

**ARCE Research Fellowship (CAORC or NEH funded)
and Research Associate Application Guidelines**

Fields of Study: Anthropology, Archaeology, Architecture, Art, Art History, Comparative Literature, Coptic Studies, Economics, Egyptology, Ethnomusicology, Gender Studies, History, Humanistic Social Sciences, Islamic Studies, Literature, Music, Political Science, and Religious Studies.

Eligibility for funding from the Educational and Cultural Affairs Bureau of the US State Department (ECA):

- Applicant must be an American citizen;
- Applicants may be ABD doctoral candidates, postdoctoral, faculty or independent scholars;
- Funding available for 3-12 continuous months in Egypt

Eligibility for funding from the National Endowment for the Humanities (NEH):

- Applicant must be an American citizen or foreign national residing in the US for three consecutive years prior to and including the year of application;
- Applicants must have attained Ph.D. status prior to January 15, 2020;
- Funding available four (4) continuous months in Egypt.

Applicants possessing doctoral degrees will automatically be considered for both NEH and ECA funding assuming a four (4) month minimum residency.

The Application: A completed Research Fellowship or Research Associate application consists of the following components:

- An [online application](#) form
- A 1500 word research proposal that:
 - Describes your intended research
 - Describes your research methodology(ies)
 - Demonstrates the need to consult sources in Egypt
 - Explains the scholarly significance of your research and your qualifications to undertake the research
 - Assesses the feasibility of completing your research within the proposed timeframe
 - Describes the final publication format (dissertation, book, chapter, etc.) of your research
- Three recommendation letters for all applicants PLUS one language proficiency recommendation letter for pre-doctoral applicants
- Graduate and undergraduate transcripts for pre-doctoral applicants. Please remove all password protections from transcripts prior to submission.

Ministry Security Forms:

- **Antiquities applicants:**
 - Ministry of Antiquities security form
 - Passport style photograph with white background
 - One-page CV
- **All other applicants:**
 - Ministry of Higher Education (MoHE) security form (Arabic)
 - Ministry of Higher Education (MoHE) application form (English)
 - 100-200 word Arabic abstract describing the proposed research (uploaded as a PDF document). Keep the language simple and do not use academic jargon.

ARCE Research Fellowship Per Diem			
National Endowment for the Humanities funded	\$5,000 / month		
State Department Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs funded through CAORC	Monthly per diem		
	Single	One dependent	Two dependents
Doctoral candidate	\$2,200	\$2,420	\$2,640
Assistant Professor	\$2,640	\$2,860	\$3,080
Associate Professor	\$2,860	\$3,135	\$3,300
Full Professor	\$3,520	\$3,575	

Research Associates: In addition to offering funded fellowships, independent scholars with funding from private sources may apply to ARCE for research associate status using the same application as Fellowship candidates. Research associates receive the same administrative support in terms of clearances, permissions and mentoring as ARCE Fellows, but do not receive funding. Many independent scholars find that establishing this association with ARCE facilitates their ability to conduct research in Egypt. Research associates will be charged a modest fee for services if their universities are not ARCE research supporting members. Applicants who are awarded alternate status will automatically be invited to conduct their research as ARCE Research Associates.

ARCE Scholar in Residence: In addition to conducting his/her own research, the Scholar-in-Residence agrees to advise junior scholars and may recommend and assist in organizing a workshop, conference, or other scholarly activity in consultation with the ARCE Executive Director. An additional modest per diem is available for the Scholar-in-Residence for these concurrent duties. Interested and qualified candidates may indicate their interest on the ARCE fellowship application for the period corresponding to their ARCE fellowship. The Fellowship Selection Committee will make recommendations to

the ARCE Director, who makes the final selection and offers the successful applicant the additional award.

- Faculty and senior scholars interested in serving as the ARCE Scholar-in-Residence should indicate your interest on the application. Duties include mentoring Fellows new to the field or to Egypt. The residency is concurrent with the fellowship and offers a modest \$250 honorarium per month.

MoA-affiliated applicants: Fellowships are not intended to support participation on an expedition as an expedition member. It may be possible for you to associate with an expedition to access research materials in an expedition storeroom. If this describes your research, please contact Academic Programs Manager Djodi Deutsch, prior to submitting your application fellows@arce.org to determine its acceptability under the ARCE guidelines.

Important Note: All scholars conducting research with ARCE's administrative or financial support require security clearance from the Egyptian government. If your research relies on interviews, public observation, questionnaires, participant observation, visual anthropology, or attending public events or if your research focuses on the military, religious movements, civilian-military relations, or politics in the current century it is unlikely you will gain clearance. Applicants should consult the Cairo office prior to completing your application if any of those scenarios applies to you.

Application Submission Deadline: January 18, 2021. [Apply here >>](#)

READ THIS BEFORE STARTING YOUR APPLICATION

Which ministerial security forms should you complete?

- Any applicant conducting research that includes use of national archives or libraries, private libraries and collections and local book markets must complete the two (2) Ministry of Higher Education (MoHE) forms found on this website. This includes anyone whose research focus is post-Greco-Roman.
- All applicants who will conduct research in museums or visit archaeological or historical sites under the direction of the Ministry of Tourism and Antiquities (MoTA) must submit one (1) MoTA application/security form provided on the ARCE website.
- A fellowship under the authority of the MoTA is not intended to fund research that may be construed by the MoTA as an expedition. Conducting field surveys, organizing an expedition, or joining an expedition as a team member, must be discussed with ARCE prior to submitting your application. Additionally, if the objects of your research are physically located on the site of an ongoing expedition or in its warehouse, or if your proposal requires fieldwork in association with an expedition, please contact Djodi Deutsch at fellows@arce.org for guidance on preparing your proposal.
- It is only possible to be an expedition member during a hiatus in your fellowship, at which time you will receive no financial support from ARCE.

Research risk associated with some contemporary topics

- Let's be clear, there are thousands of years of Egyptian history that pose zero risk to foreign and Egyptian scholars.
- If your research relies on interviews, public observation, questionnaires, participant observation, visual anthropology, attending public events, etc., you are unlikely to secure government clearance for your research, which is required for all ARCE fellows.
- If your research focuses on military, religious movements, civilian-military relations, and politics in the current century you are unlikely to secure government clearance for your research, which is required for all ARCE fellows.
- Applicants and recommenders will be asked to address the current research and/or political climate in the country and whether that is expected to impact your security and your ability to conduct and succeed in your research.
- If you have any questions contact fellows@arce.org for guidance before preparing your application.