

Gerald D. Feldman Travel Grants

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Once a year the Max Weber Foundation (MWS) confers Gerald D. Feldman Travel Grants to internationally oriented researchers in the humanities and social sciences who are in the qualification phase. The scientists conduct a self-chosen **research project in at least two and at most three host countries** which are home to MWS institutes and branches or at the Richard Koebner Minerva Center for German History in Israel. Placements (**at most one month per host country**, shorter stays are possible) are to be used for research, especially in libraries and archives. Academics are expected to produce transnational and transregional studies, providing research with new and original ideas.

Funding

Funding covers:

- travel costs for travel to the foreign institute and back;
- daily rates between € 32 and € 68 depending on the host country;
- lodging in one of the institute's inexpensive guest rooms depending on the host country chosen and on availability.

Countries and regions

Czech Republic, Egypt, Finland, France, Georgia, Germany, Great Britain, India, Israel, Italy, Japan, Lebanon, Lithuania, Poland, Singapore, Turkey, Ukraine, USA

When planning the travel, the continuously updated information from the authorities and the relevant travel information from the [Federal Foreign Office](#) must be observed. The travels are at the recipients of Feldman travel grants own responsibility. Depending on the situation, the start of the travel can be postponed.

Conditions for application

Applications may be filed by highly qualified humanities and social science academics of any nationality (**highest degree must be at least a Master, M.A., state examination or German Diplom**) who have already **published** and can present a **research plan**. In the case of applications by doctoral

students, publications do not necessarily have to be available. Applications for projects related to research priorities pursued by the Foundation's institutes/branches will take precedence. There is no age restriction for application.

A re-application is only possible if this has been explicitly stated in the rejection letter.

Employees and scholarship holders of the MWS are excluded from the application process.

Application papers

All application papers must be submitted in German or English. A complete application will comprise the following information:

- completed application form;
- an academic CV
- a detailed presentation (max. 2000 words) of the intended research project, stating the sources which justify the stay in the specific host countries or at the institutes;
- copies of certificates (examinations, PhD certificate);
- list of publications (not mandatory for the applications of PhD students);
- a reference opinion from an expert which should provide information on the applicant's status and the progress of work and be sent from the reviewer by e-mail (feldman@maxweberstiftung.de) directly to the Max Weber Foundation's central office;
- a letter confirming supervision by the host institution in Germany is **mandatory** if a research stay in Germany is planned.

Selection criteria

- Academic excellence
- Transnational and/or comparative topic
- Submitted project contributes to further academic qualification

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The next deadline for applications is **5 October 2025 (23:59 CET)**.

The selection committee is expected to meet at the beginning of December 2025. The grants can be called forward from January 2026.