



# THE 2012–2013 NYU TIKVAH SCHOLARS PROGRAM CALL FOR APPLICATIONS NOW OPEN

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The Tikvah Center for Law & Jewish Civilization at NYU School of Law is now accepting applications for the Postdoctoral and Visiting Doctoral Tikvah Scholar-in-Residence Program for academic year 2012–2013. The Center also accepts applications from recent J.D. Graduates. The Program aims to attract outstanding graduates and young scholars interested in spending a year researching, writing, and learning in the company of some of the best scholars in the field of Law & Jewish Civilization. The Tikvah Scholars group also includes doctoral and postdoctoral students from NYU School of Law, the NYU Skirball Department of Hebrew and Judaic Studies, and the NYU Steinhardt School of Culture, Education, and Human Development. The Program consists of the following strands:

***The Tikvah Scholar Forum:*** Center Directors Moshe Halbertal and Joseph Weiler lead a forum series on the theme that reflect upon the Mission Statement of the Center, with 5 sessions each semester, to teach the Scholars how to think, question, differentiate, internalize, and communicate complex issues pertaining to Law & Jewish Civilization. The Forum thus provides essential, heuristic tools for the Scholars to become and serve as responsible, independent thinkers at the forefront of each academic field as well as in the general public setting. (Sample texts include: the Hebrew Bible, rabbinic literature, Moses Mendelssohn's Jerusalem, The Declaration of the Independence of Israel, and recent proposals for a Constitution of the State of Israel).

***Skirball-Tikvah Joint Workshop:*** The Scholars will attend a workshop series in which the research of the Tikvah Fellows, members of the Skirball Department of Hebrew and Judaic Studies faculty at NYU, and invited guests will be presented and discussed.

***The Mentorship and Writing Project:*** Each of the Scholars is mentored by one of the Tikvah Fellows in residence and expected to engage in a research or reflection exercise resulting in a paper or article within the broad theme of Law & Jewish Civilization. The present and previous Tikvah Fellows include: Professors Gary Anderson (University of Notre Dame), Pierre Birnbaum (University of Paris I), Elisheva Carlebach (Columbia University), Robert Chazan (NYU), Ruth Gavison (Hebrew University), Moshe Idel (Hebrew University), James Kugel (Harvard/Bar-Ilan University), Charles Leben (University of Paris II), and Michael Walzer (Institute for Advanced Study, Princeton).

***Integration with the Tikvah Intellectual Community:*** The Scholars are fully integrated into the Tikvah Center and are invited to participate in all intellectual and social activities of the Center, including the Tikvah Public Lecture Series, Tikvah Fellows Workshops, Cardozo-Tikvah Legal Theory Reading Group, and Tikvah Afternoon Teas. Through a variety of such occasions, formal and informal alike, the Scholars will closely interact with the distinguished members of the Center.

The Scholars receive a stipend, ranging from US\$7,500 to US\$40,000 for the academic year. Applications must be commensurate with the Center's mission statement. Candidates should submit the application materials as described on the Center's website: <http://www.nyutikvah.org/about/index.html>.

**The deadline is January 23rd, 2012**, and the positions are awarded on a rolling basis. Please direct any questions to: [tikvah@nyu.edu](mailto:tikvah@nyu.edu).