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


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

- Applicant must be a U.S. 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 a U.S. citizen or foreign national residing in the U.S. 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 continuous months in Egypt.

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

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

- An online application form;
- A 1,500 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 (MoA) 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.

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<th>ARCE Research Fellowship Per Diem</th>
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<td>National Endowment for the Humanities funded</td>
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**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 member institutes. 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 their 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 Executive Director, who will select the successful applicant for the additional award.

- Faculty and senior scholars interested in serving as the ARCE Scholar-in-Residence should indicate their 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.

**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.

MoA-affiliated applicants: Fellowships are not intended to support participation on an expedition as an expedition member. It may be possible for an applicant 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, at fellows@arce.org prior to submitting your application to determine its eligibility under the ARCE guidelines.

**Application Submission Deadline:** January 15, 2020.