



**CALL FOR APPLICATIONS**  
**2020 Research Development Group**  
**for early-career Arab scholars**  
**Deadline: February 8, 2020**

The [APSA MENA Politics Section](#) is pleased to announce a Call for Applications from early-career Arab scholars (PhD students and faculty members) for the Research Development Group held in conjunction with the 2020 APSA Annual Meeting. The RDG, organized in partnership with the Project on Middle East Political Science ([POMEPS](#)), will be a unique opportunity to advance current research towards publication, participate in the APSA annual meeting, and develop scholarly networks with colleagues.

The [2020 APSA Annual Meeting](#) will take place in San Francisco, CA (USA) from [September 10-13, 2020](#). Prior to the start of the annual meeting, **participants will meet on September 9** to attend a one-day seminar to discuss and receive critical feedback on an article-length manuscript in progress. Papers will be circulated in advance of the seminar to allow time for thorough reading by all participants and discussants. At least two senior scholars will be assigned to discuss each paper. In addition to focused discussions on each paper, the seminar will feature discussions for publishing in peer-reviewed international journals and other professional development issues. Over the next several days, participants are expected to attend panels and receptions of interest and enjoy the Annual Meeting program. The MENA Politics section and POMEPS will assist participants in developing personalized schedules to promote linkages with different organized sections, related groups, and other scholars.

Participation in the Research Development Group is open to early-career Arab scholars. This includes scholars who are currently based in the MENA region and scholars from Arab countries who are currently based at universities abroad. Up to six applicants will be selected and will be eligible to receive an [APSA Travel Grant](#) of up to \$1,000 to support travel and accommodation expenses.

Applicants are committing to deliver an article-length research project that is at a stage of development which would benefit from rigorous discussion and review at the RDG seminar. All topics, subfields and methodologies within political science will be considered. The manuscript should be intended for publication in a peer-reviewed academic journal (drafts which are intended for dissertation chapters or white papers will not be accepted). Research should not be part of a co-authored project, nor should it be an excerpt from an already completed work.

Applications must be in English and include:

1. The completed online Application Form; available [HERE](#).
2. A detailed, recent Curriculum Vitae/resume.
3. A 1000 words research proposal that will be brought to the seminar as a full paper.
4. A list of 3-5 scholars you would like to have discuss your paper.

The deadline to submit applications for the 2020 Research Development Group is **Saturday, February 8, 2020**. Upon acceptance, the deadline to apply for an APSA Travel Grant will be in April and the deadline to submit the full paper will be **August 15, 2020**.

For more information on the APSA MENA Politics Section, visit <https://apsamena.org/about-us/>. If you have any questions regarding this opportunity, please contact Ms. Nora Palandjian at [nora.pomeps@gmail.com](mailto:nora.pomeps@gmail.com).