



The American Institute for Maghrib Studies (AIMS) announces its annual Grants Program for the academic year (2019-2020) beginning in May 2019. The Grant Program offers grants to U.S. scholars interested in conducting research on North Africa in Algeria, Mauritania, Morocco,* or Tunisia. AIMS sponsors Overseas Research Centers in the region in Oran, Tunis, and Tangier and has other institutional affiliations that support AIMS scholars. AIMS funds only primary research conducted in the Maghrib.

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 longer than three months. In accordance with agreements with other 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 may provide a small allowance for supplementary research expenses. Some privately funded grants are exempt from this rule.

Eligibility: 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. Travel/research plans must be set and funds must be disbursed prior to May 2020. Applicants must be members of AIMS at the time of application. For membership and grant information, please contact the AIMS US Office at aims@aimsnorthafrica.org or go to: www.AIMSNorthAfrica.org.

Requirements: All AIMS grantees are required to present on their research at one of the AIMS Overseas Research Centers or affiliated centers, currently CEMA in Oran, Algeria; CEMAT in Tunis, Tunisia; TALIM in Tangier, Morocco; Dar Si-Hmad in Sidi Ifni and Agadir, Morocco. AIMS Grantees must also submit a written report to the AIMS Secretariat within one month of completion of their fieldwork.

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 research itinerary with approximate dates
- Budget, including research grants for this project from all sources
- Vitae, including indication of language proficiency and institutional affiliation
- One-page summary of the proposed research in either French or Arabic written by the applicant
- 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. Letters can be emailed separately from the application to aimsfellowship@gmail.com

Applications should be organized in the order above and emailed to AIMSFellowship@gmail.com. Please scan all materials into one document and submit as one attachment. Letters can be emailed separately.

The deadline for applications is January 31st, 2019. Applications submitted after this date will not be considered for funding.

Awards will be announced before April 1, 2019. 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 meet the Fly America Act.

**Note: Fellows for Morocco cannot expect to begin their research prior to June 15, 2019. Fellows must receive official research clearance before arrival. This process may take up to 3 months from the time of the announcement of their grant. It is incumbent upon successful applicant to be in touch with the research-clearing agency, the Moroccan-American Commission for Educational and Cultural Exchange in Rabat (MACECE) and the Tangier American Legation (TALIM) as soon as they receive the announcement of their award. While all efforts will be made by MACECE for the fellow to receive research clearance in a timely fashion, the grantee may not begin research until clearance is granted. Declination of research clearance by the Moroccan authorities automatically cancels the AIMS grant.*