

Call for applications for research grants in Islamology

MASTER 2 (3 months)

The Ministry of Europe and Foreign Affairs and the UMIFRE network wish to support young researchers in Islamology by offering three-month field grants to Masters students wishing to pursue 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 students to carry out fieldwork in Islamology while being hosted by a UMIFRE (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 or research institutes and/or to the planned collaborations with local university and research institutions. On-site enrolment in a language learning or reinforcement scheme will also be taken into account.

Duration and conditions of mobility :

- 3-month stay
- 1000 euros/month

Candidates must meet the following criteria:

- Not have already been awarded an MEAE Islamology Research Scholarship
- Candidates must have completed their Master 1 and be enrolled in a Master 2 course at a French university (or be co-directing a course with a teacher from a French university).

Application forms :

Applications must be sent before 22/09/23 to islamologie.dgm-dcerr-esr@diplomatie.gouv.fr and must include the following documents:

- An identity document
- MASTER information sheet
- Proof of university registration for 2022/2023.

- 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.
- A letter of invitation from the director of the UMIFRE or the host institute.
- A letter of recommendation from the research supervisor or another scientific figure supervising the candidate's research.
- 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.

*IRMC, CJB, IFRA-Ibadan, IFRA-Nairobi, CSH India, IFEA Istanbul, CEDEJ, IFEAC, IFPO, CEFREPA, IRASEC, CFEE, IDEO.