

Jordan Nutrition Innovation Lab 2024 Fellowships Program: Information Session

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JORDAN NUTRITION INNOVATION LAB OVERVIEW

Goal: Support action on optimal infant, young child and maternal nutrition and health in Jordan through rigorous research and capacity building

Objective I: Develop and implement a rigorous research agenda around maternal, infant, and young child nutrition (MIYCN)

Objective II: Support Jordan's MIYCN individual and institutional capacity building through in-country partnerships and collaboration

JNIL FELLOWSHIP PROGRAM

- JNIL in coordination with the JNIL Technical Advisory Committee and Mindset, are pleased to announce four 12-month Fellowships each totaling \$5,000 USD for emerging Jordanian scholars in maternal, infant, and young child nutrition (MIYCN).
- JNIL will award these fellowships to support research and capacity-building of Jordanian professionals and graduate students within the area of MIYCN.

JNIL FELLOWSHIP PROGRAM

- In 2024, Four competitively selected fellows will work closely with their mentor, along with support from JNIL and its Technical Advisory Committee, to undertake rigorous research (either qualitative, quantitative, and mixed methods studies and/or secondary analysis of existing datasets) in Jordan to support and increase empirical evidence around MIYCN.
- The research topics proposed must be policy-relevant and support future actions within policy and programming around MIYCN

RESEARCH TOPICS

a) Optimal infant, young and child nutrition topics such as:

- Exclusive breastfeeding – supporting breastfeeding and early initiation of breastfeeding
- Optimal complementary feeding practices, breastmilk substitutes (BMS), BMS code, and managing infant formula
- Micronutrient deficiencies, anemia, poor growth
- Healthy versus unhealthy dietary patterns and practices
- Non-communicable diseases, especially overweight and obesity related, that have short-and longer-term impacts on mothers and infants (e.g., gestational diabetes, hypertension, etc.)
- Managing infant and young child feeding in refugee camps in Jordan
- Post-partum depression and effects on optimal infant and young child nutrition



RESEARCH TOPICS

b) **Maternal health and nutrition** topics such as:

- Gestational weight gain
- Optimal nutrition throughout the pre-pregnant, pregnant, post-partum and lactating phase
- Micronutrient status, healthy dietary patterns, and practices in pregnant and lactating women
- Risks of non-communicable diseases that will help inform programs and policies in Jordan and contribute to the development of a comprehensive strategic plan on maternal and child nutrition
- The role of junk food in the diets and health of pregnant and lactating women
- Effects of workload on pregnancy outcomes
- Effects of workload on lactation performance and exclusive breastfeeding potential
- High-risk pregnancies, mental health, depression, anxiety and its pre- and post-natal complications
- Post-partum depression and effects on maternal health and nutrition



RESEARCH TOPICS

c) **Nutrition and health outcomes** topics such as:

- Assessment of maternal dietary diversity in pregnant and lactating Jordanian women
- How and to what extent does social and behavior change communication in Jordan currently focus on improving women's diets during and post pregnancy and the geographic dietary differences and similarities between different communities.

RESEARCH TOPICS

d) Programs and Policies around MIYCN such as:

- Role of public private partnerships in improving delivery and sustainability of optimal MIYCN behaviors and practices
- The use of a participatory nutrition capacity approach to build capacity and create a strong and shared commitment within the local health sectors in Jordan MIYCN
- Integrating MIYCN curriculum into academic curricula at the undergraduate and graduate level as part of the longer-term nutrition research capacity building of Jordanian professionals and students

RESEARCH TOPICS

e) **Disabilities in vulnerable population (women and children)** such as:

- Access to good quality health care, neonatal care, and mental health care in limiting disability at birth in Jordan
- Improved understanding of malnutrition in pregnant women and prevalence of disability in Jordan
- Role of improved nutrition in two-way causality link: poor nutrition can lead to disability, but people with disabilities might also have less access to good nutrition
- Entry points for early child interventions for children with disabilities

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

For 2024, JNIL will award Four fellowships to Jordanian faculty, researchers, policy specialists, and/or technical officers in governmental and local non-governmental organizations, and graduate students conducting their master's or Ph.D. research to support optimal infant, young child, and maternal nutrition and health in Jordan.

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

Eligible candidates must be **Jordanian nationals** who are:

- Conducting their **master's or doctoral** research or have an earned master's or doctoral degree (PhD, DPhil, DPH, MD, MSc, or similar degree) in fields related to maternal, infant, and young child nutrition (MIYCN), breastfeeding support, malnutrition in all its forms (underweight, overweight and obesity) and diet-related non-communicable diseases in vulnerable population; and,
- Are keen in building a career in policy-relevant research and education, policy and programming or community engagement.

TIMELINE

- Letter of Intent (LOI) may be submitted anytime until **April 15, 2024**
- LOI shortlist will be finalized, and selected applicants will be notified by April 30, 2024
- Selected applicants will be asked to submit a Full proposal by May 30, 2024
- Selected applicants will be interviewed by June 13, 2024
- Selected applicants will be notified by June 27, 2024

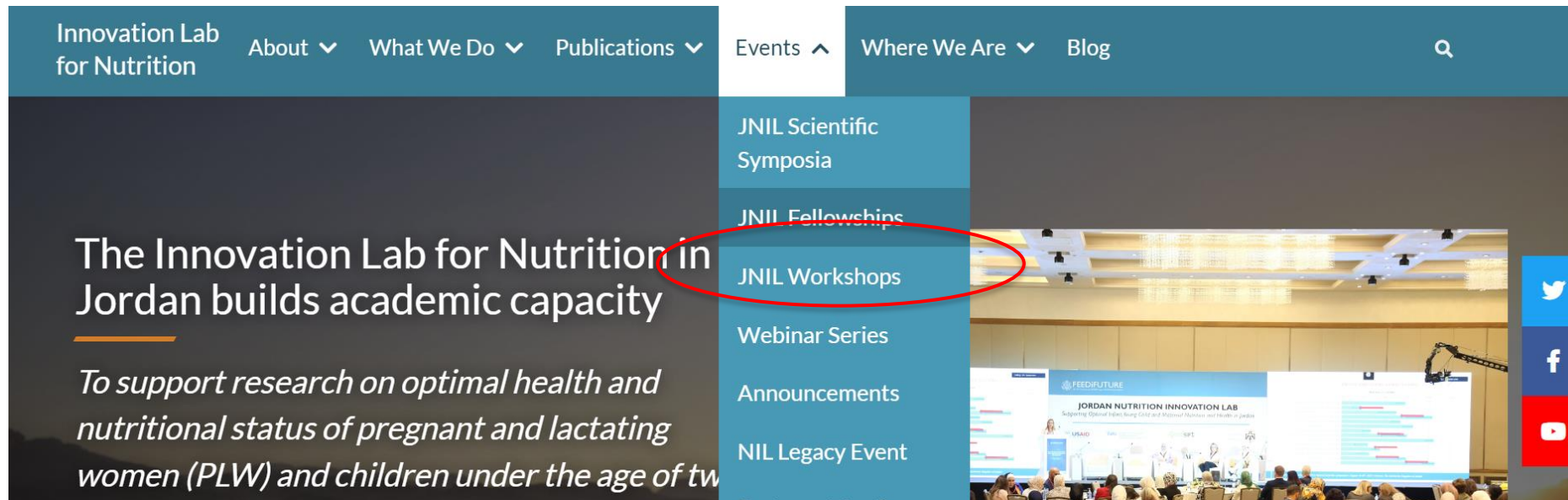
Fellowships begin between July 1 2024- June 30, 2025

APPLICATION PROCESS

- Step 1: Download guidelines and application template
- Step 2: Setup a Piestar account
- Step 3: Submit an electronic application through Piestar

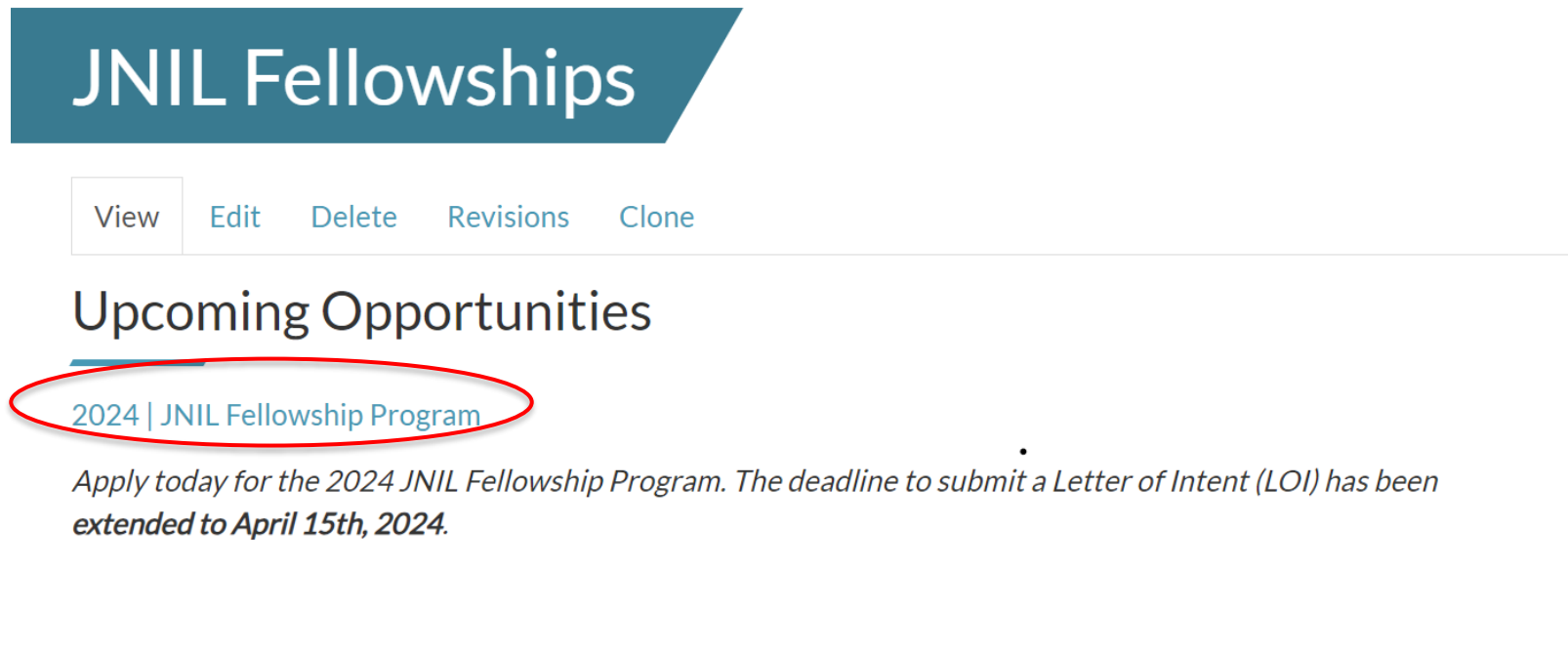
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Visit our website and navigate to Events → JNIL Fellowships



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Select “2024 | JNIL Fellowship Program” under “upcoming opportunities”



The screenshot shows a web interface for 'JNIL Fellowships'. At the top, there is a dark blue header with the text 'JNIL Fellowships' in white. Below this header is a navigation bar with buttons for 'View', 'Edit', 'Delete', 'Revisions', and 'Clone'. The main content area is titled 'Upcoming Opportunities' and features a list item '2024 | JNIL Fellowship Program' which is circled in red. Below the list item is a paragraph of text: 'Apply today for the 2024 JNIL Fellowship Program. The deadline to submit a Letter of Intent (LOI) has been extended to April 15th, 2024.'

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Select “Download Full Application Information” and “Download Letter of Intent Template”

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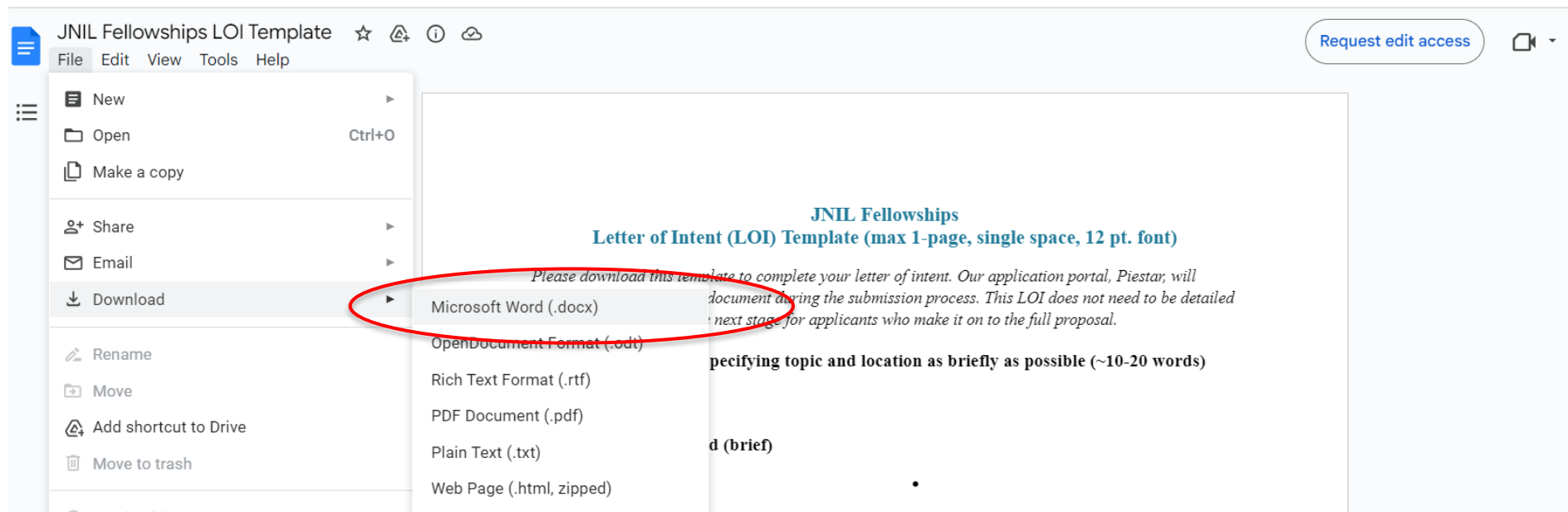
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[Download Letter of Intent Template \[Word\]](#)



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STEP 1: DOWNLOAD GUIDELINES & APPLICATION TEMPLATE

Go to File → Download → Microsoft Word to download and fill out the Letter of Intent



STEP 2: SETUP A PIESTAR ACCOUNT

Select “Click Here to Access Application Portal”

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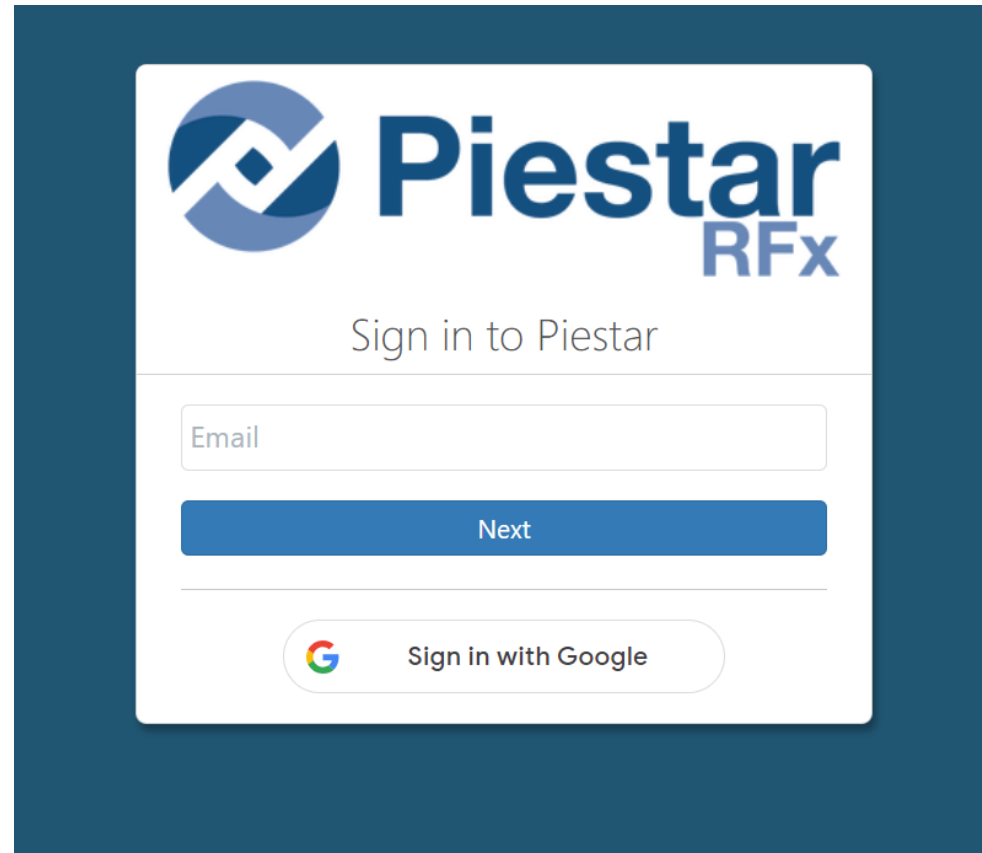
Deadline: April 15th, 2024 05:00 PM EDT

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JNIL pursues research to generate evidence on the potential for large maternal, infant, and young child nutrition and reproductive health programs, such as the USAID Community Health and Nutrition Program (CHN), to improve the health and wellbeing of pregnant and lactating women and their children in Jordan. JNIL also aims to build academic capacity to support research on optimal health and nutritional status of pregnant and lactating women (PLW) and children under the age of two. For more information on JNIL, visit our page [here](#).

STEP 2: SETUP A PIESTAR ACCOUNT

Create a Piestar account if you do not already have one



The screenshot shows the Piestar RFX sign-in interface. At the top left is the Piestar logo, a blue circle with a white geometric shape inside. To its right is the text "Piestar" in a large, bold, blue font, with "RFX" in a smaller, blue font below it. Below the logo and text is the instruction "Sign in to Piestar". Underneath is a white input field with the placeholder text "Email". Below the input field is a blue button with the text "Next". At the bottom of the form is a rounded rectangle containing the Google logo (a colorful "G") and the text "Sign in with Google".

STEP 3: SUBMIT ELECTRONIC APPLICATION

Fill out the Piestar application form and upload the required documents

RFP Submission

[Open solicitation in new tab](#)

All applicants must first submit a letter of intent (LOI) using the form below. LOIs should be submitted no later than April 15th, 2024 at 5 PM EST (12 AM Jordan time).

Proposed Project
Title

Applicant

Job Title

Name

Email

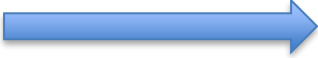
Institution


Phone


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File Uploads

 Applicant CV [Browse...](#)
Please upload your cover letter (PDF).

 Letter of Intent [Browse...](#)
Please upload your letter of intent using the JNIL Fellowships LOI Template provided (Word).

 Mentor CV [Browse...](#)
Please upload your proposal file (PDF).

[Preview Submission](#)

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STEP 3: SUBMIT ELECTRONIC APPLICATION

Checklist of items to be included with the application:

- Applicant CV
- Mentor CV
- JNIL Letter of Intent template downloaded from the website, completed, and submitted with the electronic application.
- Electronic application

POST-FELLOWSHIP DELIVERABLES

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

- Fellows will be invited to participate in additional engagements like policy and academic seminars, webinars, and scientific symposia hosted by the JNIL team.



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2023 FELLOWSHIP PROGRAM: SELECTED FELLOWS



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HIBA AL-FAHMAWI

The University of Jordan



KHETAM AL-AWAMREH

Al al-Bayt University



RAND AKASHEH

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