
GUIDANCE NOTES FOR APPLICANTS

MASTER'S RESEARCH FELLOWSHIP PROGRAM 2016

WATER MANAGEMENT, DESALINATION & WATER REUSE

1.1 ELIGIBILITY

- Applicant must be a resident national of Palestine or Jordan.

Applicants are expected to have:

- an unconditional offer for, or be enrolled on, a relevant full time course at a Participating University;
- completed an undergraduate degree in a related subject or have equivalent work experience in a related sector;
- A clear thesis proposal, which addresses an immediate need or specific problem as identified by the water authorities in Jordan or Palestine related to water management, desalination or water reuse.
- The candidate's ability to have a significant, positive impact on water management, desalination or water reuse issues in the MENA region during their career will also form part of the competitive selection process.

1.2 APPLICATION PROCEDURE

Candidates who hold an unconditional offer for, or are currently enrolled in, an eligible full time course at a Participating University should:

- Submit a completed application form and required documents (by 5 May).
- Shortlisted candidates will be invited to take part in a selection process (May).
- Successful candidates will be notified of award by the relevant authority (June/July).

1.3 AWARD AND DELIVERABLES

The total award will be between 3,000 - 6,500 US\$. The award will be paid in three instalments against the following deliverables:

- Signed Fellowship Agreement returned to MEDRC;
- Endorsed mid-term progress report;
- Endorsed final thesis.

Endorsement will be issued by the thesis supervisor and the Palestinian Water Authority or the Ministry for Water and Irrigation, Jordan.

1.4 IMPLEMENTATION

Selection and award administration is conducted by:

Palestine Program: the Palestinian Water Authority in cooperation with the Participating Universities in Gaza and West Bank.

Jordan Program: The Participating Universities, in coordination with the Ministry for Water and Irrigation, Jordan.

The Fellowship is awarded by MEDRC.

1.5 TEMPLATES

- Academic reference for completion (see page 3 of this document)
- Budget for completion (see page 4 of this document)

TEMPLATE: ACADEMIC REFERENCE

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APPLICANT'S FULL NAME:

- The Applicant has been known to me for years.
- The capacity in which I know the Applicant is
- The Applicant is/was in the top % of students I have taught in his/her year's cohort.
- I describe the Applicant's research skills and research potential, academic performance, relevant personal abilities, suitability and motivation for the MEDRC Fellowship Program as follows:

- ☐ I strongly recommend this Applicant for the above MEDRC Fellowship Program
- ☐ I recommend this Applicant for the above MEDRC Fellowship Program
- ☐ I do not recommend this Applicant for the above MEDRC Fellowship Program
- ☐ Other (please state):

REFEREE DETAILS & SIGNATURE:

Title, First & Last Names:

Position:

Signature:

Contact Telephone:

Email Address:

Date:

TO BE SUBMITTED WITH THE APPLICATION FORM WITH THE OFFICIAL UNIVERSITY SEAL, OR AS A SIGNED LETTER ON HEADED PAPER

TEMPLATE: BUDGET

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EXAMPLE BUDGET

ESTIMATED BUDGET (in US\$)

| EXPENSE | Total Master's Budget | Amount requested from MEDRC* | Explanation |
|---|-----------------------|------------------------------|-------------|
| Tuition | | | |
| Living costs | | | |
| Research costs (eg. equipment, materials, supplies) | | | |
| Other (Specify) | | | |
| TOTAL COSTS | | | |
| DECLARE OTHER AWARDS BEING RECEIVED** | | | |

(1) * Amount requested from MEDRC should not exceed the \$6,500 award total

(2) ** Provide details of any other award being received

Please note, MEDRC Fellowships are direct awards. The requested funds should not cover the cost of supervision, and equipment and materials should be directly for individual use for the conduct of the Master's Research.

TO BE SUBMITTED WITH THE APPLICATION FORM