



The Tikvah Center for Law & Jewish Civilization

The NYU Institutes on the Park

In September 2009, thanks to a generous donation from The Tikvah Fund, New York University School of Law inaugurated The Tikvah Center for Law & Jewish Civilization, which is situated at 22 Washington Square. The foundational premise of the Center is 1) that the study of Jewish law can profit immensely from insights gained from general jurisprudence; and 2) that Jewish law and Jewish civilization can provide illuminating perspectives both on the general study of law as a per se academic discipline, and on the reflection on law as a central social institution refracting the most important issues in our society.

THE 2012-2013 NYU TIKVAH FELLOWSHIP PROGRAM CALL FOR APPLICATIONS NOW OPEN

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The Tikvah Center for Law & Jewish Civilization at NYU School of Law will be awarding up to 10 Fellowships in the Academic Year 2012–2013. Two categories of Fellows are envisaged – "Thematic" and "At-Large." Thematic Fellows will pursue research and writing projects around the 2012–2013 Annual Theme selected by The Tikvah Center – "the Private and Public Spheres in Law & Jewish Civilization." The purpose of the Theme is not only to encourage research and writing in a certain area, but to create an intellectual community of scholars and educators whose projects share a high measure of affinity, producing the benefits of intellectual and academic synergy and cross-fertilization. The research and writing projects of At-Large Tikvah Fellows must fit within the broader Mission Statement of the Center.

The single most important feature of the Tikvah Fellowship Program is the Fellows Presentation Series. It is the vehicle through which work is presented and discussed, and encapsulates a founding idea of the Program – the University as a community of scholars. Presentations consist both of Fellows Workshops, which take place in our building at 22 Washington Square, and larger-scale presentations involving the Law School community at large, the surrounding community in New York and the undergraduate community at the University.

In addition to the Fellows Workshops, these activities include collaborative academic efforts like the Skirball-Tikvah Joint Workshops, the Cardozo-Tikvah Legal Theory Reading Group, public lectures presented as part of the Tikvah Public Lecture Series and the Gruss Program, undergraduate and graduate outreach efforts, community-building events, and further liaison with collaborators such as NYU's Skirball Department of Hebrew and Judaic Studies.

The criteria for selection of Fellows are, naturally, the credentials of the applicant coupled with a judgment on the potential contribution of their research project to the Theme or Mission of The Tikvah Center. Successful applicants will be appointed as Tikvah Fellows and invited for a year of residence at the newly renovated NYU Institutes on the Park facility at 22 Washington Square. The Fellowship carries a stipend of US\$65,000 and an additional housing subsidy of US\$10,000 for non-New York Residents.

Candidates should submit their application materials as described on the Center's Web site: <u>http://www.nyutikvah.org/fellows/index.html</u>.

The deadline for applications is January 23rd, 2012. Fellowships may be awarded on a rolling basis. Should you have any questions, please direct them to <u>Tikvah@nyu.edu</u>.