CALL FOR APPLICATIONS PENDING FUNDING

TEACHER TRAINING SEMINAR IN JORDAN
June 21 to July 23, 2006

APPLICATION DEADLINE APRIL 3, 2006

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 21 to July 23, 2006.

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 and Jordanian academics and educational experts will conduct lecture and discussion sessions in the areas of archeology, Islam and religious studies, art and 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. There will be a short trip to Egypt’s Sinai Peninsula to visit the pristine ecology of the Red Sea coral reefs. 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 $2,000. A non-refundable $1,000 of the program fee will be due on May 1, 2006. The remaining $1,000 will be due on June 1, 2006. The program fee will cover roundtrip airfare from Los Angeles to Amman, accommodations and meals in Santa Barbara on June 21, 2006 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 online 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 10, 2006. You can mail your application to:

Jordan Seminar  
Center for Middle East Studies  
University of California  
Santa Barbara, CA 93106-3130
APPLICATION: TEACHER-TRAINING SEMINAR IN JORDAN
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Section 1 – Personal Information

Name__________________________________________________________

Current Address (until____)_______________________________________
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Permanent Address______________________________________________
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Phone numbers:____________________________________________________

Email:_____________________________________________________________

Social Security Number:___________________________________________

Date of Birth:______________ Place of Birth:_______________________

US Citizen_____Permanent Resident_____

Country issuing passport:_________________________________________

Emergency Contact:

Name:_____________________________________________________________

Address:___________________________________________________________

Phone:___________________________________________________________

Email:____________________________________________________________

Relationship:_________________________________________________________________
Section 2 – Professional Information

Name of institution where you work: ____________________________

Address: _______________________________________________________

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Work phone: _____________________________________________________

Title of your position: ____________________________________________

Classes that you teach or administer: ______________________________

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Classes that you teach that have Middle East, Islamic, or Arabic language content: ______________________________

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Name of your supervisor: _________________________________________

Phone: __________________________________________________________

List other institutions where you have worked in the past 5 years:

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Colleges or universities attended:

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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:_____________________________________________________________
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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.
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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