



The American Institute for Maghrib Studies (AIMS) announces its annual Grants Program for academic year 2021-2022 beginning in July 2021.

The Grant Program offers grants to U.S. scholars to conduct research on North African topics in Algeria, Mauritania, Morocco, or Tunisia. AIMS Overseas Research Centers in Oran, Tunis, and Tangier facilitate AIMS grants and support AIMS scholars. AIMS funds only primary research conducted in the Maghrib.

Short-Term Research Grants: AIMS awards short-term grants for one to three months for up to \$6,000. These awards may also be used in combination with grants from other sources for projects of longer duration.

Long-Term Research Grants: AIMS offers awards with a maximum of \$15,000 for projects longer than three months. In the event a grantee declines an AIMS award to accept another grant, AIMS may provide a small allowance for supplementary research expenses.

In accordance with agreements with other major funding agencies, applicants may not accept multiple grants concurrently for the same project. Some privately funded grants are exempt from this rule.

Eligibility: Graduate students currently enrolled in an M.A. or Ph.D. program, independent scholars, and faculty in all disciplines are eligible to apply. Applicant must be a current AIMS member. Applicant must be a U.S. citizen at the time of application. Recipients of AIMS awards in either of the two previous funding cycles are ineligible to apply. Researchers who will need IRB approval must obtain IRB clearance before departure to North Africa.

Requirements: All AIMS grantees are required to present on their research at one of the AIMS Overseas Research Centers or affiliated centers: CEMA in Oran, Algeria; CEMAT in Tunis, Tunisia; TALIM in Tangier, Morocco; Dar Si-Hmad in Sidi Ifni and Agadir, Morocco. AIMS Grantees must also submit a written report to the AIMS Secretariat within one month of completion of their fieldwork.

Applications must include the following:

- A completed grant application cover sheet: Go to: <http://www.aimsnorthafrica.org/>
- Proposal or research design of no more than 1,500 words
- A proposed research itinerary with approximate dates [Note: Fellowship travel will resume when travel restrictions are lifted. Please list a tentative travel plan and dates in your application. AIMS will continue to monitor the situation and will work with fellows to confirm travel plans when the fellowships are awarded in April 2021.]
- Budget, including research grants for this project from all sources
- Vitae, including indication of language proficiency and institutional affiliation at home and if applicable, in the field
- One-page summary of the proposed research in either French or Arabic written by the applicant
- Letters of recommendation from two referees, including the candidate's dissertation advisor, or in the case of applicants holding a Ph.D., the names of two persons who may be contacted for references. Letters must be emailed separately from the application to aimsfellowship@gmail.com

Applications should be organized in the order above and emailed to AIMSFellowship@gmail.com

All materials must be scanned into one document and submit as one attachment. Letters can be emailed separately.

The deadline for applications is January 31st, 2021. Applications submitted after this date will not be considered. Awards will be announced by April 1, 2021. Information on research clearance procedures will be distributed to successful applicants and must be followed. Research clearance through AIMS must be received before departure to North Africa. Grantees are advised that it can take up to six months to obtain the necessary research clearances and also that air travel from the U.S. must meet the conditions of the Fly America Act.

AIMS recognizes that the disruptions caused by the coronavirus pandemic are affecting all aspects of academic endeavor. The countries of the Maghrib have been largely closed to international travelers and field research remains suspended. AIMS cannot predict when conditions may permit research to resume in the Maghrib, but funding for this cycle of Department of State-funded research grants will remain available throughout the coming academic year and perhaps beyond. Be assured that AIMS will proceed according to the best knowledge available from all sources, and most importantly, the Council of American Overseas Research Centers (CAORC), AIMS' Overseas Research Center Directors, and the AIMS Board of Directors.

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