

Call for applications for research grants in Islamology

Doctoral students/young doctors (6 months)

The Ministry of Europe and Foreign Affairs and the UMIFRE network would like to support young researchers in Islamology by offering six-month field grants to doctoral students and young PhDs carrying out research in this field. The fellows will be hosted by member centres of the UMIFRE network and other research institutes partnering the programme (see list of institutes involved*).

Description of the grant :

The mobility grant should enable doctoral students or young PhDs to carry out fieldwork in Islamology by being hosted in one or two UMIFREs (or partner institutes of the programme). The discipline of "Islamology" is understood in the broadest sense and may include (but is not limited to) the following areas:

- Analysis, science and criticism of texts and doctrines
- Historical study of Islam
- Social science studies (history, sociology, anthropology, political science, geography, demography) of Muslim groups

Particular attention will be paid to the integration of the research project into the areas developed by their host UMIFRE(s) or research institute(s) and/or to the planned collaborations with local academic and research institutions.

Duration and conditions of mobility :

- 6-month stay (with the possibility of dividing the stay into 2 x 3 months)
- 1000 euros/month

Candidates must meet the following criteria:

- Not have already been awarded an MEAE Islamology Research Scholarship
- Be enrolled in a doctoral programme at a French university (or in a joint programme with a French university)

or

- have defended their thesis after 31/12/2019 in a French university (or in joint supervision with a French university) and be resident in France and associated with a research laboratory.

Application forms :

Applications must be sent before 22/09/2023 to islamologie.dgm-dcerr-esr@diplomatie.gouv.fr and must include the following documents:

- An identity document
- The information sheet
- A certificate of enrolment in a thesis or a document attesting to the successful completion of the thesis (certificate of successful completion of the doctoral diploma, certificate of successful completion of the thesis)
- CV (max. 2 pages)
- A research project (max. 15,000 characters, including notes, references and bibliography) in which the plan for integration into the UMIFRE or research institute will also be presented. If the candidate wishes to work in two UMIFREs, the project will specify which UMIFRE or institute is to be given priority.
- A letter of invitation from the director of the UMIFRE or the host institute.
- For doctoral students, a letter of recommendation from the thesis director
- Proof of social security cover

A selection committee made up of members of the UMIFRE network specialising in Islamology and an external member will meet in September.

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