assure that you will meet your STEP partner, face to face at least on a weekly basis?

D. What is a social even that you might organize for the whole STEP family?

#### **V. STEP FELLOWSHIP REQUIREMENTS**

**Please read attached document.**

**In addition, please read and sign the following statements:**

A. At least once/year I will engage in a community outreach project with my STEP partner

B. I will meet with my STEP partner, at least weekly.

Signature:

C. I agree to submit a report to STEP Administration about the progress of my academic work, and the nature and progress of my relationship and work with my STEP Partner. This report should be completed at the end of each semester and within a week of receiving the Report Template from STEP Administration.

Signature:

D. I commit to maintaining an ongoing relationship with my STEP partner during my studies and after completion of my degree.

Signature:

## **VI. ADDITIONAL INFORMATION**

**Provide the following information and documents with your application:**

1. Transcripts from Undergraduate and Graduate Academic Programs
2. Names and Contact information of 2 References who can attest to your qualifications and commitment to the STEP Program
3. Please tell us how you heard about STEP-GTP?

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