

## **Guidelines for ARCE Short-Term Research Grant for Postdoctoral, Adjunct Faculty and Independent Scholars\***

ARCE has identified a need within the pool of scholars that typically applies for ARCE Fellowships to support the research of scholars who, for a variety of reasons, may not be able or need to remain in Egypt for an extended period. ARCE acknowledges that its current fellowship structure could provide more opportunities for these diverse scholars whose circumstances are different from the majority of its applicants. This group includes postdoctoral, adjunct, visiting, community college and HBCU/MSI faculty and independent scholars.

The ARCE Cairo Center proposes to offer one short-term travel grant designed to support research travel for faculty from the aforementioned group to Egypt for a 3-6 week period. During this period the grantee will conduct research pertaining to a new or ongoing research project.

**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:**

- Applicants must be postdoctoral, adjunct, visiting, community college or HBCU/MSI faculty or independent scholars
- An American citizen
- Applicant must remain in Egypt a minimum of three (3) weeks,
- Applicant must submit an article summarizing his/her research for publication on ARCE's social media platforms and the *ARCE Scribe*.

**Award amount:** The award is \$2640 plus round-trip economy airfare, not to exceed \$1500. The award will additionally include \$300 for excess baggage to cover the costs of shipping books purchased in Egypt.

**The Application:** A completed Faculty Short-Term Travel Grant application consists of the following components:

- An [online application](#) form
- Statement of purpose (1200 words) that:
  - Describes the goals and objectives of the proposed research travel
  - 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 of your research and timeline to publication
- Two letters of reference from those who know your work.

**Applications due: January 18, 2020 [Apply here >>](#)**

\*Postdoctoral, adjunct, visiting, independent scholars, community college and HBCU/MSI faculty

## 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](mailto: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](mailto:fellows@arce.org) for guidance before preparing your application.