



AMERICAN INSTITUTE OF MAGHRIB STUDIES

2008-2009 Grants Program for US Scholars

The American Institute for Maghrib Studies (AIMS) announces its annual Grants Program for the academic year beginning in June 2008. The program offers grants to US scholars interested in conducting research on North Africa in any Maghrib country, specifically Morocco, Tunisia, Algeria, Libya, or Mauritania. AIMS sponsors three Overseas Research Centers in the region and all AIMS grants are categorized by where research will be conducted. AIMS does not fund research outside the Maghrib.

TALM Research Grants: The Tangier American Legation Museum is the AIMS Overseas Research Center in Morocco and welcomes proposals for research conducted anywhere in Morocco.

CEMAT Research Grants: Centre d'Etudes Maghrébines à Tunis, the AIMS Research Center in Tunisia, welcomes applications for research anywhere in Tunisia.

CEMA Research Grants: To encourage research in Algeria, the AIMS newly established Overseas Research Center in Oran, Centre d'Etudes Maghrébines en Algérie, welcomes applicants for research anywhere in Algeria.

AIMS Multi-country Research Grants are available for scholars interested in conducting research in **Libya or Mauritania or conducting multi-country research** in any combination of North African countries. If you plan multi-country research with countries outside the Maghrib, consider applying for a CAORC multi-country grant (www.caorc.org). If your multi-country research is ONLY in North Africa, then you should apply for an AIMS grant (not a CAORC grant). AIMS does not fund research outside North Africa, and CAORC considers the North African region under the aegis of AIMS, so is not multi-center research.

All categories of AIMS grants offer both long and short-term research awards:

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 of three months or longer. In accordance with an agreement with major funding agencies, applicants may not accept multiple grants concurrently for the same project. In the event a grantee declines an AIMS award to accept another grant, AIMS will provide a small allowance for supplementary research expenses.

Graduate students currently enrolled in an M.A. or Ph.D. program, independent scholars, and faculty in all disciplines are eligible to apply. All applicants must be **U.S. citizens at the time of application**. Recipients of AIMS awards in either of the two previous funding cycles are ineligible to apply. Funds must be expended by May 2009. **Applicants must be members of AIMS** at the time of application. For membership and grant information contact AIMS Executive Office at aimscmes@u.arizona.edu or go to: **AIMSNorthAfrica.org**

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 **itinerary** with approximate dates
- **Budget** (from all sources)
- **Vitae**, including indication of language proficiency and institutional affiliation
- **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
- **One-page summary** of the proposed research in either French or Arabic.

The deadline for applications is **December 31, 2007**. The application should be arranged in the order of the list above. **An original application and four copies** (five complete applications total) should be sent to:

AIMS at Center for Middle Eastern Studies
845 North Park Ave, Room 477
University of Arizona
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Awards will be announced in April. 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 be on a U.S. carrier. *These awards are made possible through grants from U.S. Department of State