

ARCE Pre-dissertation Travel Grant Application Guidelines

A limited number of pre-dissertation research travel grants are available on an annual basis. The grant is designed to support pre-dissertation research travel to Egypt for a 4-8 week period, during which time the grantee will conduct exploratory research to identify sources, establish contacts, identify and visit various sites and institutions and test the feasibility of their initial research methodologies.

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:

- Applicant must be a U.S. citizen;
- Applicants must be enrolled in a Ph.D. program at an accredited university in the U.S. or abroad;
- Applicants must be available to conduct 4-8 weeks of uninterrupted research in Egypt;
- Applicants must have completed all coursework prior to arriving in Egypt;
- Applicants may have already passed their comprehensive exams and/or been granted approval for the dissertation proposal.

Award: Not to exceed \$2,400, plus round trip economy airfare.

The Application: A completed Pre-dissertation Travel Grant application consists of the following components:

- An [online application](#) form;
- Statement of purpose (1,200 words) that:
 - Describes the goals and objectives of the proposed research travel
 - Describes how the proposed research trip fits within the development of your dissertation proposal and your overall research plan
 - Describes how this trip fits within the structure of your university's doctoral program towards the development of your dissertation proposal
 - Describes the concept, methodology and significance of the proposed research project in relation to your academic field
 - Includes a simple budget with a description of estimated costs;
- Two letters of reference from those who know your work; one must be from your advisor;
- One language evaluation (ancient or contemporary) from a language teacher or faculty member;
- Graduate and undergraduate transcripts. Please remove all password protections from transcripts prior to submission.

Review Criteria:

- Validity, significance and feasibility of proposed dissertation topic;
- Faculty support as indicated by letters of reference;
- Connection between the travel grant plans and dissertation proposal development;
- Scholarly achievement;
- Requisite language capability.

Application Submission Deadline: January 15, 2020.

Important Note: All scholars conducting research with ARCE's administrative or financial support require security clearance from the Egyptian government. If an applicant's research relies on interviews, public observation, questionnaires, participant observation, visual anthropology, and attending public events, or focuses on the military, religious movements, civilian-military relations, or politics in the current century it is unlikely that they will be given clearance. Applicants should consult the ARCE Cairo Center prior to completing their application, particularly any of those scenarios described above apply.

Attention to all Antiquities Applicants: Grants are not intended to support participation as an expedition member. If an applicant's proposal includes visits to antiquities sites or fieldwork, contact Academic Programs Manager, Djodi Deutsch, at fellows@arce.org.