**MEST Undergraduate Study Abroad Scholarship**

The King Fahd Center offers scholarships up to $1,500 for undergraduate students majoring in Middle East Studies to be used toward study abroad programs in the Middle East and North Africa. These scholarships are traditionally awarded for summer study abroad programs, but may be applied to programs during the Fall or Spring semester with approval from the MEST Director. A limited number of scholarships will be available on a competitive basis.

All prospective applicants must have secured admission to the U of A and must declare a MEST major prior to the review of their application materials. Applicants must secure positive recommendations from two faculty members; at least one recommender should be a faculty member affiliated with the MEST program. Financial need will be considered in awarding 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.

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

1. A completed MEST Undergraduate Study Abroad Scholarship form;
2. A 2-3 page Statement of Purpose indicating the nature of the selected program and relevance to academic program;
3. A Proposed Budget with attached justification outlining expected expenses including air travel, tuition/fees, lodging, and related expenses;
4. Indication of financial support from any other source;
5. Two completed student evaluations, at least one by a MEST faculty member at the University of Arkansas. Letters should be placed in separate envelopes and sealed with the evaluator’s signature across the seal on the reverse or be emailed directly by the recommender to mest@uark.edu.

**APPLICATION DEADLINE: FEBRUARY 1**

**MEST Undergraduate Study Abroad Scholarship Application**

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| Name |  |
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| Student ID# |  |
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| Address |  |
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| Telephone |  | Email |  |
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| Expected Graduation Date (semester and year) |  |
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| Cumulative Grade Point Average |  |
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| Intended Study Abroad Program |  |
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| Program Dates |  |

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

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|  Statement of Purpose |
|  Itemized budget with justification |
|  Letter of additional financial support (if applicable) |
|  2 faculty recommendation letters |

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