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Language Study Funding Grant Application - Summer 2023

The Program in Middle East Studies, through the Near East Studies Fund, is able to support students who are planning to study one of the region's languages (e.g. Arabic, Hebrew, Farsi, Turkish, Berber). The support is made possible by an endowed gift by Leila Wilson '34.

Grants from the Near East Studies Fund normally cover a modest portion of the total program cost, in the range of $500-$2,750 depending on the total number of qualified applicants. When applying to a language program abroad, please keep in mind that most of the cost of the program will be the responsibility of the student. We encourage you to apply for financial aid from other sources at Smith and to explore independently potential non-Smith sources of support.

Instructions: download this form to your local drive, complete it, print as pdf, and email as an attachment along with the other required documents listed below to middleeaststudies@smith.edu, subject line: Summer Language Study Funding 2023.

Name: Class Year:

Smith ID #   Major/s:

Email Address:

Preferred phone number: Campus Box:

Home Address:

References: Two faculty references are required. At least one faculty reference should be from a teacher in the relevant language. Let you references know that you are applying to the Program in Middle East Studies for a grant to support summer language study. Ask them to write a brief letter commenting on your qualifications for this program, especially your academic skills, prior language experience, and suitability for intensive language study either in the U.S. or in the Middle East. References are due by the application deadline and should be emailed to: middleeaststudies@smith.edu. List the names and titles of your two references here.

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In separate documents, please submit by the deadline:

1. An unofficial transcript.
2. A statement of not more than two pages describing the course of study, its duration, and how it relates to your academic interests and career goals.
3. Information about the program you would like to attend, whether you have already applied, been accepted, or are awaiting a decision.
4. A budget of estimated costs and whether you have applied for and/or received any financial aid from sources other than MES.

Note: If you receive a grant, you will be required to provide proof of enrollment in and completion of the course specified in the application, or MES funds will have to be refunded.

Submit application by April 14, 2023 and send to middleeaststudies@smith.edu