

Eshkolot – The Matan Educators Institute for Tanakh and Jewish Studies

Applicant requirements

Applicants to the Eshkolot Program must have an undergraduate degree, possess significant Tanakh knowledge, and be proficient in Hebrew.

Applicants should be committed to a year of intensive and meaningful study, and to fulfilling all course requirements, including full attendance, student teaching, papers, presentations and exams.

Applicants are requested to provide the names of two recommenders familiar with the applicant in professional or educational settings. Recommenders will be asked to evaluate the candidate's ability to succeed in the Eshkolot program.

Upon receipt of all application materials and registration fee, suitable applicants will be contacted for an interview.

Preference will be given to applicants pursuing a career in Jewish education or those already involved in Jewish education.

Application deadline: March 1, 2017.

Tuition and Fellowships

Tuition for one year of study in the Matan Eshkolot Institute is \$5000.

Fellowships of up to \$15,000* (free tuition and living stipend of up to \$10,000) will be awarded to suitable applicants who commit to the full course of study in the Eshkolot Program at Matan, and who, upon completion of the program, commit to teaching for a minimum of two years in a Jewish day school or high school in North America.

Applicants who are not eligible for a fellowship can request a tuition discount. To request a discount, please write a letter detailing your current financial situation and your reason for request, and email to eshkolot@matan.org.il. Requests will be reviewed by the financial aid committee and awarded based on need.

Option to pursue an M.A. in Jewish Education at Hebrew University

Eshkolot participants who have not yet earned a Masters degree, have the option to pursue an MA in Jewish Education at Hebrew University concurrent to their study in the Eshkolot Institute. An MA from Hebrew University is a prestigious degree recognized around the world.

Courses for the MA are offered on Mondays and on Wednesday afternoons (days when Eshkolot does not meet), on the Mount Scopus campus in Jerusalem. In addition, two Eshkolot Institute courses offered on the Matan campus are accredited by Hebrew University and fulfill MA course requirements. Most of the university courses are in Hebrew, and a small number are in English.

Participants wishing to pursue the MA must apply to Hebrew University directly and must be accepted by the university. Upon acceptance, the Jewish Education department will contact you regarding any prerequisites that need to be fulfilled in order to pursue the MA.

Hebrew University applicants can choose to complete the MA degree over the course of one or two years.

Hebrew university students pay tuition for the MA program directly to Hebrew University. Tuition for the MA is approximately 30,000 NIS.

The Hebrew University application period begins in the Spring of 2017. Detailed information about the Hebrew University application process will be provided as soon as it becomes available.

For more information about the Hebrew University Masters in Jewish Education, contact Eti Gershon Cohen at etige@savion.huji.ac.il.