Since 1989, The Wexner Foundation has been committed to the promotion of excellence and leadership in Israel’s public sectors. Each year, The Wexner Foundation selects up to 10 outstanding directors and leaders in Israel’s public sector and sends them to the Harvard Kennedy School’s (HKS) Mid-Career Master’s in Public Administration (MC-MPA) program.

The Wexner Israel Fellowship takes place at the Harvard Kennedy School’s Center for Public Leadership (CPL) with some 200 students from around the globe who take part in the MC-MPA.

Wexner Israel Fellows commit to continue in the public sector after completing the program and returning to Israel. Graduates join the Wexner alumni community in Israel and the US, where they continue to learn, develop and apply their newly acquired tools to even greater benefit for Israel’s society.

*Mid-Career Master’s in Public Administration (MC-MPA).
Our Mission

היעוד שלנו

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Looking back, I can tell that the Wexner Fellowship gave me tools and energy to serve my country.

The Wexner Foundation focuses on the development of Jewish professional and volunteer leaders in North America, and public leaders in Israel.

The Harvard Kennedy School is the stage upon which The Wexner Foundation’s Israel programs take place. The Kennedy School attracts faculty on the cutting edge of their fields, houses thirteen research centers, regularly hosts high profile speakers and is home to students from more than 70 countries.

The Wexner Foundation works in full cooperation with Israel’s Civil Service Commission and other leading Israeli public institutions. Alumni of the Israel programs hold key positions in the public sector.

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The Program had also exposed me to American Jewry, its dilemmas, ideas, and needs, as I’ve never understood before.
Knowledge Areas We Emphasize

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Eligibility Criteria
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معايير الأهلية
The Wexner Foundation taught me how to view curiosity, humility, and humor as leadership qualities.

Eligibility Criteria

• Public sector managers with at least 7 years of job experience — 5 or more of which were in the public sector in one or more of the following: civil service, local government, government authorities or agencies, governmental companies, security forces, hospitals and HMOs (Kupot Holim), and registered NGOs with a stated social agenda.

• Proven success in a public management position, leadership skills and strong prospects of career advancement in the public service.

• Bachelor’s degree.

• Candidates must be 30–45 at the time of their departure for the program.
Application Process

תהליך הגשת המועמדות
عملية تقديم الترشح
Candidates who meet the Eligibility Criteria will be asked to submit an Application Form with the following documents:

- Essays in English
- Written recommendations
- Grade sheets, in English, from each academic institution mentioned in the eligibility form
- Letter of approval from employer
- Candidates must apply independently to HKS. Studies at Harvard require a strong knowledge of English and therefore applicants are required by HKS to pass either the TOEFL or the IELTS exam.

Interviews: Those accepted to HKS and found qualified by The Wexner Foundation will be summoned to interview in front of the selection committee.

The Year I spent at Harvard changed my perspective of excellence in public service and laid the solid foundations for my career path.
Alumni Community

קהילת הבוגרים

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Alumni Community

As the academic year ends and upon their return to Israel, the Fellows will become part of the Wexner Foundation alumni community, which includes alumni from The Foundation’s leadership programs in North America and Israel. The alumni community engages in annual conferences, summits for north Americans and Israelis, learning and enrichment gatherings and professional collaborations.

We are blessed with peer network, the Wexner alumni body, which provides almost endless opportunities for networking, consulting and cooperating, with an inter-agency framework and across sector boundaries.
The Scholarship

המלגה

ألمنحه الدراسية
The Scholarship

1. Full tuition for the HKS MC-MPA program
2. Airfare to the US and back to Israel once the program ends, for applicant, spouse and each accompanying minor
3. Medical insurance for the school year for applicant, spouse and any accompanying minor
4. Tuition for additional studies in the program throughout the year
5. Living allowance (updated periodically)
6. Partial financing of cargo shipment from Israel to the US
7. Partial financing of text books