Post-Doctoral Fellowship Announcement

The Issam Fares Institute for Public Policy and International Affairs (IFI)
American University of Beirut

Post-Doctoral Fellowships in Public Policy and International Affairs in the Arab World

IFI announces the availability of two post-doctoral fellowships in public policy and international affairs at the American University of Beirut (AUB) for the full academic year 2014-15, starting September 1, 2014 and ending May 30, 2015. IFI is the leading university-based public policy and international affairs institute in the Arab world working on themes such as policy tracing, refugees, climate change, social justice and development, university policy research institutes, and the UN in the Arab World. The Institute is interested in applicants who conduct research related to the below themes. It is specifically interested, but not limited, to those who can undertake policy-related research to one or more of the three following themes of interest at the Institute:

1) Refugee Crises in the Middle East
IFI seeks to harness the refugee-related, policy-oriented research of AUB’s faculty and other regional scholars in order to achieve several goals: to enhance the Arab world’s input into regional and global refugee issues and to raise the quality of policy-oriented debates and decision-making in the region.

2) The Evolving Geopolitics in the Arab World – Emerging Powers, Intervention and Humanitarianism
IFI aims to research the geopolitical transformations in the Arab world and their regional and international responses. The role of the United Nations, Arab League and other international institutions is essential to this understanding. An analysis of these institutions, new alliances and the emerging regional order is critical to a better understanding of international relations of the region today.

3) Policy Innovation and Diffusion in the Arab World
IFI aims to advance its research in the area of policy innovation and diffusion in the Arab World. Through studying specific cases from the region, the goal is to understand the internal dynamics as well as the external factors that influence adopting and innovating new public policies.

Eligibility Requirements
Applicants must have received their PhD within the past three years and at the latest by January 2014. The fellowship is open to scholars of all social science and inter-disciplinary degrees with a research focus in public policy and/or international affairs in the Arab world.
Responsibilities and Compensation
The successful candidate is expected to contribute to one or more of the themes of interest mentioned above by authoring at least one IFI publication (working papers, policy briefs, research report, etc.) and presenting at least one public lecture. In addition, the IFI post-doctoral fellow should participate in the intellectual life of the Institute, which may entail co-organizing roundtable discussions or workshops. Compensation includes one economy class round-trip airfare to Beirut, a $3,300 monthly stipend for 9 months, a workspace, and access to all university libraries and their services.

About IFI
The Issam Fares Institute for Public Policy and International Affairs (IFI) at the American University of Beirut (AUB) is an independent research-based, policy-oriented institute that aims to harness, develop, and initiate policy-relevant research that can promote better policy-making in the Arab world and abroad. IFI is committed to increasing and deepening knowledge production in, and about, the Arab region; and to creating a space for the interdisciplinary exchange of ideas among researchers, civil society actors and policy makers (http://www.aub.edu.lb/ifi/Pages/index.aspx).

Application Procedure
Interested candidates should submit the following materials:

1) Cover letter (2-page maximum) detailing academic training, teaching experience, research experience, and the research project the candidate would undertake during the fellowship.
2) Curriculum vitae (CV) detailing the candidate's degrees, language capabilities, academic and other positions, publications, conference presentations, and any other relevant activities or affiliations.
3) Sample of written work, preferably published article/chapter or dissertation chapter.
4) Two recommendation letters submitted under separate cover.

These materials should be emailed to re49@aub.edu.lb by June 30, 2014.