



ASEF Junior Fellowship

VISIT SLOVENIA



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 Visit Slovenia

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



About the program

The Junior Fellowship Visit Slovenia is a **one-year program** designed to foster international exchange by enabling young people of Slovenian heritage to support their professional growth while offering them a meaningful opportunity to **connect with Slovenia**, its language, and its culture.

During their stay, Junior Fellows undertake a **10-week research** visit at a university, company, or a research institute in the area of their field of study/expertise. Additionally, during the visit, Junior Fellows 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. At the same time, they connect with the broader Slovenian community, take part in cultural and academic events, and, under the guidance and mentorship of ASEF, are encouraged to give back to the community.



Univerza v Ljubljani
Filozofska fakulteta



BEFORE YOU APPLY

Are you
the right fit?



Check-list:



Passionate about research and contributing to the Slovenian community?



Ready to spend 10 weeks in Slovenia 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.



Junior Fellowship Visit Slovenia

-  **10-week research visit**
Work with your mentor in Slovenia
-  **Participate in ASEF Events**
Engage with the ASEF community.
-  **Report & Reflect**
Share your experiences and learnings.



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 ASEF events and connect with the broader Slovenian community.



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



Miranda Kreinbrink

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“This program is honestly one of the best things I’ve ever done. It’s a journey that offers personal growth, lifelong friendships, and cultural connection. It’s a chance to visit your homeland, discover your roots, and grow as an individual. Who wouldn’t want that? This experience has the power to change your life and open doors to opportunities you never imagined. I’ll carry it with me forever.”

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Matthew Klepec

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“Do it! ASEF was one of the best experiences of my life, and I am incredibly grateful that I said yes to this opportunity. I would encourage anyone considering the program not to be afraid to step out of their comfort zone, meet new people, and try new things. Those experiences are what make living in Slovenia so rewarding and unforgettable.”

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Past Fellows' Experiences



Maria Futey

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“If you’re thinking about it, definitely do it. The experience will be exactly what you make it. In the 10-weeks I spent in Slovenia I was able to grow both personally and professionally. I have no doubt that I will return to visit Slovenia as soon as I am able to. This experience has made the opportunity to one day return to work and stay in Slovenia a very real possibility.”

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Hayden Leach

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“Go for it! Go all in, for sure. The friendships you make, the perspectives you gain, and the connection to Slovenia that you build are not really describable in ways you can predict or expect. It’s an experience you have to live, and if you have that opportunity, please take it.”

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Past Fellows' Experiences



Magdalena Eciolaza

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“My best advice is to be really open. Be open to making new friendships and building different relationships with co-workers and family members. You need to really try to absorb all the knowledge and experience, knowing that you can learn something from every single person you meet. You will witness a unique mix of cultures in Slovenia that you might not see in your own country, so you should embrace it fully.”

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Elizabeth Stupica

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“I would say if you’re considering applying for the program, you should definitely do it. It’s been such a great experience, more than I could have even imagined, and I’ve just gotten so much from an academic standpoint from the program, and also just socially and being able to meet people who are also from Slovenian descent, and I think just collectively as a group, we really value the culture and just being able to connect here has really been such an amazing experience.”

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