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American Federation of Ramallah Palestine

The Palestine Fellowship of the Educational and Cultural Exchange Mission

Deadline Extended to March 30, 2026.

The Palestine Fellowship is a grant initiative of the AFRP Educational and Cultural Exchange Mission (AFCEM). The second-annual Fellowship invites educators, non-profit leaders, researchers, artists, media, medical, and legal professionals, among many other specializations from the AFRP community, to compete for a grant opportunity to help strengthen communities and foster educational and cultural exchange.

The impact of the ongoing genocide against the Palestinian people in Gaza, the West Bank and East Jerusalem has led to global demonstrations against the relentless aggression. As of this writing, the genocide has left more than 75,000 Palestinians dead, with many other credible estimates of several hundred thousand murdered and disappeared in in the ongoing genocide, two thirds of whom are children and women, along with the annihilation of whole communities, schools, hospitals, and infrastructure. Tens of thousands more Palestinians have been orphaned and maimed, and untold numbers of people are missing in the destruction. Most of Gaza's 2.3 million residents have lost their homes and are facing unfathomable crises imposed upon them. Meanwhile, activists around the world are protesting the genocide and demanding a permanent end to war and occupation and freedom for Palestinians.

This Fellowship is an opportunity to potentially build upon unprecedented public awareness in the United States and abroad about the ongoing genocide and demands for Palestinian freedom and justice. At the same time, it is meant to enable mutually beneficial and sustainable awareness-raising and capacity-building exchanges.

Application Requirements

Applications are welcomed from individuals or teams of up to 5 members, age 21 and above, including potential partners in Palestine. The Fellowship may be used to support ongoing initiatives.

The grant opportunity is largely planned and directed by the successful applicant(s) with a budget submission and work plan with clearly defined objectives. The following must be attached to the application, in either pdf or as Google Drive files with link provided, or applicant-suggested platforms. The format of the submission is left to the applicant but should clearly set forth the following:

- Project objectives, supported with evidence, research, or citations.
- Work plans, which clearly set forth goals toward project objectives.
- Partners in Palestine and/or the United States with letters acknowledging agreement of the parties to partner in this effort.
- Ultimate products or outcomes from the Fellowship support.
- Plans for sustaining the gains made during the Fellowship.
- Budget capped at \$5,000 per Fellow or team. Applicants are strongly encouraged to strengthen their proposals with additional funding from third-party sources and partners.
- A personal narrative limited to 700 words. This is a chance to tell us about yourself or team.
- A curriculum vitae. When possible, applicants are strongly encouraged to include links to social media, or digital files of written work, art, media, video, or other professional work product in support of their application. If sending these files is not possible using Google Drive, applicants may provide a platform and url or access. Written application materials should be attached in either pdf or as Google Drive files with link provided.
- Letters of recommendation are not required. If you're a finalist, we may request names and contact recommenders.
- Successful Fellows must agree to submitting quarterly progress reports and a final report on achievements toward their stated objectives. Schedules and programs permitting, Fellows shall make good-faith efforts to present either remotely or in person on their fellowship experience at AFRP events, including but not limited to mid-year meetings and annual conventions. Fellows will be responsible for their own travel and attendance costs should they attend AFRP events.

Illustrative potential projects, used as examples and by no means exhaustive:

- Media professionals help raise awareness in the U.S. media, journalism and free expression space about the hundreds of journalists known to have been killed in the ongoing genocide. The awareness-raising efforts may serve as an ongoing database of threats to freedom of speech and shrinking freedoms for Palestinian rights.

- Medical professionals with much needed expertise, propose an innovative telehealth service for Palestinians whose movement is restricted, but who have some internet access. The Fellow(s) could propose supporting an existing telehealth service, or kickstart a new service with additional third-party funding or other donor support.
- Artists, musicians, documentarians, authors, journalists, educators or researchers propose innovative ideas for exhibits, concerts, films, capacity building, written work or research projects. Proposals may seek to inform communities about Palestinian rights, culture, history and humanity.
- Legal professionals seek to provide support to Palestinian prisoners through partner organizations and lawyers, while raising awareness in the United States of the thousands of Palestinians held indefinitely without charges under “administrative detention,” and by other unlawful means.

Application Deadline

Applications are welcomed from members of the AFRP community, individuals and team members, age 21 and above. **The deadline for 2026 Fellowships is March 30, 2026.**

Questions and applications should be directed to AFRP Program Director Dillon Odeh, at Dodeh@afrp.org. Please indicate Palestine Fellowship in the subject line. The Fellowship reserves the right to request additional information from applicants. Applying does not guarantee an award. Incomplete applications will not be considered. This includes and is not limited to proposals without credible documentation to implement the proposal. AFRP and AFCEM reserve the right to award or not award, or withdraw an award granted, in its sole discretion.