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CMES

CENTRE FOR ADVANCED MIDDLE EASTERN STUDIES

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CALL

CMES writing retreat

The Centre for Advanced Middle Eastern Studies (CMES) supports writing retreats on Middle East research with the aim to finalise an article, book chapter, edited volume or a book for publication in peer-reviewed outlets. 4 writing retreats will be granted during 2027. CMES offers office space and modern research facilities in a stimulating work environment on historic premises. Administrative, practical, and technical support is available on site.

- **Applicant:** An individual researcher that holds a doctoral degree and employment at Lund University.
- **Grant period:** 1-6 months (50%)
- **Application deadline:** 20 November 2026
- **Submission:** ansokan@cme.lu.se
- **Start and end of project:** Spring or autumn 2027
- **Budget:** CMES pays salary cost, including LKP (that is, employer's social-insurance contribution top-up) and indirect costs of maximum 6 months (50%).
- **Notification of decision:** 1 December 2026

Instructions

It is important that the application is complete. Incomplete applications will not be considered eligible for funding. Proposal should be written in English, Times New Roman, font size 12, single line spacing.

The application must include the following sections:

A. **Title** (planned publication in English or Swedish)
B. **Summary** (max 250 words) explaining why the planned publication is important. The application should contain a

summary of conducted research and what remains to be done. The application is assessed according to quality, feasibility and scholarly contribution to international research front.

C. **Description of publication.** This should include research question, empirical material, theory, method, and contribution to the international research front. The scholarly work to be carried out must take the form of a detailed outline for the planned publication. It should clearly state that after the writing retreat, the text should be complete for printing no later than one year after completion of the writing retreat.

D. **CV** (1 page) and **list of publications** (10 most important ones) of the applicant

E. **Budget** with specified start and end dates. Budget refers to salary costs. Translation, language editing, and open access publishing costs are not covered.

F. **Statement**: The applicant should ensure that the research is compatible with the ethical guidelines of the Swedish Research Council and that ethical review is carried if necessary.

G. **Signatures and endorsement from head of department** should be enclosed with the application, which approves the research leave.

Conditions for research funding

- Writing retreat is only for a single applicant with employment at Lund University that is not already funded by the CMES/MECW and that has not received a CMES writing retreat during the last 2 years.
- All publications must include an acknowledgement of funding: “This research is supported by the MECW-research program and the Centre for Advanced Middle Eastern Studies, Lund University”.
- The applicant must take a leave of absence from the ordinary position that corresponds to the working hours at the CMES, thus supplying a letter from the head of department, which approves the research and teaching leave.

- The applicant will be provided office space and is expected to work in the CMES environment. the researcher is also expected to participate and contribute to ongoing activities, seminars and events at CMES.
- Three months after the funding ends, the researcher is to submit a final report on the conducted research.
- Publications should be using Open Access (OA costs are provided for by Lund University Central Library and CMES).

Decision

Applications that fulfil all the conditions stated above are assessed by CMES management. Applicants will be informed by email 1 December 2026.

If you have questions or need further information, please contact:

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We look forward to receiving your application!