

# The Darrell D. Friedman Institute for Professional Development at the Weinberg Center

## Friedman Fellowship Program 2017 – 2018

### Purpose and Goals of Friedman Fellowship

The purpose of the Friedman Fellowship is to build the capacity of DFI and the Baltimore Jewish community to attract, develop and retain high quality professionals who will lead and deliver services of excellence. Goals include:

- To promote the field of Jewish communal service
- To bring prospective and new professionals to Baltimore
- To bring added value to Jewish organizations and our community
- To enhance new professionals' skills and Jewish knowledge
- To take them to the next step in advancing their careers in the Baltimore Jewish community

**DFI will select up to 10 new Friedman Fellows, to receive \$5,000 to use for their professional development over a period of two years while in Baltimore.**

**The first opportunity to submit application to DFI for Friedman Fellowship funds for the year 2017-2018 will be by August 15, 2017. A second round of applications will be due by December 15, 2017.**

**Fellows are required to participate for one year in a five-part Jewish leadership cohort series, and attend at least two DFI workshops.**

### Criteria

- An organization's executive director or top professional may nominate a candidate for the Friedman Fellowship on behalf of the organization by identifying a newer employee with potential for demonstrating *exceptional talent and a commitment* to work in the field of Jewish communal service. The selection committee will take into consideration both the position and the candidate as it pertains to the criteria below. The executive director may offer the possibility of obtaining a Friedman Fellowship to a new hire, as an incentive to accept the position in Baltimore.
- In consultation with the supervisor or executive director, the Fellowship will be used to enhance the Friedman Fellow's professional and Judaic competencies.
- To be eligible, the candidate should be working:
  - in a full-time position
  - in the field less than three years and
  - in the organization at least six months
- The candidate selected must have exceptional characteristics including:
  - Demonstrated leadership
  - Initiative
  - Innovative outlook
  - A team player
  - Commitment to strengthening and enriching Jewish life and Jewish identity within the broader Jewish community
  - Passion for and the commitment to be a Jewish communal professional
  - Commitment to learning and growing professionally to advance his/her career in this field
- The committee will also consider the following when selecting a candidate in his/her role:
  - This is a professional position
  - The position has significance and is a priority to the organization
  - In the position the professional has opportunities for interaction with both lay and professional leaders
  - The position provides opportunities to foster collaboration in the Baltimore Jewish community
  - The organization has the capacity to provide excellent supervisory oversight

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Friedman Fellowship Application 2017 – 2018

Today's Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**ORGANIZATION INFORMATION:**

Name of Organization: \_\_\_\_\_

Executive Director: \_\_\_\_\_ Number of Staff in Organization: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

**FELLOW'S INFORMATION:**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

**DIRECT SUPERVISOR OF POTENTIAL FRIEDMAN FELLOW:**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

1. What is the supervisory experience of the **supervisor** and how many people does he/she currently supervise?

2. Please attach the name and resume for the potential Friedman Fellow that meets the stated criteria. Include a short description by the candidate of his/her path to this point as a Jewish communal professional and how they think they would benefit from this Fellowship. The organization should also tell us how it would benefit from this Fellow's participation.

3. What professional development opportunities does the organization currently offer?

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4. Please include a description of the potential Fellow's current position and any position to which the potential Fellow will be hired or promoted.

Include:

- The description itself with tasks to be assigned (or attach a job description)
- How the position relates to the overall mission of your organization
- The impact of this position as it relates to the numbers served and population engaged
- The potential for collaboration with other organizations in the community

5. Please include a draft professional development plan for the candidate you have in mind. Include career goals and the skills and abilities he/she is interested in developing and the related professional development opportunities.

6. Please provide any other information the organization believes is relevant to the committee's decision.

**Each year: Submit Application by August 15. A second round of applications will be due by December 15. Applications may be found online at [thedfi.org](http://thedfi.org)**

Save application first, then fill out. Save your answers in WORD, too, just in case! Attach and return by email or scan to Cindy at [cgoldstein@thedfi.org](mailto:cgoldstein@thedfi.org). Questions? 410-843-7563



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