

The Theodore N. Romanoff Prize Application Guidelines

Beginning this year, the Romanoff Prize may be awarded in conjunction with an ARCE Fellowship or as a stand-alone fellowship. If awarded as a stand-alone fellowship it may be combined with other non-ARCE funding sources. One \$4000 fellowship will be funded in 2021-2022.

The Prize is additionally open to non-American scholars affiliated with American colleges and universities in the US.

As a condition of the award, the recipient will be required to present their research to the New York ARCE Chapter following the completion of the fellowship.

Eligibility:

- American citizens worldwide and non-American scholars studying or teaching at American colleges or universities in the United States;
- Doctoral candidates (ABD) and recent Ph.D. recipients (degree granted between 2016-2020);
- Research limited to the language or historical texts of ancient Egypt, including the Coptic language as the final stage of historic Egyptian languages;
- Research must be conducted in Egypt.

Important: If you are applying for an ARCE Research Fellowship in addition to the Romanoff Prize, use the ARCE Research Fellowship application and under Section 5 check the box indicating you are applying for the Romanoff Prize.

If you are applying for the Romanoff Prize ONLY, use the Theodore Romanoff Prize application.

The Application: A completed Romanoff Prize application consists of the following components:

- An [online application](#) form (in conjunction with ARCE Fellowship) or **Romanoff Prize only** application.
- 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

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.