



ASEF Junior Fellowship

RESEARCH ABROAD



ABOUT ASEF

Welcome to ASEF

Welcome to ASEF – the American Slovenian Education Foundation, where we connect young minds with the world's leading academic institutions. Our mission is to support Slovenian students and researchers in gaining valuable experience abroad, while also promoting Slovenian culture and knowledge worldwide.



ASEF Program History and Stats



over

260+

ASEF
Junior
Fellows



more than

150

Global Experts



over

180+

Science
Popularization
Events



10+

Conducted Research
Projects on Brain
Drain and Return of
Domestic Experts



5+

Years of the ASEF
Tutoring Program,
inspired by
Oxford and Harvard



Junior Fellowship Research Abroad

-  2 year program
-  10 week research visit
-  Collaboration with other Fellows
-  Attend regular lectures & ASEF Events



About the program

The Junior Fellowship Research Abroad is a **two-year program** aimed at strengthening research and study exchanges **between Slovenia and other countries**, enabling talented Slovenian students to fully realize their potential.

In the first year of the program, students undertake a **10-week research visit** at a university or research institution in their field of study/professional expertise. Additionally, fellowship recipients engage in activities organized by ASEF, including research projects and collaboration with other scholars, leadership and career development workshops, as well as attending regular public lectures and other events organized by ASEF.

Universities in the ASEF global partner network



USA

Harvard University
Stanford University
Princeton University
Georgetown University
University of California, Berkeley
University of California San Francisco
University of California, Davis
University of Chicago
University of Cincinnati
University of Illinois at Chicago
University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign
University of Southern California
University of Texas
University of Utah
University of Washington
University of Wisconsin
Villanova University
Cleveland State University
Iowa State University
Louisiana State University
Michigan State University
Northwestern University
Rowan University
Rutgers University
Texas Tech University
Virginia Commonwealth University
Coleridge Initiative

CANADA

Queen's University
University of Toronto
Simon Fraser University
McGill University
University of Ottawa
University of Prince Edward Island

UNITED KINGDOM

University College London
and the Francis Crick Institute
University of Cambridge
Sheffield University
University of Edinburgh

EU

University of Copenhagen
University of Groningen
University of Vienna
Sigmund Freud University

AUSTRALIA & NEW ZEALAND

University of Queensland
Deakin University
University of Sydney
Victoria University of Wellington

BEFORE YOU APPLY

Are you
the right fit?



Check-list:



Passionate about research and contributing to the Slovenian community?



Ready to spend 10 weeks abroad with a top Slovenian professor?



Interested in participating in ASEF's activities in Slovenia and abroad?



Excited to share your knowledge and experiences with others?



Motivated to grow personally and professionally?

If you're nodding **"Yes!"** to these, keep reading!

APPLICATION PROCESS

1

CHECK ELIGIBILITY

Make sure you meet all the requirements.

2

PREPARE YOUR DOCUMENTS

Gather your CV, motivation letter, and any relevant academic transcripts.

3

SUBMIT APPLICATION

Apply through the ASEF website.

4

WAIT FOR CONFIRMATION

Shortlisted candidates will be contacted for an interview.



SELECTION CRITERIA



ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE

Your grades and achievements matter.



MOTIVATION AND PASSION

Show us why you're eager to join ASEF.



COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

Have you been involved in Slovenian community activities?



FUTURE GOALS

We're interested in how you plan to use this experience for the greater good.



Fellowship Journey Year 1



10-week research visit

Work with your mentor abroad.



Participate in ASEF Events

Engage with the ASEF community.



Report & Reflect

Share your experiences and learnings.



Fellowship Journey Year 2



Mentor Next Fellows

Help the next generation of ASEF Fellows.



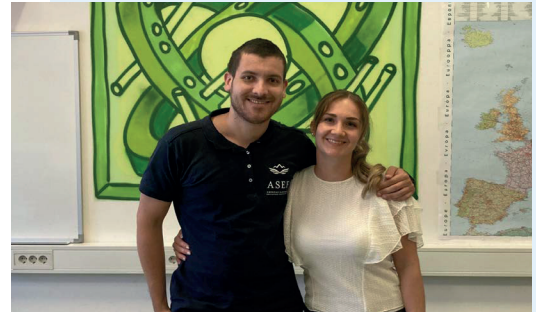
Continue Engagement

Stay active in ASEF activities.



Get Involved in Tutoring

Join the ASEF Tutorial Program, inspired by Oxford and Harvard. The ASEF Tutorial Program involves monthly meetings where you'll write essays, present your work, and engage in debates.



Side Note:

Students of the University of Ljubljana enrolled in 1st or 2nd cycle programs can receive: 4 ECTS credits or An entry in the diploma supplement for participating in the ASEF program.

What Does the Fellowship Cover?



Full Coordination Support by ASEF

ASEF provides comprehensive guidance and advice throughout your scholarship journey.



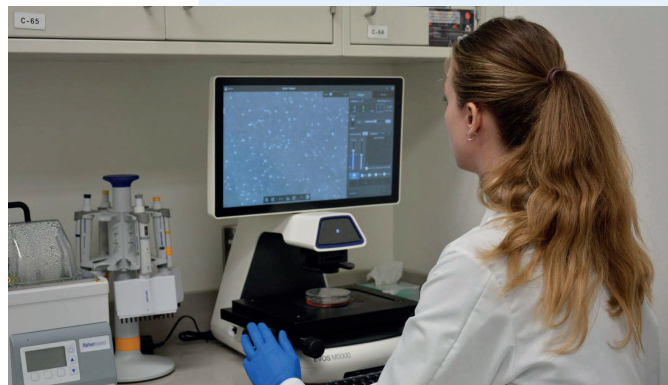
Paid Travel and Accommodation

ASEF covers the cost of your travel and accommodation during your research visit.



Paid Living Expenses

ASEF ensures that your living expenses are covered during the 10-week research visit.





Fellow's Responsibilities



Stay Connected

Regularly update ASEF about your progress.



Community Involvement

Attend 4 ASEF events, give 1 talk, take part in a tutoring group, and mentor others.



Documentation

Provide necessary reports and share your experiences on ASEF platforms.



Promote ASEF

Spread the word about ASEF's impact and opportunities.



Past Fellows' Experiences



Hana Podjed
ASEF Junior Fellow 2025

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This valuable experience provided me with contact with a vibrant community of professors and researchers. My mentor allowed me to connect my research interests interdisciplinary with new knowledge that I will continue to upgrade in the future. I also appreciate the continued collaboration with the ASEF community and the sharing of knowledge among scholars, which is truly inspiring.

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Domen Škerlep
ASEF Junior Fellow 2024

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The ASEF Research Abroad Fellowship was a life-changing experience for me, both professionally and personally. Educational systems worldwide differ greatly from one another, so the opportunity to learn about the American approach to research under the mentorship of a Slovenian professor opened up a completely new perspective for my future career.

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Past Fellows' Experiences



Luka Jože Pušlar
ASEF Junior Fellow 2025

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I would wholeheartedly recommend the ASEF fellowship program to anyone who is driven to succeed and prepared to invest independent effort in their professional development. The program is ideal for individuals seeking to acquire new knowledge, experiences, and connections, as well as those who are open to engaging in international collaboration.

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Žana Brilej
ASEF Fellow 2023

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"My 10-week research visit in California was a deep dive into the world of molecular biology, focusing on the essential enzyme Rnase P. The collaborative environment, fostered by Dr. Jernej Murn and fellow researchers, was inspiring and broadened my perspective on modern scientific methodologies. This experience will undoubtedly shape my future academic and professional journey in biomedicine."

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