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CALL FOR APPLICATIONS PENDING FUNDING

TEACHER TRAINING SEMINAR IN JORDAN

June 20 to July 22, 2007



APPLICATION DEADLINE APRIL 2, 2007

The Center for Middle East Studies at the University of California, Santa Barbara is now accepting applications for a short-term teacher-training seminar to be conducted in Jordan from June 20 to July 22, 2007.

Who Can Apply?

The seminar is designed for K-12 teachers, administrators, and instructors at 2-year colleges with the goal of promoting curriculum development in Middle East area studies and the Arabic language in California.

Who Will Conduct the Seminar?

Faculty from the University of California, Santa Barbara, Jordanian academics and educational experts will conduct lecture and discussion sessions in the areas of archeology, Islam, religious studies, art, architecture, Middle East history, social studies, politics, and culture. Participants will have daily Arabic lessons to introduce them to the basic rudiments of the spoken and written language. Academics and experts will be the personal guides on all field trips. Special seminar sessions will be devoted to curriculum planning and development.

What Will I See in Jordan?



The seminar will be based in Amman and classes will be held at an educational institution in the city. Participants will stay in a tourist class hotel in the Smeisani neighborhood, close to Amman's many cafes and restaurants. You will visit the major archeological, religious, and historical sites in Jordan including Petra, Wadi Rum, Jerash, Umm Quais, the desert castles, the Dead Sea, Madaba, Kerak, and the Dana nature preserve. You will visit Jordanian educational institutions, cultural institutes, and non-governmental organizations involved in educational reform, civil society projects, and human rights. You will meet Jordanian teachers, students, government officials, community leaders, and people from all walks of life.

What Will It Cost?

Participants will pay a program fee of \$1,500. A non-refundable \$750 of the program fee will be due on May 1, 2007. The remaining \$750 will be due on June 1, 2007. The program fee will cover roundtrip airfare from Los Angeles to Amman, accommodations and meals in Santa Barbara on June 20, 2007 during a one-day orientation meeting, accommodations and breakfasts in Jordan, special group dinners, and the costs of ground transportation, meals, and accommodations on trips outside of Amman.

How Do I Apply?

Apply on-line at www.cmes.ucsb.edu or by mail with the attached forms. Along with your personal information include a 500-word statement describing how the seminar will contribute to adding Middle East Studies and Arabic language content to the classes you teach or your curriculum planning. All K-12 teachers must submit a reference letter from your school principal verifying that you are employed fulltime and that the Jordan trip will be relevant to your professional development. Administrators should provide a reference letter from your school district officers. Two-year college instructors should provide a reference letter from your dean or department chair. A selection committee made up of UCSB faculty and K-12 teachers will choose participants and alternates who will be notified on April 9, 2007. You can mail your application to:

Jordan Seminar
Center for Middle East Studies
University of California
Santa Barbara, CA 93106-3130



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Section 1 – Personal Information

Name: _____

Current Address (until ____): _____

Permanent Address: _____

Phone numbers: _____

E-mail: _____

Social Security Number: _____

Date of Birth: _____ **Place of Birth:** _____

US Citizen _____ **Permanent Resident** _____

Country issuing passport: _____

Emergency Contact:

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

E-mail: _____

Relationship: _____

Section 2 – Professional Information

Name of institution where you work: _____

Address: _____

Work phone: _____

Title of your position: _____

Classes that you teach or administer: _____

Classes that you teach that have Middle East, Islamic, or

Arabic language content: _____

Name of your supervisor: _____

Phone: _____

List other institutions where you have worked in the past 5

years: _____

Colleges or universities attended:

Name of Institution

From.....To

Degree

Major

Have you ever been to the Middle East? Yes_____ No_____

If yes, where:_____

Do you speak Arabic? Yes_____ No_____

If yes, how many years of study? _____

Background in other foreign languages:_____

Please give the names of three professional references:

1. Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

E-mail: _____

2. Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

E-mail: _____

3. Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

E-mail: _____

Section 3 – Statement of Purpose

This statement should be no more than 500 words and should explain your immediate curricular objectives and professional goals in attending the seminar in Jordan. Please identify the subject areas you teach or administer and the centrality or applicability of Middle East Studies and Arabic to your academic planning.

**NOTICE OF MANDATORY HEALTH CLEARANCE,
ACKNOWLEDGEMENT, AND WAIVER**

Please note that applicants who are selected will have to obtain a medical report from your physician that gives particular attention to potentially serious physical or psychological problems that might require care unavailable in Jordan. Selected applicants will also have to sign an acknowledgement of the program conditions as well as a waiver of liability for UCSB, institutions in Jordan, and their employees, officers, and agents.

Who Can I Contact for More Information?

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