



THE SUSAN WAKIL FELLOWSHIP

Invest in the Future, Empower the Present

The Australasian Union of Jewish Students

The Australasian Union of Jewish Students (AUJS) is the peak representative body for Jewish tertiary students, representing thousands of students across over 25 campuses, in accordance with its foundational pillars; Judaism, Activism, Pluralism and Zionism.

For 70 years, AUJS has been the political training ground of the Jewish community. Since the late 90s, AUJS has been running various elite political training initiatives, including the annual Political Training Seminar in Canberra (PTS).

The Susan Wakil Fellowship is the natural next step for AUJS and the Jewish community, and is designed to increase the Jewish student community's drive for political activism.

The Fellowship emerged out of a partnership between the Wakil Foundation and AUJS, with the mutual aspiration to increase civic participation amongst Jewish students in the wider Australian community.

The Vision

The Jewish community has taken up the opportunities afforded by Australia's vibrant and democratic society, with its leadership playing crucial roles in advancing many important social and legal movements for change.

The vision of the Susan Wakil Fellowship is to continue the story of Jewish contribution, with a focus on the student and campus community.

The Fellowship intends to empower a new generation of Jewish leaders with a sense of civic duty, through the provision of knowledge, skills, resources, and networks necessary to enact meaningful change.

The Fellowship

The Susan Wakil Fellowship is an unparalleled student political leadership program. The Fellowship provides a platform for Jewish students to contribute to campus and community life.

The Fellowship delivers a comprehensive educational curriculum that provides the skill-sets, knowledge and networks to develop meaningful change. Fellows participate in political masterclasses led by various experts in Melbourne, Sydney, Canberra, Washington DC and New York. The workshops are designed to provide the knowledge and skills necessary for students to successfully execute their own political and social impact projects.

Additionally, Fellows receive tailored industry mentors, from respected professionals in the fields of their interests. After the program, Fellows also have the opportunity to pursue a political or NGO based internship.

The Fellowship is a free program for all successful applicants, this includes international and interstate tours.



Retreat | February

The introductory immersive is held mid February. This retreat gives Fellows the opportunity to conceptualise the program, frame the goals of their projects and become familiar with each other and the political landscape they will be engaging with. The retreat is held at a prestigious location outside of Melbourne and will cover a range of topics from 'positive engagement in student politics' to 'executing political projects'.



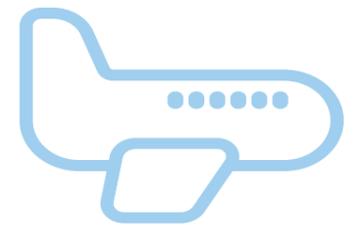
Workshops | March - August

Workshops are fundamental to the delivery of the curriculum of the Fellowship. Through the series of workshops that will be held from March to August, Fellows will gain essential skills and knowledge to build on their capability to lead positive grassroots social and political change on campuses. Every workshop will be centred around relevant skills and knowledge components which can be used by Fellows as a tool for project planning, strategy, and management. Workshops are held every two - three weeks, beginning in March. Workshops are held on Sundays to avoid clashes with university timetabling.



US Tour | July

Each year the Susan Wakil Fellows partake in an immersive political tour of Washington DC and New York. There they meet with emerging startups, policy developers, policy makers, journalists, congresspeople, diplomats, community organisers and experts from a range of prominent think tanks. The US tour provides Fellows with the opportunity to engage with representatives from every aspect of the political and media landscapes. The tour focuses on professional insights and best practices into the world of policy development and change making. Whilst on tour the Fellows are exposed to innovative tactics and proven political strategy which can be incorporated into their social and political impact projects. The US Tour is held from the 3rd to the 18th July.



Projects | August - January

The project stage of the Fellowship is held for a five-month period following the completion of the workshop curriculum and the US Tour. These Social and Political Impact projects will have financial, administrative and network support from the Fellowship. Projects are planned, developed, and executed in teams, and with the help of industry experts.

Each project focuses on the individual interests and concerns of the project team, in consultation with, and with the support of the Fellowship Directors and the Fellowship Subcommittee. In the lead up to the project phase public events are held in Sydney and Melbourne that promote action on issues important to students and the student community. Previous public events and projects have raised awareness and support for student mental health, student financial welfare, improving student general health outcomes, sexual assault on campus, addressing racial, ethnic and gender discrimination and improving access and interaction with student media.



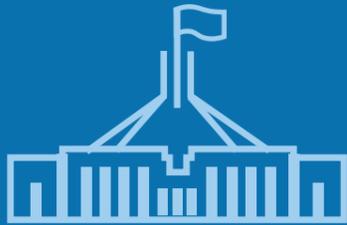
Mentors | July – December

Each Fellow is matched with a mentor to complement their personal social and political interest, as well as their professional ambitions. Each mentor is an outstanding professional in the Jewish community, who we believe can offer invaluable perspective to the ongoing development of each Fellow. Fellows and mentors meet once a month for a structured 30-60 minute meeting. Totaling 8 to 10 meetings in the year. Fellows are free and encouraged to develop and sustain this professional relationship beyond the scope of the Fellowship Program. Past Mentors have included Federal and State Members of Parliament, NGO Executives, Public Relations and Communication Experts, Corporate Strategists, Law Firm Directors and Chiefs of Staff. These past relationships have led to internships in Canberra, Washington DC and New York.



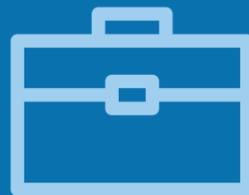
Political Training Seminar (PTS) | August

PTS is an exclusive AUJS political leadership development immersive, which is run in the nation's capital and is offered free of charge, including flights to Fellows. PTS participants are given the opportunity to engage with Federal-level politicians, lobbyists, key media figures, and opinion leaders. Political skills training and tours in key sites around Canberra are also included in this program. PTS will likely be held in August 2019.



Internships | January New Year

Internship positions will commence in the summer holiday period following the main components of the Fellowship. Fellows are offered placements in organisations related to the political landscape and policy making environment of Australia. Such organisations include think tanks, unions, offices of MPs and political parties, government departments, non-governmental organisations, Jewish community representative organisations et al. Internships may involve a part-time commitment for a 1-3-month period.



Structure

With the exception of the retreat and international program, the time commitment that is required for participation in the Fellowship is expected to be equivalent to one unit of full-time study per semester. Dates are tentative and subject to change.

Stage 1

February – June

The initial stage will be kick-started with a retreat focused on foundational skills and knowledge components, which will be followed by a series of regular workshops designed to deliver on the educational objectives of the program.

The curriculum covers a range of topics over a six-month period, including advanced sessions on the political landscape, contemporary and historical social and political challenges, and project development.

In stage one, Fellows will be carefully matched with mentors to support their personal and professional growth.

Stage 2

July – December

The Fellowship will transition to stage two with a trip to the United States. Fellows will meet with and learn from world-leading political organisers and leaders, as well as Jewish representative groups.

Upon returning from the United States, Fellows will apply the knowledge and skills developed in stage one to initiating social change and political advocacy projects on issues which Fellows are most passionate about.

The projects will aim for a real and tangible impact on the student community in Australia.

Stage 3

January – onwards

Fellows will be provided internships to contribute to the work of an organisation in a field of their interest.

The internships intend to provide networks and first-hand exposure to a particular field of professional interest.

The internships may be with Members of Parliament, policy think tanks and other NGOs, government departments, or Jewish representative organisations.

Educational Curriculum

- Media Strategy and Engagement
- Research and Data Analysis
- Student Politics and Youth in Power
- Executing Political Projects
- Australian Political Landscape and Demographics
- Sourcing Funding and Budget Management
- Developing Political Projects and Team Management
- International Politics and the United Nations
- Political Philosophy
- Political Strategy
- Student Political Networks
- The Political Challenges of the Future: For Australia, For Students and the Jewish Community
- Messaging and Framing
- Social Media Campaigning
- Public Speech and Oration
- Comparative Government
- The Architecture of Australian and World Jewry
- Community Organising
- Political Satire and Commentary
- Project Implementation and Evaluation

The Curriculum – A Snapshot of Selected Topics

Messaging and Framing

Fellows look over critical political speeches and media campaigns that have shaped Australia's political identity. This class will break down the effective modes of communication used by politicians and opinion leaders, who have managed to mobilise social and political support for public policy and action.

By the end of this session, Fellows will have a detailed understanding of effective modes of communication and framing, and the ability to identify and develop their own messaging and framing strategy.

Political Philosophy

This class will offer an insight into the ideological and philosophical framework that underpins all political doctrines. It will review the major political ideologies of our time, and explore the parties that represent these philosophies.

By the end of this session, Fellows will be able to identify the underlying ideology of key phrases and beliefs. This will allow Fellows to sympathise, understand and relate to various and conflicting values and belief systems.

Executing Political Projects

This class will review historical examples of successful projects which created social change in Australia and the Jewish community. The Fellows will learn about the institutions of power that prevent change or support the status quo.

It will review how the change or reinforcement of existing policy has occurred, through the traditional halls of power and outside the system. By the end of this session, Fellows will have a strengthened understanding of what needs to take place to execute a successful political project.



Message from the Chairperson Saul Burston

The Susan Wakil Fellowship is one of the premier political leadership experiences for enterprising and energized students. The Fellowship is structured to build pioneering leaders that drive transformational change. The Fellowship is built to inspire empathetic leaders, those capable of anticipating the community's needs.

The Fellowship provides a cohort of excellent Jewish student leaders with the focus, clarity and direction necessary to develop, and actualise a deeply held passion. To this effect, the Fellowship aims to galvanise our Jewish community in to a creative and dynamic hub of ideas, engagement and political activism through the empowerment of a cohort of Jewish student leaders. More than that, the Fellowship is about the advancement of our Australian society. It is the quintessential application of the fundamental Jewish ethic to construct a better world. In this light, the Fellowship deeply implants a sense of civic duty and enthusiasm within the Jewish student community.

Social change is marked by dynamic political activism, and the Fellowship is the political catalyst for outstanding young Jews. The Fellowship fundamentally builds character, and marks the beginning of a journey of personal and communal development.

I urge you to take this opportunity hands on. You will not regret it.



Director of the Fellowship Raphael Mengem

Based in Melbourne, Raphael is Director of the Susan Wakil Fellowship and is the main coordinator and facilitator of the Fellowship in Victoria. Raphael studied International Relations and Peace and Conflict Studies at the University of Queensland and International Law at the Hebrew University's Rothberg International School.

Raphael has spent a decade working in various roles as a community organiser for the Jewish Community, including two years as Federal Director of Education and Leadership for Betar Australia. Previously, Raphael was a contributing writer and Junior editor for the Queensland chapter of the Australian Institute of International Affairs, Transnational Review.



Deputy Director Joshua Goodman

Based in Sydney, Josh is Deputy Director of the Susan Wakil Fellowship and is the main coordinator and facilitator of the Fellowship in New South Wales and Canberra.

Joshua is a graduate of Philosophy and Politics from the University of New South Wales. In his studies Josh developed a deep connection to the study and teaching of these subjects and has integrated this passion into his work as a tutor for senior school and undergraduate students.

Previously Joshua has worked in various administrative and communication roles, developing experience in public outreach and research. Joshua is passionate about creating a positive Jewish Community that can share its benefits with the wider community, and hopes through the Fellowship to actualise this mission.



Governance

The Susan Wakil Fellowship is a project of AUJS, which is a student organisation with a team composed of over 120 volunteers and 5 professional staff. AUJS is also an affiliate of the Shalom Institute, which is a part of the JCA family of organisations.

AUJS is supported by the AUJS Board which was established in 1990 to assist the volunteer leadership in delivering professional and financially-sustainable outcomes. The AUJS Board is comprised of current and recent student leaders, as well as younger and senior professionals.

There are multiple subcommittees that sit within the AUJS board to govern the various programs and initiatives run by the union, including the Fellowship subcommittee. This is the body responsible for setting the strategic direction and delivery of the Fellowship.

Saul Burston	AUJS Chairperson, Committee Chair
Allan Bookin	Director, ACCO Australia
Jake Campbell	Executive Director AUJS
Elenore Levi	Digital Strategy Officer, Executive Council of Australian Jewry
Dean Sherr	Electorate Officer, Office of Phillip Dalidakis, Victorian Minister for Trade & Investment, Innovation & the Digital Economy, Small Business.
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Lillian Kline	Corporate Strategist, Small Giants
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Michael Fisher	President, Monash Student Association
Lexi Kowal	Education Officer, Monash Student Association
Raphael Nathan Menegem	Fellowship Director
Joshua Goodman	Fellowship Deputy Director

Applying for the Susan Wakil Fellowship

Applications open on August 19th 2018.

Applicants must submit an online application along with their CV sent to the Fellowship directors, following the requirements of the application forms.

Application forms are available on aujs.com.au/Fellowship.

Applications close on September 24th 2018

September 24th is Sukkot, and AUJS will be closed for business. We reopen on the 26th.

Interviews will be held in mid and late October.

Students will be offered Fellowships in late November and December after final examinations. The Fellowship is a highly selective program. Each year, fifteen Fellows will be selected across Melbourne and Sydney.

The Fellowship is a rewarding and enriching program. As a result, the Fellowship will be demanding and require a significant time commitment throughout the year from the Fellows. We expect the commitment will be similar to one unit of study per semester.

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Sponsors and Partners



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