

*Faculty For Israeli-Palestinian Peace  
Summer 2009 Internship and Delegation*

**Funding a Delegation or Internship with FFIPP**

**1) Find out if your school offers grants for unpaid internships, conferences, or study abroad.**

Many colleges and universities offer funding to students who want to pursue unpaid work experiences. Visit your career development office as well as relevant academic departments at your university to find out more about grants available to you. Please act quickly, as deadlines are approaching.

**2) Set up a fundraising event.** Here are some possible events we've brainstormed and some methods for spreading the word!

- Hold a film screening or lecture and charge an admissions fee.
  - FFIPP can provide you with the following films:
    - Arna's Children
    - Promises
    - Frontiers of Fears and Dreams
    - Bili'n Habibti
    - Peace and Propaganda in the Promised Land
    - Blood and Oil
    - Hijacking Catastrophe: 9/11, Fear, and the Selling of American Empire
  - Please just email [nmffippusa@comcast.net](mailto:nmffippusa@comcast.net) and request one of these films. We will mail it to you and you can screen it. These are all excellent movies about the region and the conflict and are well worth spreading and having other students view.
- Spread the word about your event!
  - Send press releases to the calendar section of your community and campus newspapers
  - Create a Facebook event
  - Set up an information table at your student center
  - Make announcements in classes
  - Ask your professors to announce the event
  - Notify the religious institutions in your community, who may be willing to make an announcement at their religious service. Emphasize that FFIPP is an organization which promotes engagement across faiths and cultures.

**3) Write letters to your neighbors, religious community members, local businesses, and family members.**

- In less than one page, construct a letter describing what you will be doing with FFIPP. Make it personal – describe why this issue matters to you. See an example below.
- Remember that many of the people you will be soliciting know very little about the situation in Palestine/Israel. Show them that they would be contributing to a good cause by supporting your work.
- Tell them why you are asking for donations, detailing transportation expenses for the trip and program costs.
- Convey a sense of urgency and immediacy about the Palestinian-Israeli conflict. Emphasize why it is important for you, as an American activist, to contribute to this cause now.
- When you say “contribution” some people are thinking \$5 while others are thinking \$100. Simplify it for them. Based on who you're asking and how many letters you're sending, specify the amount in the letter.
- Keep those who donated to you updated during and after the delegation/internship. Share your pictures and reflections on a blog.
- Approach your local media in your community and ask them to cover your story. Send your letter to the editor.
- Sending a letter may sound difficult or useless, but based on our experience it is actually highly effective!

**4) Check out published resources on individual grants, scholarships and fellowships.**

- [www.foundationcenter.org](http://www.foundationcenter.org)
- Check out [The Harvard College Guide to Grants](#) on Harvard’s website
- Check out the Foundation Center’s (an NYC Based Organization) [Foundation Grants to Individuals](#).

Month Day, 2009

Dear Family and Friends,

I am going to go to the Middle East this summer as an intern with Faculty for Israeli-Palestinian Peace. The organization is based in both Europe and the USA and focuses on educating individuals about the Palestinian-Israeli conflict. As you may know the current conflict situation in Israel-Palestine is ever-escalating and increasingly pressing. It is FFIPP's goal to create a community of educated individuals on this conflict who can participate in dialogue that will encourage political movement on these issues. I hope that this internship will expose me to rare perspectives of this conflict that are both hard to understand and inaccessible from the United States. The situation in Israel and Palestine is important to me because \_\_\_\_\_ . I believe it is important that I participate in this cause because \_\_\_\_\_ .

I am contacting you because I need your help to make this very important, life changing trip and internship happen! The program itself costs \$1000.00, not including airfare or personal expenses. The estimated cost for airplane tickets to and from Israel is \$ \_\_\_\_\_. While FFIPP will cover my housing expenses, my personal and food expenses are not covered. I estimate that for the period of June 27 to July 30 I will need approximately \$ \_\_\_\_\_ for personal expenditure. This totals to approximately \$ \_\_\_\_\_ .

I am asking you for your help! I want to be able to fully experience this internship and dedicate my summer to learning about the Palestinian-Israeli conflict. Please consider contributing \$ \_\_\_\_\_ to help me pay for this internship program. And feel free to circulate this to your friends and relatives who may be interested in my efforts!

Thank you for all of your help. If you need any additional information please feel free to contact me at \_\_\_\_\_ .

Sincerely,