



Mandel Teacher Educator Institute

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Mandel Teacher Educator Institute (MTEI) Application

Please submit your application to:

mtei@mandelfoundation.org





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In these next pages, you will find all the materials you need to apply to become part of the ninth national cohort of the Jack, Joseph and Morton Mandel Foundation's **Mandel Teacher Educator Institute** program (MTEI). As a participant in this program, you will join a national cadre of educational leaders who share a vision of teaching and learning and who support one another in developing new models of professional development for teachers who work in a variety of settings.

Founded in 1995, by the Jack, Joseph and Morton Mandel Foundation, the Mandel Teacher Educator Institute was launched to support Jewish educational leaders throughout the country. Close to 300 educators from over 30 communities, including representatives of every denomination, have graduated from the program and are serving as change agents in the Jewish educational system.

MTEI invites educational leaders from around the country to share an immersive experience that intertwines best practices in teacher education and professional development with Jewish texts and "big ideas." *To be eligible for this program, participants must be in positions where they can plan and implement professional development opportunities for other educators.* MTEI is a two-year program consisting of six face-to-face seminars as well as assignments and online discussions in between meetings.

MTEI challenges you to think more deeply about teaching and learning and inspires you to develop a more sophisticated understanding of Jewish content, interactive and engaging learning processes. Together with a group of distinguished faculty members, you will critically examine the core assumptions, practices, and ideas that shape our approaches to teaching and professional development. Please visit the MTEI website (www.mtei-learning.org) for more information about our faculty and the program.

Participants are eligible to receive professional development credits towards licensure renewal. In addition, MTEI and the University of Cincinnati are pleased to offer a Graduate Certificate in Jewish Education. All MTEI participants have the option to apply for the Certificate Program. The Certificate program is at an additional cost. (Please see information about the program in this packet.)

Projected Schedule:

Each seminar builds on previous seminars; thus attendance at all seminars is required.

Projected Dates for Cohort 9:

Seminar 1: November 3-6, 2019

Seminar 2: March 1-4, 2020

Seminar 3: June 21-24, 2020

Seminar 4: October 25-28, 2020

Seminar 5: March 7-10, 2021

Seminar 6: June 27-30, 2021

Each seminar begins on Sunday at 3:30 pm and concludes on Wednesday at 1:30 pm. There are always sessions in the evening on Sunday, and sometimes on either Monday or Tuesday. One night is always free.

Logistical and Financial Information

The Foundation generously provides funding for the instructional and administrative costs of the seminars as well as subsidizing meals and accommodations. Participants (their institutions and communities) are expected to cover travel and partial hotel costs. Full or partial scholarships are also available.

Cost to Participants for Each Seminar

Single Occupancy: \$350

Double Occupancy: \$260

Commuter: \$190

**Fees for single/double occupancy do not include hotel guest room tax (currently 14.5%) or incidentals. With the exception of commuters, fees are paid directly to the hotel upon arrival. Roommate arrangements for those requesting double occupancy are based on availability.*

Seminars take place in the Chicago area at the DoubleTree North Shore Conference hotel, located on 9599 Skokie Boulevard, Skokie, Illinois, 60077. The hotel is about ½ hour from O'Hare airport.

For further information or questions, please contact:

Primary Contacts:

Gail Dorph, MTEI Founding Director: gaidorph@gmail.com

Sue Bojdak, Recruitment Coordinator: sambojdak@gmail.com

Additional Contacts:

Miriam Raider Roth, MTEI Director: raidermm@uc.edu

Seymour Kopelowitz, Mandel Foundation Consultant to MTEI: skopelowitz@mandelfoundation.org



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In this application packet you will find information about MTEI along with forms that you must fill out in order to apply.

Application Checklist

The following materials need to be submitted before your application can be reviewed.

1. Application form
2. Resume
3. Letter of recommendation from an educational professional
4. Institutional agreement form

Please return these documents to Carol Lindley, Program Administrator, at mtei@mandelfoundation.org.

We look forward to learning about you through your application.

Application Review Process

We will send an acknowledgement of receipt within two weeks of receiving all your forms. Applications will be processed on a rolling basis with three review deadlines:

- December 2018
- March 2019
- June 2019 (if places are still available)



NAME: _____

ORGANIZATION NAME: _____

PROFESSIONAL TITLE: _____

WORK ADDRESS: _____

WORK PHONE NUMBER: _____ WORK FAX: _____

WORK EMAIL: _____

HOME ADDRESS: _____

HOME PHONE NUMBER: _____ HOME FAX: _____

HOME EMAIL: _____

Please indicate where you prefer to receive all correspondence Work Home

QUESTIONS _____

1. How long have you been at your current place of employment? _____

2. Describe your current position and your responsibilities.

3. How many years IN TOTAL have you been working in the field of Jewish Education, including this year? _____

4. Please describe your last two positions.

5. Tell us about your general education background (e.g. university study, graduate certificates, etc.).



6. Tell us about your Jewish education background (e.g. Hebrew/Judaic knowledge, formal and informal educational settings, etc.).

7. Please indicate whether you are interested in receiving CEU's. Yes No

8. Please indicate if you are interested in registering for Graduate credits (at an additional cost) at the University of Cincinnati. Yes No

For more information, please contact Miriam Raider-Roth at raidermm@uc.edu or visit http://cech.uc.edu/centers/jewish_education/programs-overview.html.

9. Briefly describe the work you currently do in professional development (either as an administrator or as the teacher/facilitator).



REFLECTIVE RESPONSES

10. Describe the most effective professional growth experience in which you have *participated*. Please explain your reasons for selecting this particular experience.

11. Describe a professional development experience that you *planned and implemented* that you felt was particularly successful. Please explain what you think made it a successful experience.



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Institutional Agreement

We have read the letter inviting our educator to apply to become part of the ninth cohort of the Mandel Foundation's Teacher Educator Institute (MTEI). We know that this program is a transformative leadership development program and know that our institution will benefit from our leader's participation.

We understand that this program takes place in Skokie, Illinois, and requires attendance at six seminars, beginning in November 2019 and ending in June 2021. We understand that over the course of the program our educator will design and implement new professional learning opportunities for teachers in our institution.

We realize that participation implies both a financial commitment from our institution and a time commitment from our educator. By signing this agreement, we acknowledge our desire for our institution's participation and our commitment to support professional development work for our educator and our teachers.

Senior Professional

Date

Volunteer Chair

Date

Applicant (please print)

Please return this document to our program administrator by email, fax or mail.

Email: mtei@mandelfoundation.org

Fax: 216-875-6550

Mailing Address: MTEI, 1000 Lakeside Avenue, Cleveland, OH 44114

Certificate in Jewish Education

A University of Cincinnati and MTEI Partnership

Overview

MTEI and the University of Cincinnati are pleased to offer a Graduate Certificate in Jewish Education. All MTEI participants have the option to apply for the Certificate Program. Once admitted to the program, MTEI seminars become part of the course plan. Additional papers and readings will be required in order to earn graduate credits. At the end of the MTEI, those enrolled in the MTEI-UC program will receive a Graduate Certificate in Jewish Education. The Certificate program is at an additional cost.

Course Plan

The University of Cincinnati Certificate in Jewish Education immerses students in the theory and practice of Jewish Education. Intended to support teachers and educational leaders from diverse settings, this certificate will assist participants in deepening their subject area expertise, developing their pedagogical stance, and building inquiry approaches to their teaching and learning. Course work will offer investigations of reflective practice and Jewish education content areas (curriculum, leadership, text study).

Rooted in an educational action research orientation, this course of study will encourage students to construct questions about their own practice, and design projects within their courses that support these questions. In aligning this program with the Mandel Teacher Educator Institute (MTEI) curriculum, participants will register for the following courses in tandem with the MTEI seminars. Miriam Raider-Roth will advise you on the registration process.

Core Courses:

EDST 6050 – Reflective Seminar in Jewish Education

EDST 6051 – Understanding and Teaching Jewish Texts

EDST 6052 – Leadership in Jewish Education

EDST 6053 – Curriculum Inquiry in Jewish Education

Required Methodology Course (3 credits)

EDST 7043 – Practitioner Inquiry

Enrolling in individual courses

MTEI participants are welcome to enroll in individual courses rather than the entire certificate program. Some participants have done this in order to apply the course work to degree programs in other institutions. Participants are responsible for securing permissions for transfer credits from those institutions.

Transferring Credits to a UC Master's Program

Certificate graduates may apply up to 12 credits University of Cincinnati School of Education masters programs. Transferability of credit is subject to the policies of that program.

Application Process

Individuals with a bachelor degree from an accredited four-year college or university are eligible to apply. It is not necessary to be admitted to a master's degree program to work toward and earn the Certificate, and acceptance to the Certificate does not imply acceptance to a master's degree program. For those who are currently enrolled in a master's degree program, good standing with their individual degree programs is required. Application requirements for admission to the Certificate include:

- a Baccalaureate Degree (Master's Degree is recommended but not required)
- a GPA of at least a 3.0 out of a 4.0 scale for undergraduate coursework

If Certificate courses are to be used as continuing education credits or to fulfill other specific employment requirements, it is the student's responsibility to ascertain their applicability toward those requirements.

To apply for a certificate in Jewish Education: Go to <http://grad.uc.edu/admissions.html> and follow the step-by-step instructions.

There is a \$25 application fee.

If you have any questions, contact Miriam Raider-Roth at raidermm@ucmail.edu

Cost:

Tuition rates for 2019-20 academic year have not yet been set. Current tuition rates are \$523 per credit hour (This is the tuition for out of state students. This is approximately a 30% discount to regular UC tuition for Professional Development Certificates). As a 15- hour Certificate program, the total current cost is \$7,845. Financial aid possibilities are still being determined. In addition, the Foundation has some partial funding for participants in the certificate program.