

SOCIAL SCIENCE RESEARCH COUNCIL

Deadline: September 30, 2011

Call for Proposals: Training Awards in “Higher Education and Social Inequality in Egypt”

The Middle East and North Africa Program at the Social Science Research Council (SSRC), New York is pleased to announce the availability of ten training awards for junior Egyptian researchers from different disciplines interested in issues of higher education. With this program the SSRC looks to further multi-disciplinary research on equity and access to higher education in contemporary Egypt. The training awards will be for a period of 18 months from July 2011 to December 2012.

Eligibility:

- All applicants must be citizens of, and currently residing in, Egypt.
- Applicants must be recent recipients of a doctoral degree (1-4 years post the PhD), preferably from an accredited public college or university in Egypt.
- Applicants from different disciplinary backgrounds are encouraged, including economics, education, demography, psychology, sociology/anthropology, psychology, political science and law.
- Applicants must have a score of at least 550 on the TOEFL.
- Holders of a master’s degree who have significant research experience (at least five years after receiving the M.A.) may be considered. These applicants are encouraged to review the online materials and contact relevant staff in advance of submitting a proposal.

Activities (July 2011 – December 2012):

The training program will include the following:

- A series of workshops to be held in Cairo addressing the literature on higher education, equity and access; assessing the current moment in the transformation of higher education in Egypt and its implications for the access and success of disadvantaged student; and promoting collaboration, teamwork and multi-disciplinary perspectives.
- Individualized mentoring to support the production of a publishable paper.
- An 8-week study stay at New York University (U.S.) including lectures and presentations by experienced faculty, seminars for group discussion, practicum in methodological and conceptual issues, research and analysis assignments, writing and presentation drills and informational visits to departments, institutions and programs concerned with higher education.

Awardees must be willing to participate in all of the aforementioned activities both in Cairo and New York, NY and, by the end of the program, produce a research paper that would be publishable in a peer-reviewed journal.

All costs of participation in the project activities, including the study stay in New York, NY, will covered by the SSRC. However, the awards do not cover stipends or research expenses. Upon request, the SSRC will be pleased to communicate with the awardee’s employer in order to facilitate paid leave during the study stay.

Application Process:

Please visit the program website for further information and to download application forms: <http://www.ssrc.org/programs/middle-east-and-north-africa-program/>.

Applications in English must be submitted to the SSRC at mena@ssrc.org. No hard copies will be accepted.

Deadlines/Timeline:

Applications due: September 30, 2011

Notification given: October 15, 2011

8-week study stay in New York, NY: February 18, 2012 – April 13, 2012

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