

KAHAL Microgrant Guidelines

Any student studying abroad is eligible for a KAHAL Microgrant of \$250 per semester, during the time of their study abroad, as long as their program is minimum 4 weeks. Microgrants are designed to help facilitate the Jewish experience that the student is having, and therefore KAHAL stipulates some pre-determined guidelines for use of the grants.

Microgrants can be used for three things:

1. Jewish heritage or community experiences
2. Accommodation for a trip where there will be Jewish engagement
3. Shabbat/Festival programming

1. Jewish Heritage or Community Experiences

Having a Jewish heritage or community experience increases the student's connection to local Jewish culture, people, history and/or tradition. Experiences include:

- Local Jewish heritage tour: cost of guide
- Visit to Jewish site of interest: entry cost + local transport if inconvenient to get to
- Visit to Holocaust sites: entry cost + local transport if inconvenient to get to
- Jewish student events in study abroad city: ticket price + local transport if inconvenient to get to

Not included:

- Flight or train travel to experience
- Weddings, Bar/Bat mitzvahs and other personal Jewish celebrations

2. Accommodation for a trip

KAHAL will help pay for Shabbat accommodation (Friday and Saturday nights) for a trip where students can prove there is Jewish engagement while they are there. Jewish engagement includes:

- Jewish heritage tour
- Visit to **at least two** Jewish sites of interest
- Attending Shabbat services, meals or events with the local community
- Hosting their own Shabbat meal with local students
- A seminar or event with a Jewish student society/union/greeks, a JCC or a synagogue

Jewish engagement does not include:

- Attending a wedding, Bar/Bat Mitzvah and other personal Jewish celebrations
- Having a private Shabbat meal with no local attendees

International/inter-city travel to/from the accommodation is not included.

Local ground transportation, if required in exceptional circumstances, may be eligible.

3. Shabbat/Holiday programming

KAHAL ensures that all students are able to celebrate Shabbat and Jewish holidays during their time abroad, whether with friends, local community members or other study abroad students. High Holidays and Pesach have a different grant budget and are not included here.

Shabbat/Holiday programming includes:

- A DIY Shabbat meal at home with other students, whether study abroad or local: Food, Judaica
- Shabbat services, meals or other Shabbat-related events: Ticket price + local transport if inconvenient to get to
- Hosting their own Festival event (Purim party, Chanukah gathering etc): Food, Judaica, decorations
- Local Festival events: Ticket price + local transport if inconvenient to get to

Shabbat/Festival programming does not include:

- Travel to an event if local

Eligibility and Usage

- Microgrants are available to any Jewish student, from anywhere, studying abroad anywhere in the world for 4 or more weeks.
- The \$250 can be used for one experience or across multiple experiences, up to a maximum of five experiences.
- Experiences can be combined: for instance, on a trip to Berlin where an AirBnb is booked, a Jewish tour is attended and a visit to the Jewish museum takes place, a Microgrant can be used toward all of it.
- **Microgrants may not be approved for experiences that have already taken place.**
- To receive their grant, students should first fill out the Microgrant Application form using [this link](#). Once their grant has been approved by a member of KAHAL staff, students should go ahead and pay for the opportunity.
- Within ten days of the opportunity ending, students should submit the relevant documents to KAHAL staff and they will be reimbursed.
- It may take up to **ten days** to approve a grant, and up to **14 days** for grants to be paid after the submission of relevant documents.
- Microgrants are paid out using PayPal or Venmo.
- Within a week of the opportunity, students should post in the relevant Mobilize group about their experience: ideally, share a photo or two and a couple of sentences about the experience.
- Students studying abroad for more than one Semester receive \$250 per Semester, but this **does not** roll over from one Semester to the next.