

**Research Assistants with Potential Extension to MA, PhD or Postdoctoral Scholarships:
Project on “Meanings of Protest in an Era of Democratic Erosion” (2026-2030)**

The position:

- Time frame: October 15, 2026 – January 31, 2027, with possibility of extension. At least 20 hours/month (i.e., 5 hours/week). Those interested in the role who are unavailable to begin during this time period are also welcome to apply, noting their time availability in a cover letter.
- Supervision: By [Prof. Jennifer Oser](#), the Principal Investigator (PI) of this ISF-funded project, and of a related grant project on “[Participation and Representation in the Digital Age](#),” funded by the European Research Council (ERC).
- Team integration: Successful candidates will be welcome to join professional development of the PI’s broader [research team](#), including the opportunity for leadership roles in facilitating an [international webinar series](#) with prominent scholars in this field of study.
- Payment will follow standard Israeli university research assistance pay according to training level.

The project:

- The motivating questions of the project are: “How do people understand the role of protest in current political climates, and how does this understanding relate to their political participation?”
- Study #1: Literature mapping, using data-driven bibliometric methods.
- Study #2: A cross-national survey, using open- and close-ended questions.

RA Responsibilities: (October 15, 2026 – January 31, 2027)

- Literature review action steps for Study #1 and Study #2.
- Research design update proposals for Study #1 and Study #2, with potential for future integration into leadership roles in research design, analytical implementation, and credited (co-)authorship.

Qualifications and skills:

- MA, PhD, or Postdoctoral researcher in political science or related fields.
- Interest in protests, social movements, and democracy-related research.
- Excellent reading and writing skills in English.
- Intellectual curiosity, independence, teamwork skills, and attention to detail.
- Preference for candidates who are interested to continue to full-time MA, PhD or Postdoctoral research related to this project, with an ambition of authoring peer-reviewed academic research.
- University enrollment:
 - Ben-Gurion University research students and candidates interested in future BGU enrollment will be given preference.
 - Students enrolled at other universities can also apply for this role as paid per-hour RAs, with the potential to be co-supervised by Prof. Oser in MA / PhD studies.

Application:

- (1) **Letter of application**, describing your qualifications and motivation, with reference to aspects of the [project summary](#) that you are most motivated to advance.
- (2) **CV** with contact information for at least 2 references.

Email the files to Raya Even David (rayaED@bgu.ac.il), the Administrative Manager of Prof. Oser’s research lab.

Applications will be reviewed immediately, with final notification by ~September 25th, 2026.