

VOICES FROM THE MIDDLE EAST ABOUT THE MIDDLE EAST

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“To understand Israel, the Israeli-Palestinian Conflict & the Palestinians, we must understand the Middle East.”

~ Avi Melamed, Founder of Inside The Middle East (ITME)

WHAT IS THE ITME FELLOWSHIP?

- Apolitical and non-partisan
- Led by Avi Melamed alongside Arab and Muslim regional experts
- A selective international leadership program that provides the education, tools & skills to lead contextualized, constructive conversations about Israel and the Middle East





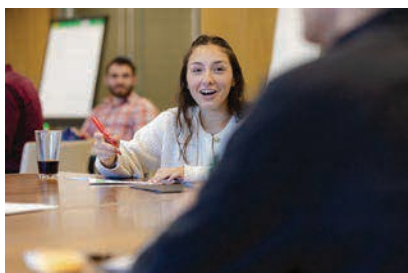
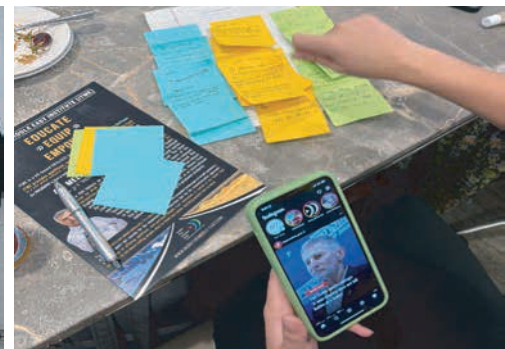
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WHO IS THIS FOR?

- High-achieving undergraduate and graduate students, young professionals, and community leaders
- People who want the context, skills and tools to navigate complex conversations about Israel and the Middle East
- Those ready to think critically, engage differing viewpoints, and lead



"My previous education related to the Middle East was almost always geared toward Israel and everything related to the Israeli-Palestinian conflict. ITME instead focused the education on the entirety of the region." ~ ITME Fellow





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WHAT ARE THE EXPECTATIONS?

- Weekly Sunday Zoom sessions (1–3 pm EST) live and interactive
- Required weekly readings & assignments
- Active, rigorous, and collaborative learning with high expectations
- Capstone Project demonstrating integration of knowledge and skills
- A culminating Capstone Weekend in April



“The ITME intelligence skills really put into perspective the importance of context, conversation, and diversity. I now feel I can have conversations with people I didn’t necessarily think I could before.” ~ ITME Fellow





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WHAT IS AN AMBASSADOR OF CHANGE?

- Leaders, educated, equipped, and empowered to navigate complexity & bridge divides
- Brings authentic regional voices into spaces where one-dimensional narratives dominate
- Trusted, reliable resource who fosters understanding — not division — on campus and in the community



"ITME is the only organization where students from very different perspectives can learn together, engage Arab and Israeli voices directly, and build real community without any tension." ~ ITME Fellow





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WHAT DO I GAIN?

- Apolitical Middle East education
- Intelligence Tools grounded in intelligence-based analysis
- Ambassador Skills taken from the world of diplomacy
- Mentorship from Avi Melamed and ITME's global network of regional experts
- A Capstone Project that strengthens future academic & professional opportunities
- Outstanding Capstone Projects may be selected for continued development
- Alumni Network — an international community of ITME Fellows & regional experts



I loved hearing voices and perspectives from the region, and I found it very beneficial to gain access to sources from 'inside the Middle East.' This gave me a much broader understanding of the complexity of the region and the different narratives that exist within it." ~ ITME Fellow





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HOW DO I APPLY?

- Deadline: Applications are reviewed on a rolling basis until the fellowship begins in October.
- 1 Recommendation Letter
- Resume/CV
- Statement of Purpose
- Introduction Video



***"The essence of education
isn't telling people what to think.
It is empowering them how to think."
~ Avi Melamed ~***

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