

GC-Mellon Race and the Middle East/North Africa Dissertation Fellowship
for the 2021-2022 Academic Year

Deadline for Applications: February 3, 2021, by 5pm

The Graduate Center is pleased to announce the **Race and the Middle East/North Africa Dissertation Fellowship**, with funding from the Andrew W. Mellon Foundation Sawyer Seminar Grant. The Dissertation Fellowship will be awarded to a student in any field of the humanities or social sciences pursuing research on notions and practices of race and racialization in the Middle East/North Africa and among Middle Easterners/North Africans in the United States. Dissertation Fellows will be expected to participate in activities associated with the Sawyer Seminar, including bi-weekly meetings, workshops, and a graduate course as well as present research. The award provides a financial aid fellowship of \$25,000 and covers in-state tuition.

Eligibility Requirements and Guidelines

Students must be registered or on an approved leave of absence during the 2020-2021 academic year to be eligible to apply. For your application to be considered, you must be officially advanced to candidacy (level III) by the application deadline.

A student holding a five-year fellowship from the Graduate may not hold a dissertation fellowship concurrently with the five-year award. A student with a five-year award may apply, but if selected for a dissertation fellowship the student will have to choose between the five-year fellowship funding and the dissertation fellowship funding. Students are eligible for a dissertation fellowship after completing their five-year fellowship.

A student with Graduate Center funding that is not part of a five-year award (a freestanding Graduate Assistantship A, B, or D and/or financial aid fellowship) may apply for the dissertation fellowships but, if offered an award, the total funding (Graduate Assistantship salary plus financial aid fellowship) may not exceed \$50,000.

Dissertation Fellowships are intended for students who expect to complete the dissertation during 2021-2022 award year. Fellowship recipients are required to be registered during the award year. Students who qualify for the Ph.D. in time for an October 2021 degree are not eligible to receive funding.

Please be advised that if you are planning any travel as part of your research, the university requires you to have travel insurance. Please see the [International Travel Requirements Page](#) for complete details.

Students must have met Human Subjects Research Protection guidelines before commencing research with human subjects.

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APPLICATION COMPONENTS

Each application must include the following:

1. Cover sheet

2. Proposal

a.) **9-page project description** including a 150 word abstract (the abstract should be single-spaced at the top of page 1). The project description should include discussion of the research questions, relevant literature, methodology, sources, and a time-line/description indicating progress.

b.) **1-page selected bibliography**

The text describing the dissertation project should be double-spaced using a 12-point font with numbered pages and a 1-inch margin. The abstract and bibliography can be single-spaced.

3. Two-page curriculum vitae.

4. Current Graduate Center transcript. (Students may submit the unofficial student copy that can be printed/copied from CUNYfirst.)

The application materials should be assembled as a single document in pdf or word format in the following order:

- a. Application cover sheet
- b. 9-page proposal
- c. 1-page bibliography
- d. 2-page CV
- e. Graduate Center Transcript (unofficial student copy is sufficient)

5. One letter of reference to be submitted electronically by your adviser (see instructions page).

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APPLICATION INSTRUCTIONS

The completed application must be submitted no later than 5pm on February 3, 2021. The applications are to be submitted as per the following instructions. Your adviser must submit a letter of recommendation by the same deadline, **February 3, 2021**.

Instructions for submitting your application:

1. Combine your cover sheet, proposal (including abstract and bibliography), *curriculum vitae*, and transcript, into a **single file** (either as a pdf document or a word document).
2. Use the following format when naming your document:
Last Name, First Name, Program
3. Email your application as an attachment to fellowshipapps@gc.cuny.edu.
Please put "Race and the Middle East/North Africa" in the subject line of the email and use your graduate center email when submitting the application.

Instructions for Faculty Recommenders

1. Prepare your reference letter as a regular word or pdf document on letterhead.
2. Use the following format when naming your document:
Student Last Name, First Name
3. Email your letter to fellowshipapps@gc.cuny.edu. Please put "Race and the Middle East/North Africa" in the subject line of the email.

If you have questions, please contact Professor Baron at bbaron@gc.cuny.edu or Professor Limbert at Mandana.Limbert@gc.cuny.edu.

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COVER SHEET

Name:

CUNYfirst ID (EMPLID):

Doctoral Level:

Doctoral Program:

Title of Proposal:

Name of Dissertation Adviser who will write a letter of recommendation: