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StandWithUs Nederland Emerson Fellowship Expectations

The StandWithUs Nederland Emerson Fellowship is a prestigious 12-month program that trains, educates, and empowers student leaders on college campuses worldwide. Chosen from key campuses throughout the Netherlands, the fellows form a network of committed student leaders. They inspire their peers and collaborate with other student communities to run impactful educational events and campaigns about Israel, Judaism, and antisemitism.

The fellows are trained extensively on navigating antisemitic activity on campus, helping them mobilize and confront these issues strategically and effectively. Every StandWithUs Nederland Emerson Fellow receives tailored mentorship from our staff, who have the institutional knowledge to help the students grow into effective leaders and maximize their impact on campus.

Fellows further participate in two transformative conferences throughout the year, along with a graduation ceremony, and continue their training throughout the program with expert-led workshops once every two months.

Upon completing all program requirements successfully, including an end-of-year survey, Emerson Fellows will receive a **€1000,00 stipend** at the end of the academic year. Exemplary fellows will also be eligible for the following opportunities:

- The StandWithUs Nederland Award for Courage and Leadership, given to an outstanding StandWithUs Nederland Emerson Fellow who has demonstrated exemplary courage, leadership, and commitment to Israel activism on campus and beyond (accompanied by a stipend of **€500**)
- The StandWithUs Nederland Movement Builder Award for Creativity and Impact (accompanied by a stipend of **€500**)
- Select Emerson Fellows may be invited to become **Campus Liaisons** who work for the Campus Department part-time and serve as direct mentors for younger students and Emerson Fellows at StandWithUs Nederland

Alumni of the program are then inducted into the StandWithUs Emerson Fellowship Alumni Network, offering opportunities to stay connected with StandWithUs and each other. Through various committees and specialized programs, alumni continue their Israel education and activism, stay up to date with StandWithUs national and local events, join regional StandWithUs boards, find job opportunities within the field of Israel activism and education, and much more.

Conferences and Convenings

StandWithUs Emerson Fellows participate in two transformative conferences throughout the year, along with a graduation ceremony:

- StandWithUs **Emerson Fellowship Training Conference** in the United Kingdom* → August/September 2023.
- StandWithUs **International Conference: Israel in Focus** in Los Angeles, California* → February 29 - March 3, 2024
- StandWithUs Nederland **Emerson Fellowship Graduation** → June 2024

***The conference fees are fully covered.** A €200,00 signup dedication fee is required and will be returned to fellows upon returning from the conference.

Emerson Fellows also participate in six bi-monthly professional development sessions in the academic year to enhance their knowledge, leadership, and activism. These sessions offer fellows exclusive opportunities to engage with StandWithUs experts and leaders in the field. **Fellows will receive the full schedule for the year in due course. Attending these sessions, which may take place either in-person or online, is mandatory.**

Emerson Fellowship and Campus Program Requirements

Emerson Fellowship Requirements:

- Fellows must attend two mandatory conferences
- Fellows must attend six bi-monthly professional development sessions throughout the year
- Fellows must attend bi-monthly Zoom calls with StandWithUs Nederland staff
- Fellows must complete four educational, social, or editorial programs throughout the academic year
- Recruit one new Emerson Fellow at the end of the program
- Monitor and report antisemitic events on campus and be part of mobilizing the community response
- Be a pro-Israel voice within their community (when comfortable and safe to do so)

Campus Program Requirements:

Emerson Fellows are expected to organize **four educational, social, or editorial programs** during the academic year. These programs should be dynamic, engaging, and accessible to their student body. StandWithUs Nederland staff will mentor students through the process of planning programs and will offer ample ideas, resources, and materials for creative programs and campaigns.

Examples of program ideas include, but are not limited to:

- An Israel Fest that exposes students to different aspects of Israel's culture
- A briefing with an expert in the field who can address a diverse audience
- A StandWithUs Experiential Israel Program (EIP) such as Gratitude Days, Squeeze Your Challenges, Our Voices for Peace, or Spilling the Tea
- An interactive tabling activity that engages students during their daily routines
- A film screening that promotes dialogue and encourages students to learn more
- A strategic meeting with student leaders to educate them about Israel's history and society
- A written op-ed explaining experiences on campus or within the StandWithUs Emerson Fellowship and publishing it in the campus paper or a national newspaper
- A social event for students to wind down and network
- A Shabbat dinner for students
- A Giving Tuesday campaign

At least **one** fellowship program should relate to Israel Apartheid Week.

At least **one** fellowship program should be a StandWithUs workshop. Campus Coordinators will provide fellows with a comprehensive list of department workshops and presentations. Recommended workshops include:

- Conflict in the 21st Century: A Deep Dive into the Israeli-Palestinian Conflict
- Crossing the Line: Antisemitism, Anti-Zionism & Criticism of Israel
- Navigating Difficult Conversations about Israel and Answering Tough Questions
- Israel 101
- Diversity and Inclusivity in Israel

In addition, other fellowship programs can include an optional awareness campaign dedicated to educating and engaging the campus community about one of the following commemorative days/months:

- Mizrahi Heritage Month
- International Holocaust Remembrance Day
- Yom HaShoah (Holocaust Remembrance Day in the Jewish calendar)
- Yom HaZikaron (Israeli Memorial Day)
- Yom Ha'atzmaut (Israeli Independence Day)

- Yom Yerushalayim (Commemorating the liberation of Jerusalem)
- Jewish Refugees from Arab and Muslim Countries (i.e., the Day to Mark the Departure and Expulsion of Jews from the Arab Countries and Iran)

Or can optionally relate to the Netherlands or Dutch pride/education/community:

- Remembrance Day for all Dutch victims of war since WWII (May 4)
- Liberation Day of the Netherlands from Nazi occupation after WWII (May 5)
- Koningsdag (April 27)
- Organise a public #MTMS cleanup in the vicinity of your campus

For an event to count towards their program requirements, Emerson Fellows are required to complete a program report after each event they organize. Program reports are expected to be submitted within one week of the event. This report also requires photos, so Emerson Fellows should ensure that high-quality pictures are taken during their events and that they have students' permission to share them.

The StandWithUs Emerson Fellowship is an exclusive program, meaning **fellows cannot represent other national pro-Israel organizations during their year in the fellowship.**

When writing articles or giving interviews, Emerson Fellows must consult the StandWithUs Netherlands Director/Director of Partnerships, who will help with messaging, edits, and publishing.

Fellows are also required to recruit a replacement at the end of the academic year.

Fellows are evaluated throughout the year based on the following criteria:

- Impact and quality of the initiatives and programs run throughout the year
- Robust campaigns to increase their campus community's engagement with Israel
- Organization, mobilization, and leadership skills
- Communication with StandWithUs staff
- Handling of anti-Israel/antisemitic incidents on campus
- Fulfilling all event and reporting requirements

Application Requirements

To apply to the StandWithUs Nederland Emerson Fellowship, you must:

- Be a second-year or above student registered at a Dutch university
- Be passionate and knowledgeable about Israel
- Have a connection with the StandWithUs mission

- Speak Dutch or English (with a strong preference for both)
- Fill out the signup/registration application form:
<https://forms.gle/z43fzMrireFaFwS5A>

If you have any questions about the StandWithUs Emerson Fellowship requirements, feel free to reach out to Nederland@StandWithUs.com.