Two Brothers Fellowship

This fellowship is awarded annually by the faculty of the Divinity School to a student or students chosen by them to pursue biblical study, in Jerusalem when possible.

- "Biblical study" includes archaeological work, historical study of the ancient cultures in which biblical texts were shaped, and pursuit of hermeneutical and thematic interests centered on the Bible.
- Normally, successful applications will be for courses of study in Israel rather than elsewhere. In the event that travel to Israel is restricted, students may apply to use the fellowship funds in other locations as approved by the faculty.
- Because the Divinity School offers elementary Biblical Hebrew and Koine Greek each summer on campus, applications to study those languages at the elementary level elsewhere will not be considered.
- Proposals for Advanced Hebrew classes are discouraged due to differences in curricular expectations between the Israeli system and that of the Divinity School.
- Each application should include:
  - your name
  - your degree program and year
  - a short (1- to 2-page) description of the proposed course of study
  - an itemized budget for expenses
  - one letter of support from a full time YDS faculty member (Please notify the faculty member to send their letter via e-mail to lynne.lavalette@yale.edu), and
  - a statement specifying whether or not you have received a Two Brothers fellowship previously
- Preference will be given to applicants who have not received a Two Brothers Fellowship in the past.
- Students graduating in the Spring are eligible to apply to the Two Brothers Fellowship.

Applications are due in the office of the Academic Dean by January 15 (Please e-mail your application to lynne.lavalette@yale.edu); applicants will be notified by early February.

Two Brothers Fellowships are used for three primary purposes:

1. To participate in an archaeological dig.
2. To take a summer course at Hebrew University, the University of Tel Aviv, or another university in Israel, in particular, courses that involve travel to sites in Israel/Palestine, providing students with on-site experiential learning opportunities.

3. To take a biblical language course not available at Yale, i.e., an intermediate Hebrew course. Students are advised to consult with YDS language instructors for advice on suitable courses prior to submitting an application.

See links to websites listed below for a variety of educational programs that offer coursework, allow you to tour Israel/Palestine, visit holy sites, and/or participate in archaeological digs.

The Hebrew University of Jerusalem invites international students to participate in programs offered at the Rothberg International School. The Department of Summer Courses and Special Programs offers short-term specialized summer courses, varying in duration and intensity, for students from around the world. For example, ‘Archaeology of the New Testament’, offered in the summer of 2015, reviews and analyzes the archaeological record of Christian activity in the Holy Land from the time of Jesus up to the Crusades. It involves class meetings and intensive field trips to Jerusalem, Galilee, and the Judean Desert. Hebrew University also offers Coexistence in the Middle East, an intercultural academic field program. Through an extensive series of field trips and encounters, CME offers a unique, hands-on opportunity to engage different national, religious, and ideological groups and learn first-hand about the challenges and complexities of coexistence in Israel, a crossroads of humanity.

Visit the following links on the Hebrew University of Jerusalem website to learn more: https://overseas.huji.ac.il/specialprograms; https://overseas.huji.ac.il/summercourses; https://overseas.huji.ac.il/excavations.

YDS is a member of the Megiddo Consortium. This gives YDS students the opportunity to participate, at reduced rates, in the premiere archaeological dig. The Megiddo dig is active every other year, so check the website for updated information: https://sites.google.com/site/megiddoexpedition/.

For information on other active archaeological digs visit the link http://digs.bib-arch.org/ on the Biblical Archaeology Society website: http://www.biblicalarchaeology.org/. The Biblical Archaeology Society is a nonprofit, nondenominational, educational organization dedicated to the dissemination of information about archaeology in the Bible lands. The website provides an annual guide to volunteer opportunities at archaeological excavations in the Middle East. Another valuable resource is the Israel

You may also wish to consult the Study Abroad website (http://www.studyabroad.com) and look for listings in Israel and Palestine.

When looking into whether a university sponsors such a program, the applicant should communicate directly with the university. The average length of study for recipients of the fellowship is two to three weeks. Expenses vary each year depending on the type and length of the program you participate in and the economy affecting your budget. Your itemized budget should include all your necessary expenses, which may include tuition/course fees, housing, airfare, ground transportation, food, museum admission fees. The award differs from year to year. As long as the above-mentioned fees don’t exceed the award amount, they will be covered.