



## **Call for Submissions: SERMEISS Overseas Travel Grant**

Established in 1977, the Southeast Regional Middle East and Islamic Studies Society (SERMEISS) is a professional society for specialist and non-specialist educators whose professional activities engage the Middle East or Islam. The organization was founded to provide scholars in the southeastern United States with an opportunity to meet regularly with colleagues to share research findings and teaching concerns. SERMEISS is an affiliated organization of the Middle East Studies Association (MESA).

SERMEISS is pleased to announce an overseas travel grant program to provide financial support for overseas travel to conduct fieldwork, archival research, survey work, etc. on the Middle East or Islam in any academic discipline in the social sciences or humanities from any time period. Proposals will be accepted from pre-tenured faculty or doctoral students based at a college or university within the SERMEISS 10-state region: Alabama, Florida, Georgia, Kentucky, Mississippi, North Carolina, South Carolina, Tennessee, West Virginia, and Virginia (exclusive of the Washington, D.C. metropolitan area).

Recipients will be required, upon completion of their overseas travel, to attend a future SERMEISS meeting to present a conference paper sharing the results of their research.

Recipients of the Overseas Travel Grant will receive a \$500 award and a conference fee waiver for a future SERMEISS meeting in Valle Crucis, North Carolina. SERMEISS normally meets in October.

Proposal submissions should include:

1. a brief, 1-page cover letter including the following:
  - Name
  - University of Affiliation
  - Department
  - Project title

Country of Future Travel  
Dates of Future Travel  
Name of supervisor (for doctoral students)  
Anticipated future SERMEISS meeting

2. A 2–3–page, double–spaced proposal (not including references) to include:
  - a. Project description (research question, existing research, topic description, expected findings and contributions, etc.)
  - b. Logistics details: Where you will travel, when, etc.
  - c. Future publication outlet plan (book, article, etc.)
  - d. Description of financial need
  
3. Doctoral students should have ABD status (all but dissertation), and should also request a letter of recommendation from their doctoral dissertation supervisor. This letter should be sent directly to the SERMEISS executive director at the below email address.

SERMEISS will only consider one proposal per person.

If selected for the travel grant, SERMEISS will ask you to provide a receipt of your airline ticket and a signed travel safety, health, and accident waiver indemnifying the organization from all legal responsibility.

Submit proposals in pdf form to the SERMEISS executive director at [edsermeiss@gmail.com](mailto:edsermeiss@gmail.com) by **September 1, 2019**.

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