



UNIVERSITY OF  
**CALGARY**

## **Terms of Reference**

### **Dr. Jenny and Hy Belzberg Israeli Scholar Program (Postdoctoral Associate)**

**DONOR:** Dr. Jenny Belzberg

**FIELD OF STUDY:** Israel Studies

**AWARD VALUE:** \$55,000

In the event a Collective Agreement is agreed upon for the Post-Doctoral staff group during the term of this Postdoctoral Associate appointment, such Award Value will be subject to any negotiated increases as per the Collective Agreement.

**RESEARCH  
ALLOWANCE:** \$5,000

Expenses, such as conference attendance, and other research-related expenses, up to a maximum of \$ 5,000 will be reimbursed with submission of receipts.

The extended health benefit plan, which is mandatory for all postdoctoral scholars, is covered by the award as well as the employer's contribution to Canada Pension Plan/Employment Insurance.

**HALF COURSE  
PAYMENT:** \$8,000

**NUMBER:** One  
**DURATION:** Renewable One Year

**COMMENCEMENT  
OF AWARD:** September 1, 2020

**ELIGIBILITY:**

Applicants must have earned their PhD less than 3 years before the start date of the position in any given competition year. If degree is still pending, it must be completed before the start date of the position in any given competition year.

Applicants must be pursuing research in Israel Studies, preferably, but not exclusively, in history, political science, sociology, geography or anthropology. All other conditions follow the University of Calgary postdoctoral policy and procedures, as approved by the Vice-President Research.

**CITIZENSHIP:** Unrestricted

**PURPOSE:**

The vision and purpose of the Postdoctoral role is

- (a) To engage in independent and collaborative research that contributes to the strength and breadth of expertise in Israeli Studies in the Faculty of Arts
- (b) To generate unique learning opportunities for students and to support the training of experts in Israeli Studies.
- (c) To teach 1.0 half course equivalent (HCE) in a relevant department or program to otherwise disseminate research. (Faculty of Arts will fund that position).
- (d) Work with the Supervisor and/or Director of the Dr. Jenny and Hy Belzberg Israeli Postdoctoral Studies Program to connect with Jewish community members, such as the Centre for Israel and Jewish Affairs (CIJA), and to co-build a program of community events; 2 events at the University of Calgary campus, and 2 others at the Jewish Community Centre (JCC).

**ADVISORY  
COMMITTEE:**

The Advisory Committee is intended to ensure accountability to the objectives of the Postdoctoral role, reflecting the interests of academic participants, external stakeholders and the Donor.

The Advisory Committee will be comprised of no fewer than six ( 6) and no more than nine (9) members, with the majority of committee members having an academic appointment at the U of C. Composition of the Committee is as follows:

- (a) Dean (or designate) of the Faculty of Arts
- (b) Vice President Research (or designate)
- (c) Director, Dr. Jenny and Hy Belzberg Israeli Postdoctoral Scholar Program
- (d) Relevant Department Head or Institute/School Director
- (e) Two (2) full-time members of the Faculty of Arts with related subject matter expertise
- (f) Two (2) representatives of the community with a substantial interest in the work of the Dr. Jenny and Hy Belzberg Israeli Postdoctoral Scholar. (Initially, Jenny Belzberg and Bram Belzberg will be appointed to the Advisory Committee

Members will be appointed by the Dean, Faculty of Arts. Faculty members mentioned above in category (e) will serve for a three-year term, renewable once for an additional three-year term. External members mentioned above in category (f) will have no term limits. The Advisory Committee will meet at least twice per year, or at the request of the Dean. All decisions will be on a consensus basis. The inaugural meeting of the Advisory Committee will take place in the fall of 2019.

**Role of Director:** Dr. Jenny and Hy Belzberg Israeli Postdoctoral Program

There will be a Director of the Dr. Jenny and Hy Belzberg Israeli Postdoctoral Studies Program.

The Director will be appointed by the Dean, Faculty of Arts, in consultation with the Advisory Committee. The Director will normally have a three-year term, renewable on mutual agreement. (The initial Director will be Dr. David Bercuson, appointed for a three-year term.) In addition the Director will report annually to the Advisory committee on activities of the Dr. Jenny and Hy Belzberg Israeli Postdoctoral Studies Program.

The Director will receive a \$5,000 stipend.

The Director will be responsible for overseeing the activities of the Dr. Jenny and Hy Belzberg Postdoctoral Scholar, in consultation with the academic supervisor of the Postdoctoral Scholar.

The Director will be responsible for the community engagement activities of the Dr. Jenny and Hy Belzberg Israeli Postdoctoral Program, including organizing speakers and other events with the purpose of advancing understanding of Israel and issues related to Israel. It is expected the community engagement activities will commence in the 2019/2020 academic year. In order to fulfil these duties, the Director will have authority to access the community program funds available from the Dr. Jenny and Hy Belzberg Israeli Postdoctoral Studies Program.

**WHERE TENABLE:** University of Calgary

**APPLICATION  
PROCESS:**

Candidates must submit a transcript, statement of purpose, and a personal letter of application stating why they want to take up this postdoctoral. 2 academic references are required. Postdoctoral Scholarship Application and supporting documentation must be submitted as a single PDF file, and sent to director, David J. Bercuson, [bercuson@ucalgary.ca](mailto:bercuson@ucalgary.ca).