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Call for applications for research grants in Islamology MASTER 2 (3 months)

The French Ministry of Europe and Foreign Affairs and the UMIFRE network support young researchers in Islamology by offering three-month field grants to Master's students wishing to pursue 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 should enable students to carry out fieldwork in Islamology, while being hosted by a UMIFRE (or partner institutes of the program). 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 :

- 3-month stay
- 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
- Have completed their Master 1 and be enrolled in a Master 2 program at a French university (or co-supervised with a teacher from a French university).



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Application forms :

Applications must be sent before 26/09/24 to islamologie.dgm-ddc-esr@diplomatie.gouv.fr and must include the following documents:

- A piece of identification
- MASTER information sheet
- Proof of university enrolment for 2023/24 (proof of enrolment for 2024-2025 must be submitted if the scholarship is awarded).
- CV (max. 2 pages)
- A research project (max. 15,000 characters, including notes, references and bibliography), including a description of how you plan to join the UMIFRE or research institute.
- A letter of invitation from the director of the UMIFRE or host institute.
- A letter of recommendation from the candidate's research supervisor or another scientific figure supervising the candidate's research.
- 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)