



CALL FOR APPLICATIONS: APSA MENA PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT GRANTS

Overview

APSA's Professional Development Grants program for Middle East and North Africa (MENA) Workshops alumni supports research and networking activities and promotes collaboration between scholars and institutions across the Arab MENA region. With support from Carnegie Corporation of New York, small grants are available for individuals and groups of two or more alumni to work together on research, teaching, publishing, or other professional development activities.

Types of Activities

1. Individual Research Grants:

These research grants are **open for the most recent MENA Workshop alumni only**. They aim to support the alumni with their current and on-going work. Grants of up to **\$1,000** will be available to support individuals conducting field research or presenting at a regional or international academic conference relevant to their current research. The field research must be taking place in the MENA region, and must be supported by an academic adviser or in coordination with a university, research institute, or scholarly association in the region.

2. Collaborative Grants:

These grants are **open to all APSA-MENA alumni**. They aim to support alumni-initiated academic opportunities that encourage scholarly activity with other researchers, institutions, and networks in the Arab MENA countries. Multiple awards - contingent on funding availability - of up to \$6,000 will be offered. The collaborative grant applications must have at least one alumnus of the APSA MENA program residing in the Arab MENA region. APSA encourages partnering with alumni from the other workshop cohorts, as well as scholars who are not workshops alumni. The grant can be used to support collaborative research projects or to host a mini-workshop/ short course at a university or research institute in the Arab MENA region. Examples include: a writing workshop for scholars preparing manuscripts for publication; a seminar on teaching methods, tools and best practices; a masterclass to examine an aspect of pedagogy; a panel presentation on a topical theme in political science.

Application Guidelines:

All applications should be submitted through the online form.

Applicants for Individual Grants should submit the following documents:

- Updated CV for applicant;
- A personal statement (no more than 500 words) describing how the grant and proposed program is related to your current research and how it will advance your professional development;

- An itemized budget (template available [HERE](#)) identifying the amount requested and how it will be used (be as specific as possible with each line item);
- Proof of presentation/support for the proposed program is required and should be submitted as part of the application, either as
 - a. An official invitation letter (if available) from the host organization for conference participation; *Note: If conference paper acceptance isn't available yet, you may apply for the grant with the understanding that funding would be contingent on being accepted to present at a conference.*
 - b. A letter of support from a dissertation advisor, department chair, or other supporting contact for field research.

Applicants for Collaborative Grants should submit the following documents:

- Updated CVs for all co-applicants;
- A detailed Program Outline explaining the goals, theme, format, dates, location, and leadership of the proposed program (approx. 2-3pages);
- An itemized budget (template available [HERE](#)) identifying the amount requested and how it will be used (be as specific as possible with each line item);
- A Statement of Support from all organizational partners involved in the proposed program;
- Additional supporting documents (preferred, but not required) that justify the capacity of your team to organize the proposed project: draft schedule of events for the program, a timeline for logistical planning and implementation, etc.

Applicants are encouraged to reach out to APSA staff prior to the grant deadline for feedback on their application prior to submission. Grant funds will be disbursed via wire transfer to the primary grant applicant or the proposed host institution.

All grants projects must be completed within one year of the date awarded. Awardees will be required to submit upon completion a final narrative and expense report. Any unexpended funds must be returned to APSA at the conclusion of the grant period.

If you have any questions, please contact menaworkshops@apsanet.org.