

# 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, assignments, 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 application 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.

Eshkolot Application deadline: March 1, 2017.

## Fellowship Opportunities

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 Institute 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. Preference will be given to women who have already earned an MA or who choose to pursue an MA in Jewish Education (see below) while studying in the Eshkolot Institute.

## Option to pursue M.A. in Jewish Education

Concurrent to their studies in the Eshkolot Institute, Eshkolot participants who have not yet earned a Master's degree, have the option to pursue an MA in Jewish Education, and receive credit for Eshkolot courses, at the following prestigious institutions:

### The Hebrew University of Jerusalem

Eshkolot students can enroll in the Hebrew University's MA Program in Jewish Education, and receive credit for two year-courses taken in the Eshkolot Program. The MA at Hebrew U. can be completed over the course of one or two years. Courses for the MA are offered on Mondays and on Wednesday afternoons (when Eshkolot does not meet), on the Mount Scopus campus in Jerusalem. Most of the courses are given in Hebrew. Participants wishing to pursue the MA must apply to Hebrew University directly, and tuition is paid directly to Hebrew University.

Once you are accepted to the MA program, the Hebrew University Jewish Education department will inform you if there are any prerequisites you must fulfill.

The Hebrew University application period begins in the Spring of 2017. For more information about the Hebrew University Masters in Jewish Education, contact Eti Gershon Cohen at [etige@savion.huji.ac.il](mailto:etige@savion.huji.ac.il).

### Azrieli Graduate School of Jewish Education in New York

Eshkolot students can enroll in Azrieli's MA Program in Jewish Education, and receive credit for two year-courses offered in the Eshkolot Program. In addition, Eshkolot students can choose to partake in Azrieli courses offered online during their year at Eshkolot. Fellows can return to North America with several Master's credits already completed. Participants wishing to pursue the MA must apply to Azrieli directly, and tuition is paid directly to Yeshiva University. Applicants interested in pursuing the MA at Azrieli should contact Dean Rona Novick. [Rnovick1@yu.edu](mailto:Rnovick1@yu.edu)

## Tuition and Financial Aid

Tuition to the Eshkolot Institute is \$5000. 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](mailto:eshkolot@matan.org.il). Requests will be reviewed by the financial aid committee and awarded based on need.