

Palestine Health and Human Rights Post-Doctoral Fellowship Call for Applications

The Palestine Program for Health and Human Rights (PPHHR) at the François-Xavier Bagnoud (FXB) Center for Health and Human Rights at Harvard University and the Institute of Community and Public Health at Birzeit University is thrilled to announce its call for applications for the 2024-2025 Post-Doctoral Fellowship.

Palestine Program for Health and Human Rights Overview

The Palestine Program for Health and Human Rights is an academic hub engaging in a broadly collaborative justice–and rights–based approach to foster Palestinian health through knowledge production, education, and community engagement. Addressing the structural drivers of health inequities for Palestinians requires a multidisciplinary approach across the fields of health, human rights, international law, economics, politics, and history. The PPHHR’s cross-disciplinary engagement seeks to produce scholarship and programming aimed at elucidating and addressing the structural determinants of health for Palestinians in the occupied territory, Israel, refugees, and the diaspora. Further information about the PPHHR can be found here on the program’s website: hsph.me/PPHHR

Health and Human Rights Fellowship

The PPHHR is seeking to recruit a Fellow whose work centers Palestinian health within a larger socio-political context. The 2024 Fellowship will support a scholar with significant work in **international humanitarian law and/or human rights law with an intersection in health and human rights** as it pertains to the health of Palestinians to produce innovative scholarship in their respective field. The Fellow will be responsible for contributing to the advancement of the Program’s mission of knowledge production, education, and community engagement in Palestinian health and human rights.

The Fellowship will be a one calendar year appointment with a **flexible start date between April and September 2024**. Fellows are required to spend the majority of the Fellowship based in Boston, Massachusetts at the FXB Center for Health and Human Rights but may choose to begin the Fellowship internationally and may travel as required for scholarly endeavors. We encourage Palestinians and citizens of all nationalities to apply.

General Requirements

Candidates are required to have a PhD, MD, JD, or equivalent by September 2024 and demonstrate significant contribution to their respective academic field and broadly to Palestinian health and human rights. A successful candidate will demonstrate innovative scholarship in their

chosen field. The Fellow is expected to currently be conducting or be in the process of proposing research with the end goal of scholarly publication.

The Fellow will serve as an ambassador and key contributor to the PPHHR and will be expected to work closely with the leadership team to develop and promote events, hold speaking engagements, engage with partners across institutions and students across Harvard, and collaborate in joint research and scholarly writing. The Fellow will have the opportunity to teach in one or more courses hosted by the PPHHR including the Palestine Social Medicine Course to be held at Birzeit University in Summer 2024.

Benefits

The Fellowship offers the following benefits:

- Competitive salary with fringe benefits
- Professional development stipend for continuing education, research, conference travel and fees, and publication fees
- Visa application support
- Access to academic resources at Harvard University
- Potential for course audits at the Harvard T.H. Chan School of Public Health
- Visiting Scholar appointment at the FVB Center for Health and Human Rights at Harvard University

Timeline

5 December 2023	Call for applications open
15 January 2024	Call for applications closed
February-March 2024	Candidate interviews (<i>upon selection by Fellowship committee</i>)
March 2024	Candidate notified of Fellowship Award
April-September 2024	Flexible Fellowship start date

Application Checklist

Candidates should provide the following documents in English and PDF format:

1. Cover letter to include the following:
 - Motivations for pursuing the Fellowship
 - Description of potential contribution to the overall objectives of the PPHHR
 - Potential start date (a flexible range is preferred)
2. Curriculum Vitae, including a list of publications (include publications under revision or in press)
3. PhD, MD, JD, or equivalent completion



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4. A short summary/overview of a scholarly product (book, article(s), course or program development, etc) that will be undertaken during the Fellowship (1000 words). Please include the following points in the summary:
 - Significance of the work
 - The relationship of the work to the stated objectives of the Fellowship and the PPHHR
 - Timeline for completion
 - If applicable, indicate current progress towards completion and what progress will be completed during the Fellowship period
5. One writing sample—article, book chapter, etc—may be excerpt from a longer work (max. 15 pages)
6. Two references to be furnished upon request
 - References should be direct mentors or scholars familiar with the applicant and their scholarly work
7. Please submit all materials here: hsph.me/PPHHRfellowship2025

For further enquiries related to the Health and Human Rights Fellowship, please reach out to Nadine Bahour at nbahour@hsph.harvard.edu.

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