Asfari Institute for Civil Society and Citizenship

Visiting Fellowships

The Asfari Institute for Civil Society and Citizenship at the American University of Beirut announces the availability of fellowships in civil society and citizenship research in and on the Arab region. The objective of the fellowship is to provide space for critical, inter-disciplinary thinking on civil society and/or citizenship within the Arab region, and particularly to provide space for individuals to conduct and publish research.

The Asfari Institute is interested in country-specific or regional studies on civil society (in its most inclusive sense, covering all the space between the State and the Market), regional mapping of issues impacting citizenship and/or associational life, particularly those of a cross-cutting and inter-sectional nature, and the challenges and possibilities of articulating forward-looking proposals and alternatives for civil society and citizen engagement and action.

Visiting Fellows would be expected to work on a relevant research project of their own choosing or in agreement with the Asfari Institute. The Asfari Institute may publish research in its entirety or a version thereof as per prior agreement. Fellows would also be expected to present at least one public lecture on the topic and would be encouraged to participate in the intellectual life of the Asfari Institute by organizing and/or participating in conferences, seminars, roundtable discussions or workshops.

Fellowships range from 3 months to 12 months in length, can be either part-time or full-time, and include provision of workspace and access to all university libraries and services. The Fellowship may also include a stipend of between $3,000 and $5,000 per month, depending on need and financial availability. For applicants residing outside of Lebanon, one round-trip airfare to Beirut may be provided as well.

Eligibility requirements and application procedure

Fellowship with the Asfari Institute is open to academics or practitioners who are interested in moving the above agenda forward. To apply, please provide:

- A statement of intent that describes the anticipated goals for the Fellowship, including:
  a. a description of the work and its expected outcomes,
  b. the significance of the project proposed;
c. and a time-line to ascertain the time-period of the fellowship requested.

- A curriculum vitae (CV)

The Asfari Institute is happy to discuss and further refine the proposal to ensure maximum mutual benefit. The requests for fellowship are eventually reviewed and decided by Steering Committee.

There is no specific deadline for Fellowship applications, but the Asfari Institute is currently able to accommodate only two full-time Fellows at a time due to space considerations.

Please send requests to the Asfari Institute at asfariinst@aub.edu.lb