



## **ELIGIBILITY AND PROCESS FOR ACCEPTANCE AS A STEP FELLOW**

(Acceptance is dependent on availability of funds)

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### **Eligibility:**

- A STEP Fellowship is dependent upon prior acceptance to a graduate program at an Israeli university.
- In order to be accepted as a STEP Fellow, you must identify (with help from the university) a partner from across the border who will work on the same or related program or project. (If you are Israeli, your partner must be from the West Bank or Gaza, East Jerusalem? and if you are a Palestinian from the West Bank or Gaza, your academic partner must be from Israel). (See "To Apply" below.)
- The applicants must have at least two years (from the start of the STEP Fellowship) remaining in their graduate education, with STEP pairs working together in person at least once/week for at least half a day (or the equivalent)
- STEP Fellows must commit to participating in a community outreach activity at least once per year.
- A STEP Fellowship is dependent on participation in STEP by the applicant's Advisor.
- STEP's applicants must confirm their willingness to work/interact with their STEP partner approved by their Advisor.

### **To apply :**

1. You must first apply directly to the university. STEP has faculty liaisons at specific campuses to help guide you through the process. Contact STEP to connect with those liaisons ([stepgtp@gmail.com](mailto:stepgtp@gmail.com))
2. If accepted into the university, your academic adviser must help you identify a STEP partner with whom you will work throughout your studies.
3. Complete and submit the STEP Application to [stepgtp@gmail.com](mailto:stepgtp@gmail.com).
4. STEP will review your application and if you are qualified, STEP will conduct an interview with you and your partner, as well as with your academic adviser, to evaluate your qualification for a Fellowship.

**Stipend/Scholarship:**

\$6,000/per student/per year with the proviso that the university matches at least this amount. STEP's support is contingent on the student's academic progress and relationship-building with his/her partner and upon completion of STEP requirements, below.

**Requirements, Once Accepted You Must:**

- Be an ambassador for STEP.
- Provide reports regarding scientific progress and achievements and relationship building, community outreach and social activities to STEP at the end of each semester.
- Attend/participate in the STEP Annual Convocation.
- Respond to STEP Administration in a timely fashion.
- Notify STEP Administration of any situation that prohibits your meeting your STEP obligations.
- Provide photos and video (when appropriate and safe) for STEP promotion and outreach.
- Commit to participating in a community outreach activity at least once per year.
- Acknowledge support from STEP in all presentations and publications