

Global Islamic Studies Center (GISC) - 2021 Summer Fellowship Funding

All *complete* application materials should be submitted as soon as possible to Hana Mattar <hmattar@umich.edu> on a rolling basis, anytime before or on **Monday May 31, 2021 at 5pm Eastern** at the latest. *Due to COVID-19 travel restrictions, all travel must follow current guidelines, which are detailed in the [International Institute Travel Policy](#).*

ELIGIBILITY & DEADLINE

- The Global Islamic Studies Center (GISC) is holding this Fellowship opportunity for Summer 2021. All students who are currently enrolled at the University of Michigan in an undergraduate or graduate/professional degree program (master's or doctoral level), and are affiliated¹ with the Global Islamic Studies Center (GISC) are eligible to apply for the GISC 2021 Summer Fellowship Funding.
 - Summer fellowship awards are capped at \$3,000 for undergraduate, and \$5,000 for graduate students. Fellowship awards are disbursed on a rolling basis for the Spring-Summer term in a single payment to the student.
- The application deadline is rolling, with a final submission date of May 31, 2021. All fellowship application materials, including recommendations and transcripts, must be received by the GISC office before or on Monday May 31, 2021 at 5pm Eastern.
 - The GISC 2021 Summer Fellowship Funding may be used for the following:
 - **Language training** - to offset costs of program fees for language learning.
 - **Research support** - to offset costs for an original project supporting Senior, Master's, or Doctoral thesis completion.
 - **Travel expenses (graduate students only ^{*2})** - associated with conducting original research or language training.

¹ If you have questions on your current affiliations status, please email Hana Mattar <hmattar@umich.edu> -- any University of Michigan undergraduate students with a declared or intention to declare a Minor in Islamic Studies, or graduate students who are members or intending on becoming members of the Interdisciplinary Islamic Studies Seminar (IISS) may be considered student affiliates of GISC.

² Please see important travel policy guidelines at the end of this document/page.

REQUIRED APPLICATION MATERIALS

The following application materials are required of all applicants. Please read the instructions carefully.

1. Statement of Purpose:

- No more than 1,000 words describing what you plan to do with the GISC 2021 Summer Fellowship Funding.

2. Budget Statement:

- Please attach a budget statement with exact costs (e.g., tuition statements), or reasonable estimates of costs citing 2-3 references (e.g., airline tickets, rental estimates, etc.).
 - You may request tuition and mandatory fees, health insurance, living costs, direct research expenses (such as books, photocopy, small equipment, library and museum fees, and subject fees) as well as travel expenses related to your language study (such as airfare, ground transportation, and lodging).
 - Computers, including laptops, are not allowed.
 - If you are requesting living costs, please provide an estimate of rent, utilities, and food.
 - If you are requesting direct research expenses or travel expenses, please give a detailed breakdown.
 - Please note that if your fellowship project involves travel outside of North America, you are required to purchase international travel health insurance. Please include the cost of this insurance in your budget.

3. Academic letter of recommendation:

- At least one academic recommendation should be completed by a U-M affiliated instructor.

4. Curriculum Vitae (CV):

- Your up-to-date CV.

5. Current UM Official Transcript:

- You may include a signed-note granting permission to the GISC staff to access electronically your current UM transcript and to place a copy in your fellowship application file.
- If you choose NOT to do so, you must submit a current official UM transcript. To be considered official, transcripts must be prepared by the office of the registrar.

APPLICATION SUBMISSION

- All application materials should be submitted to Hana Mattar at <hmattar@umich.edu> on a rolling basis, anytime before Monday May 31, 2021 at 5pm ET at the latest.

FUNDING ANNOUNCEMENT

- Funds are typically announced in mid and late May, thru June, by email, on a rolling basis.

POST-FUNDING REPORTING

- Students who are awarded GISC 2021 Summer Fellowships Funding are required to complete a short 1,000 word fellowship report summarizing their activities to be shared in the GISC News & Events Newsletter. **Reports are due on September 30, 2021.**

* All U-M students traveling abroad for university-related purposes (i.e., participating in study, research, or internship programs organized or supported by LSA departments/units or for which LSA in-residence credit is granted) are bound by the [College of LSA International Travel Policy](#).

To receive funding/credit for their international experiences, students are required to:

- Register their travel in the MCompass Travel Registry
- Purchase U-M's Travel Abroad Health Insurance and upload card to MCompass
- Provide contact information in case of emergency on MCompass
- Submit a safety plan if traveling to a [U-M Travel Warning/Restriction destination](#). (Safety plans must be submitted at least 3 weeks prior to departure and MUST be approved before funding can be released)

Learn more about the requirements and find travel resources on the [LSA Travel website](#). You can also find additional resources on [Global Michigan](#).