
ARCE Pre-dissertation Travel Grant Application Guidelines

A limited number of pre-dissertation research travel grants will be offered again this year. This grant is designed to support pre-dissertation research travel to Egypt for a 4-8 week period. During this period 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 on the ground in Egypt.

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 an American 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 uninterrupted research in Egypt;
- Applicants must have completed all coursework prior to arriving in Egypt;
- An applicant may have already passed his or her comprehensive exams and/or been granted approval for the dissertation proposal.

Award: Not to exceed \$2400 or roughly \$300/week 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 (1200 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

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, 2019. [Apply here >>](#)

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.

Attention antiquities applicants: Grants cannot support participation as an expedition member. If your proposals includes visits to heritage sites or fieldwork and you have questions, contact Academic Programs Manager, Djodi Deutsch, fellows@arce.org.