



FELLOWSHIP PROGRAMME

APPLICATION PROCEDURE

Candidates must submit the following documents (PDF):

- a 2–3 page research proposal, including the status quaestionis of the chosen topic, candidate's prior research relevant to the proposed topic, a detailed programme of work with a timetable, and a description of the expected form of the outcome
- a full CV and an updated publication list (max. 5 pages)
- a transcript of records/Master's certificate (PhD candidates) or PhD diploma (postdoctoral candidates)
- two letters of recommendation (Junior Fellow candidates)
- information on the intended fellowship period

The Maimonides Centre aims to increase the number of women in advanced academic positions and strongly encourages women to apply.

Applications will be reviewed and evaluated by the Centre's Advisory Board.

Applications should be submitted at least six months before the intended fellowship period. Decisions will be made within approximately one month after application deadlines.

APPLICATION DEADLINES IN 2017/2018

20 November 2017	10 September 2018
10 March 2018	20 November 2018
10 June 2018	

Please send applications to:

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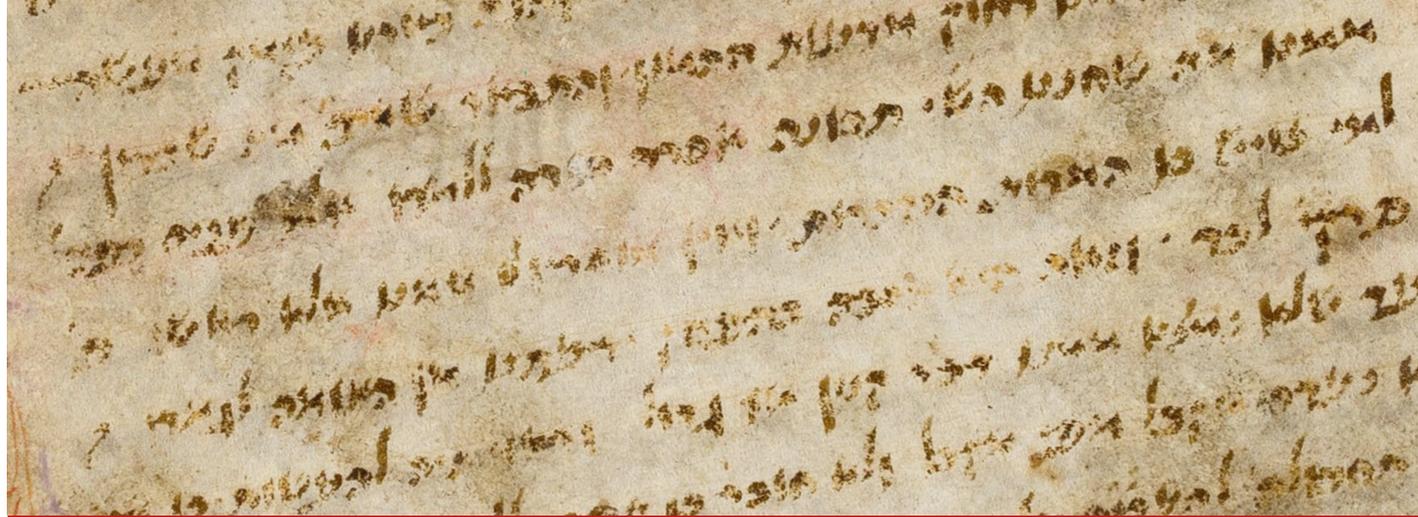
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THE MAIMONIDES CENTRE FOR ADVANCED STUDIES

The central aim of the MCAS is to explore and research scepticism in Judaism in its dual manifestation of a purely philosophical tradition and a more general expression of sceptical strategies, concepts, and attitudes in the cultural field. Scepticism is understood here as the enquiry of a 'perpetual student' who harbours doubts about different dimensions and systems of (secular or revealed) knowledge and questions authority. It is not merely an intellectual or theoretical worldview; it also implies an attitude toward life that provides a basis for numerous and diverse phenomena and informs essential processes and categorizations within Jewish philosophy, religion, literature, and society. More specifically, scepticism is applied to expressions of social deviance from, and conformity with, political structures, as well as to systems of governance when responding to and in exchange with adjacent cultures.

By further opening up this unexplored field, scholars considerably profit from comparative perspectives. Gaining new insights into both Western philosophy and culture and its inherent connections to texts and other manifestations of Eastern cultures is essential to mapping the transcultural dimensions of the research field.

The Maimonides Centre is designed to offer ideal conditions for research and for a fertile exchange of ideas. The successful creation of an inspiring atmosphere, favouring original research based on continuous dialogue, depends on the establishment of an interconnected academic community of scholars. Experts from different fields gather in the Maimonides Centre in order to develop innovative approaches and methods.



Our fellowship programmes provide internationally established scholars and aspiring junior researchers with the opportunity to spend time in Hamburg – for shorter or extended visits. The fellowship programmes have been designed with the aim of creating a school of learning, a place where senior and junior scholars can closely collaborate. The individual research projects presented by the fellows contribute to the comprehensive textual and historical framework of the Maimonides Centre.

SENIOR FELLOWSHIPS

MCAS Senior Fellowships provide a framework for established scholars with an international reputation to pursue their research at the Maimonides Centre for one term (six months). Individual arrangements, such as divided stays, may be considered.

Senior Fellowships are intended for scholars who have held a PhD for five years or more at the time of invitation/application and for those who have achieved an equivalent level of academic qualification, e.g. professorship.

JUNIOR FELLOWSHIPS

Junior Fellowships are awarded to PhD students and post-doctoral scholars who are involved in projects corresponding to the research topics of the Centre.

There are two categories of early career researchers:

1. Senior Fellows may propose a PhD or postdoctoral candidate for the same period of their own fellowship.
2. PhD and postdoctoral candidates can be awarded a fellowship for a period of three months to two years.

The PhD candidates must have obtained an M.A. degree by the time of their application. Postdoctoral candidates must be in possession of a doctoral degree at the time of their application.

EXPECTATIONS AND RESPONSIBILITIES: JUNIOR AND SENIOR FELLOWS

Fellows are kindly asked to be present at the Centre from Mondays to Thursdays, to participate and contribute to the regular and occasional events of the Centre, to publish research conducted at the Centre, and to write a report at the end of their fellowship period.

FUNDING

Funding and additional allowances are subject to the terms and conditions of MCAS regulations, following suggestions made by the German Research Foundation. For further information please contact the Maimonides Centre.

TASTER STUDY FOR MA-STUDENTS

M.A. graduates and prospective PhD students of Jewish studies and adjacent fields will have the opportunity to follow a 'taster' session for a duration of four to six weeks. Participants will attend the Centre's events; they will have the opportunity to discuss ideas and projects with more advanced scholars and will be exposed to the complexities of management and administration of research groups. The participants are not eligible for funding by the Centre, but they may use all facilities including a work-space. They will receive academic and administrative support from MCAS staff.