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Call for applications for research grants in Islamology Doctoral students (6 months)

The French Ministry of Europe and Foreign Affairs and the UMIFRE network support young researchers in Islamology by offering six-month field grants to doctoral students and young PhDs pursuing research in this field. Fellows will be hosted by member centers of the UMIFRE network and other research institutes partnering the program (see list of institutes concerned*).

Scholarship description:

The mobility grant will enable doctoral students or young PhDs to carry out fieldwork in Islamology, hosted by one or two UMIFREs (or program partner institutes). 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 research projects in sub-Saharan Africa, including collaboration with local French research operators (IRD, CIRAD, etc.).

Duration and conditions of mobility :

- 6-month stay (with the possibility of dividing the stay into 2 x 3 months)
- 1000 euros/month
- Winners will be integrated into the host UMIFRE research team, where they will present the results of their research.

Candidates must meet the following criteria:

- Not have been awarded the MEAE Islamology Research Grant in 2023-2024
- Be enrolled in a doctoral program at a French university (or in a joint program with a French university)

or

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



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Application forms :

Applications must be sent before 26/09/2024 to islamologie.dgm-ddc-esr@diplomatie.gouv.fr and must include the following documents:

- A piece of identification
- Information sheet
- A certificate of registration for a thesis or a document attesting to the successful completion of the thesis (attestation de réussite au diplôme de doctorat, attestation de soutenance).
- 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 is also presented. If the candidate wishes to work in two UMIFREs, the project must specify which UMIFRE or institute is to be the priority.
- A letter of invitation from the director of the UMIFRE or host institute.
- For doctoral students, a letter of recommendation from the thesis director
- Proof of social security coverage

A selection committee made up of specialists in the field will meet in October.

*List of institutes concerned:

- Institut Français du Proche-Orient (IFPO)
- French Research Center in Jerusalem (CRFJ)
- Institute for Research on Contemporary Maghreb (IRMC)
- Center Jacques Berque (CJB)
- New Delhi Centre for Human Sciences (CSH)
- French Institute for Anatolian Studies (IFEA)
- French Institute for Central Asian Studies (IFEAC)
- Institute for Research on Contemporary Southeast Asia (IRASEC)
- Center for Economic, Legal and Social Studies and Documentation (CEDEJ)
- Dominican Institute of Oriental Studies (IDEO)
- Center for Economic, Legal and Social Studies and Documentation - Khartoum (CEDEJ K)
- French Center for Ethiopian Studies (CFEE)
- French Research Center on the Arabian Peninsula (CEFREPA)
- French Institute of South Africa (IFAS)
- French Institute for Research in Africa (IFRA-Ibadan)
- French Institute for Research in Africa (IFRA-Nairobi)