



# 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





## ITME Fellowship 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*





## ITME Fellowship

### 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 & the different narratives that exist within it." ~ ITME Fellow*



## ITME Fellowship HOW DO I APPLY?

- Deadline: August 1
- 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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