



## CALL FOR PROPOSALS

### Collaborative Initiative for Political Science Departments in the Arab World

The American Political Science Association (APSA) invites proposals from political science and related departments at universities in the Arab World for projects supporting excellence in the study, research, and teaching of political science. Funded by Carnegie Corporation of New York, APSA's MENA Program is a multi-year effort to support political science research and networking among early-career scholars across in the Arab Middle East and North Africa. Through this Call for Proposal (CFP) process, APSA will award grants of up to \$10,000 for project activities through 2021. For more information, visit <http://web.apsanet.org/mena/>.

#### Overview and Objectives

APSA invites university departments to begin a multi-year collaboration that aims to explore opportunities for program growth and foster excellence. We seek to partner with motivated departments in offering enhanced support to graduate students and faculty across core functional areas such as research, grants, publications, and teaching. Working with APSA staff, selected faculty members will design innovative, tailored projects that meet departmental goals for success. Examples of specific projects which departments may undertake include:

- trainings in research methodology and fieldwork
- workshops to support MA students in completing a thesis
- seminars to discuss teaching techniques and pedagogy
- workshops or grants to support faculty and PhD students advance research towards publication
- lectures and resources for professional development and networking

#### Eligibility

The CFP is aimed at departments of political science at universities in the Arab MENA region. Related social science departments and interdisciplinary programs (such as those with a focus on public law, international studies, diplomacy, etc.), as well as university-affiliated research centers, are also welcome to take part in the initiative. Initial applications should come from an individual, full-time, faculty member with support from a department chair or dean.

#### Applications

Initial applications should be submitted through the [online application form](#) and consist of the following materials:

- Departmental questionnaire ([follow this link](#) to download the questionnaire)
- Preliminary concept note (2-3 pages) that describes a current challenge or opportunity faced by graduate students or faculty in the department and a suggested project or program to address this issue. Describe project objectives, the activities to be undertaken, and how APSA can support the project. If financial support is requested, describe what resources may already exist

to support the project and provide a draft budget for requested funding. *[Note: APSA staff will work with selected applicants to refine project scope and confirm a project budget; the concept note submitted here will be a first step in this process. Project budgets should not exceed \$6,000, though additional funding may be available for multiple and/or multi-year projects.]*

- Support letter signed by the Dean of the School, Chair of the Department, or head of the research center, identifying a faculty leader or point of contact for the project.

### **Timeline**

We accept applications on a rolling basis. We will review all applications and selected applicants will be contacted by APSA staff for further discussion and an invitation to submit a full proposal and budget for projects taking place through 2021.

### **Inquiries**

For more formation on APSA's MENA Program, questions on institutional eligibility, or to discuss project ideas in greater detail, please contact [menaworkshops@apsanet.org](mailto:menaworkshops@apsanet.org).