

# Middle Eastern Studies Program

Moynihan Institute of Global Affairs

Syracuse University

## Call for Proposals Summer Research Grants – Middle East

**DEADLINE: Thursday, February 27, 2020 at 11:59 pm EST**

### Attention Syracuse University Graduate Students

This year the Moynihan Institute's Middle Eastern Studies Program will grant awards to PhD and MA candidates from any discipline to support field research in the Middle East during the summer of 2020. Any student enrolled in a PhD or MA program at Syracuse University may apply.

The awards can be used to undergo advanced language training, gather data and increase competitiveness of future proposals for funding. The awards are competitive, and proposals will be evaluated on the basis of (i) originality and significance of the proposed research/study, (ii) organization and clarity of the proposal, (iii) appropriateness and feasibility of the research/study plan in relation to the student's background and qualifications, and (iv) cost effectiveness.

You may apply for more than one summer grant from the Moynihan Institute, but you will not receive more than one in a given year from the Institute. Awards are ranked separately, so if your proposal is accepted by more than one committee, you will be awarded the better opportunity. Students who received a MESP summer research grant in the last two academic years are not eligible to apply.

### PROPOSAL FORMAT:

#### Part 1.

#### Personal Information.

The online application consists of a number of questions about your academic status, contact information, outstanding award applications, and preliminary information about your project.

Application link: [MES 2020](#)

## **Part 2.**

**The Proposal.** Create your proposal as a word document or PDF file and upload it to the online application.

### ***Page 1. Doctoral Dissertation or MA Thesis Status.***

Provide a brief summary of your progress and current status in your doctoral or MA program (course work completed, research focus, faculty supervisor; dissertation or thesis committee if known).

### ***Pages 2-3. Research Description.***

Please describe the research for which you are seeking funds. Your proposal must be **no longer than 500 words**. Briefly describe your subject, locate your work and potential contributions in the most important relevant scholarship; outline your proposed methods and state why they fit your topic. A list of references may add a page to the 500 words of text. **Proposals exceeding the 500 word limit will not be considered.**

### ***Page 4. Budget.***

Please provide a detailed, complete budget with all your expenses, and indicate specifically which line items you are asking the Middle Eastern Studies Program to fund. Categories may include living expenses abroad while doing research, travel, per diem, survey administration, book/data/software purchases, research fees, and so on. Equipment is not eligible for inclusion in the budget.

### ***Page 5. Other Support.***

Please provide details on other research support that you have received for this and related research for this summer (if you have no other research support, say so explicitly). Finally, please list the other applications that you have made for research support for summer 2020 (e.g., an application to FLAS, etc.).

## **Part 3.**

**Vita.** Upload your Curriculum Vitae to the online application. Your contact information (mail, tel., email) should appear there.

## **Part 4.**

### **Endorsement.**

Please arrange for one recommendation letter from a Syracuse University faculty member to be submitted as part of your application. The letter must be focused on the research you propose. Include the person's name in your proposal, and ask that person to send his/her letter as a pdf via their university email account to Amy Marsden at: [ammarsde@maxwell.syr.edu](mailto:ammarsde@maxwell.syr.edu) **no later than Thursday, February 27, 2020 at 11:59 p.m. EST.**

In the online application you will be asked to identify this person and they will receive an email requesting the letter upon submission of your application. It is your responsibility to make sure that the recommender provides us with a letter of recommendation for you on time (that is **Thursday, February 27, 2020 at 11:59 pm EST**).

After applying you should receive an email notice indicating that your application was received.

## **OTHER DETAILS:**

Proposals will be read by a faculty committee. The committee will rank the proposals according to their research promise, consistency with the goals indicated in these guidelines, and cost effectiveness. Notices regarding funding are expected to be sent by email the first week of April.

**We will be offering two special workshops and we recommend that you attend both.**

**1. Proposal Writing Workshop on Friday, January 31, 2020 at 2:00 p.m. in 341 Eggers Hall, hosted by Sue Wadley, Professor of Anthropology, Emerita.**

**2. IRB Workshop TBA . It is your responsibility to obtain IRB approval for your research.**

## **Our Expectations:**

Award recipients are required to: (i) Send a brief biography and project abstract (one to two paragraphs in all) and a photo to Amy Marsden ([ammarsde@maxwell.syr.edu](mailto:ammarsde@maxwell.syr.edu)) by May 8, 2020 for use on the website. If you do not have a photo, we can arrange to have one taken. (ii) We expect that you will give a research presentation upon invitation. (iii) Additional requirements will be explained in the award notice.

For questions on the application process, contact Amy Marsden [ammarsde@maxwell.syr.edu](mailto:ammarsde@maxwell.syr.edu)

For questions or more information regarding the nature of the research or evaluation process, contact Yüksel Sezgin, Director, Middle Eastern Studies Program at: [ysezgin@maxwell.syr.edu](mailto:ysezgin@maxwell.syr.edu)