**MEST Graduate Summer Research Grant**

The King Fahd Center for Middle East Studies at the University of Arkansas offers funding for graduate students working on a relevant geo-cultural topic under the supervision of a MEST faculty member. Awards may be applied toward travel funds to support research and/or language study.

All applications must include a research proposal indicating the nature of the project, relevance to academic program, and anticipated outcome**.** In addition, a project budget and justification must be included, along with a letter of support from the applicant’s MEST faculty advisor.

Grant awardees are required to submit a 3-5 page summary report of research conducted within 30 days of research completion, or be considered ineligible for future funding.

**The following application materials should be submitted to:**

King Fahd Center for Middle East Studies
416 N. Campus Drive

University of Arkansas - MAIN 202

Fayetteville, Arkansas, 72701

Applications may be submitted electronically to mest@uark.edu. Receipt will be confirmed via email; if receipt is not confirmed, it is the applicant’s responsibility to contact the King Fahd Center for confirmation prior to the application deadline.

**Your application must be submitted by the close of business on the day of the posted deadline, and must include the following:**

1. A completed MEST Graduate Student Summer Research Support form;
2. A 2-3 page Research Proposal indicating the nature of the project, relevance to academic program, and anticipated outcome;
3. Any relevant letters of invitation or affiliation with an academic/research institution, or application to and (if possible) acceptance into an academic program;
4. A Proposed Budget with attached justification outlining expected expenses including air travel, tuition/fees, lodging, any special anticipated research expenses;
5. Indication of support from any other source;
6. A formal Recommendation Letter from the applicant’s MEST faculty advisor.

**APPLICATION DEADLINE: FEBRUARY 1**

**MEST Graduate Summer Research Grant Application**

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| Project Timetable |  |
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| Total Funds Requested |  |

**Only applications with the following attachments will be considered for funding:**

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|  Research proposal |
|  Itemized budget with justification |
|  Letter of institution/program affiliation (if applicable) Letter of additional financial support (if applicable) |
|  Faculty recommendation letter |

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