

FASPE

FELLOWSHIPS AT
AUSCHWITZ
FOR THE STUDY OF
PROFESSIONAL ETHICS

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Fellowships at Auschwitz for the Study of Professional Ethics (FASPE) Receives Grant From the Task Force for International Cooperation on Holocaust Education, Remembrance, and Research (ITF)

Grant Supports the Museum's Inaugural Year of FASPE Programming

New York, NY— **Museum of Jewish Heritage—A Living Memorial to the Holocaust** announces that the **Fellowships at Auschwitz for the Study of Professional Ethics (FASPE)**, a ground breaking initiative for professional school students, has received a €30,000 (approximately \$38,000) grant for 2010 programming. The 2010 FASPE program includes inaugural programming in New York, Berlin, and Poland for law and medical school students, as well as pilot programming for seminary and journalism students. The FASPE programs instruct students on the contemporary ethical issues facing their professions — using the Holocaust and the conduct of their professions in Nazi Germany as a framework for the study.

In line with the ITF's grant objectives of targeting civil society leaders and opinion makers, FASPE's goal is to provide tomorrow's professional leaders with opportunities to increase their awareness and preparedness for the ethical issues they will confront as professionals. By educating students about the causes of the Holocaust and promoting their research of the history, FASPE seeks to prevent future collaboration by professional and religious leaders in genocide, racism, anti-Semitism, and xenophobia. In granting FASPE funding for its inaugural year of programming, the ITF said that "the general aims and activities of the project were considered excellent and the ITF is keen to support the continuation of your organisation's efforts." FASPE was one of only eleven grant recipients.

About FASPE

FASPE is an innovative program for students in professional schools designed to address contemporary ethical issues through a unique historical context. The Fellowships provide law, medical, seminary, journalism, and business students a structured program of study that initially focuses on the role of their chosen professions in Nazi Germany and the Holocaust, and uses that historic focus as a framework for the consideration of contemporary ethical issues. FASPE is predicated upon both the potent symbolism of Auschwitz and the Fellows' personal experience while in Germany and Poland to help the Fellows within each profession explore the power and potential of their profession along with the challenges they may face as professionals.

FASPE is working in cooperation with Jagiellonian University, Krakow; the Haus der Wannsee-Konferenz, Berlin; and the Auschwitz-Birkenau State Museum, Oświęcim, Poland; and in collaboration with Yale Medical School, Yale Law School, Columbia Graduate School of Journalism, and Georgetown University.

About the Task Force

The Task Force for International Cooperation on Holocaust Education, Remembrance, and Research (ITF) consists of representatives of government, as well as governmental and non-governmental organizations. ITF supports projects aimed at strengthening the political commitment of governments and civil society in order to ensure future generations will understand the causes of the Holocaust and reflect upon its consequences.

The objectives of the ITF's Funding Policy are: to create sustainable structures for Holocaust education, remembrance, and research; increase government involvement in combating anti-Semitism and xenophobia through Holocaust

awareness; and to fund multilateral projects and thereby stimulate the international exchange of expertise and a shared culture of remembrance. The sponsored projects shall further enhance knowledge, primarily about the Holocaust in the context of Nazi genocidal policies, and consider questions relating to the dissemination of this knowledge. They will take into account the specific history of the crimes with regard to both the countries concerned and the different persecuted groups. In passing on this knowledge, the projects will build on the existing cultures of remembrance of the Holocaust in various countries, advance civic education, and relate, where appropriate, to anti-Semitism, racism, and present-day forms of genocide and ethnic cleansing.

About the Museum

The Museum of Jewish Heritage — A Living Memorial to the Holocaust is located on the waterfront at 36 Battery Place in Manhattan's Battery Park City. Its mission is to educate people through groundbreaking award-winning exhibitions, world class education, and public programs. It is also home to Andy Goldsworthy's memorial *Garden of Stones*, as well as James Carpenter's *Reflection Passage*, Gift of The Gruss Lipper Foundation.

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