

APSA MENA Workshops

Political Science in the Arab Middle East & North Africa



APSA MENA MENTORING INITIATIVE

The American Political Science Association ([APSA](#)) is pleased to announce a Call for Applications from early-career scholars who would like to participate in the MENA Mentoring Initiative. The program is an opportunity to receive feedback and comments from senior colleagues on a project-specific activity that is at an advanced stage of development. The mentoring duration will be between 3 and 6 months, depending on the activity and planned outcome.

The Mentoring Initiative is part of APSA's MENA Program - a multi-year effort funded by Carnegie Corporation of New York (CCNY) to support political science research among early-career scholars in the Arab MENA region, and to strengthen research networks linking Arab scholars with their colleagues overseas. More information on APSA's MENA programming can be found online at <http://web.apsanet.org/mena/>

Eligible Participants and Activities

The mentoring initiative is intended for PhD students, post-doctoral fellows, and other early-career scholars (those who received their PhDs within the past 5 years) who are citizens of countries in the Arab MENA region. Priority will be given to scholars currently based at universities or research institutes in the region. The program is open to scholars in political science and other social science disciplines who seek support and feedback on one of the below activities:

- Journal article
- Book chapter
- Dissertation chapter
- Book proposal
- Grant proposal

How to Apply

Interested scholars should review the eligibility requirements and program expectations, then fill out the online Application Form. Completed applications, including all necessary documents (in PDF or Word Format), must be submitted by the deadline.

All applications must be in English and include:

1. The completed online Application Form.
2. A detailed recent Curriculum Vitae / Resume.
3. A short project statement (500 words maximum) describing the specific project you seek feedback on; **Please be as specific as possible about what you seek guidance on and how you think the mentorship will advance your project.** This statement should outline the focus and status of the research project, including the methods used, the data/fieldwork on which it is based, where the project is in terms of completion, intended outputs, and how it relates to your broader research agenda. Please also note the specific journal(s) you wish to target (if applying with journal article); date you hope to defend (if dissertation chapter); deadline for submission of book chapter, book proposal, grant proposal; include link to grant opportunity if relevant.
4. The work should not be part of a co-authored project and should not be an excerpt from a work that is already completed or accepted for publication. The project must be at an advanced stage of completion that would benefit from close review.
5. Three suggested mentors

Upon selection, APSA will identify suitable mentors and link them with the applicants, and will outline a clear set of responsibilities, expectations, and timeline to help guide the mentorship. All selected mentees will receive 1-year APSA membership.

If you have questions or seek additional information, please email: menaworkshops@apsanet.org.