



Dr. Philip M. Kayal Fund for Arab American Research 2020 Research Grant

Deadline: Friday, September 25th, 2020 at 5:00 pm EST

The Dr. Philip M. Kayal Fund for Arab American Research housed at the Center for Arab American Philanthropy announces the availability of funds supporting scholarly research on Arab American communities.

Selection Criteria

Preference will be given to research on Arab American communities within the social sciences, particularly sociology, anthropology, psychology, political science, social work, economics, and history. However, biological research, and research on health/illnesses, genetics, and mental health may also be considered. In particular, findings of the research should lend themselves to the construction of theories and information with useful social or institutional applications.

Qualified candidates include graduate students or non-tenured faculty members at accredited institutions. Priority will be given to graduate level and post-graduate students conducting research for publication. Research applications will be ranked according to the following priorities:

- 1) Arab Americans conducting research on the Arab American community;
- 2) Non-Arab Americans conducting research on the Arab American community; and
- 3) Arab Americans conducting research in any related field.

Funding will be directed to the academic institution associated with the researcher. Researchers working on behalf of a non-academic organization will NOT be considered. Funding for Ph.D. students for research on their dissertation will be considered on an individual basis.

Examples of studies that would be considered for funding

- Institutional development and/or analysis of effects on community life and integration. For example, churches, mosques, niche businesses, political organizations etc.
- Effects of institutional involvement on community integration, identity, self-esteem, politicization
- Institutionalized discrimination by society on integration of Arab American communities
- External socio-political-religious conflicts and Arab American community identity and/or solidarity

- Community responses/adjustments to discrimination over time
- Personal and collective changes in identity over time
- Identity and political activism
- Social media and identity formation, political activity, community involvement
- Arab American philanthropy over time; changes in focus and emphasis
- Arab American entrepreneurship, past and present
- Comparative studies between Arab American groups
- Assimilation studies, especially comparing different waves of migration, levels of assimilation, etc.
- Marriage and intermarriage patterns
- Stereotyping and self-esteem/acceptance
- Voting patterns and political loyalties
- Intergenerational relations
- Suburbanization, assimilation and group identity
- Socializing patterns of families at various stages of assimilation
- Institutional involvement and support (political, religious, educational, legal, etc.)
- Social, health, family, etc. issues facing Arab Americans
- Impact and response of COVID-19 pandemic on Arab Americans communities

Amount of Funding

Dependent on the availability of funds, the Dr. Philip M. Kayal Arab American Research Fund will consider grant requests not exceeding \$2,500 each.

Limitations on Funding

Grants will not be made to the individual researcher, but to their academic institution and then designated for use by the researcher. The Fund will not support the following activities:

- Projects that include religious instruction
- Political parties or political action committees
- Non-U.S.-based organizations
- Loans
- Equipment and technology purchase (i.e. computers)
- Conference Travel costs
- Conference and Professional fees

Grant Review and Recommendation

Grantmaking from the Arab American Research Fund will be conducted by a committee of academics, with experience in research, and chaired by Professor Kayal. The committee will review the requests for funding, taking into consideration the topic of research, the quality of the methodology, publishing potential, and whether or not the findings have implications that and/or applications that extend beyond the direct research.

How to Apply

Applications are due by **5:00 pm EST on Friday, September 25th, 2020** and should be completed at this link: <https://www.centeraap.org/grants/competitive-grantmaking-programs/dr-philip-m-kaya...fund-application/>

Late applications will not be considered. All applications must include:

1. Narrative of no more than 3 pages (Narrative instructions are on following page)
2. Project budget (please use the budget template provided on page 4)
3. Brief CV, including publications
4. One letter of support from current academic institution

Funding Decisions

Applicants will be notified of the funding decisions in November, 2020. Grants will be distributed for a project start date of December 1st, 2020. The grant period is one year, ending November 30th, 2021.

If you have any questions, please contact Katy Asuncion at khanway@accesscommunity.org . You can also find additional information about the Dr. Philip M. Kayal Fund for Arab American Research and the Center for Arab American Philanthropy on our website at <http://www.centeraap.org>.

Narrative

Please provide the following information in this order. Use these headings, subheadings, and number provided in your own word processing format, thus leaving flexibility for length of response. **The narrative should be a maximum of 3 typed pages.**

A. Narrative: Please answer the following questions:

1. What is your research topic (describe specifically), and how is it important and unique? How does your topic add to the existing body of available research?
2. What is your research methodology?
3. Where does information on this topic already exist? What sources (people or literature) are currently available to you?
4. What is your tentative research schedule?
5. To what uses could your research be applied to a broader audience? i.e. researched paper accepted for reading at an academic convention. Please include details of publications you expect to produce from the research. If possible, specify potential journals/publications that might publish your research and a timeline for publication.

B. Project Budget

1. If the total project budget is greater than the amount requested, from what sources will the other necessary funds be obtained, and what funds, if any, have been raised to date?
2. If relevant, what financial resources will be available for the continuation of this project after the grant from the Philip Kayal Arab American Research Fund has ended?

C. Attachments

1. Brief C.V., including publications
2. 1 letter of recommendation from current academic institution

Project Budget

- A. Time period this budget covers: _____
- B. Expenses: Fill in only those line items that are relevant to the project

	Amount requested from this grant	Total research expenses
Research participant stipends/incentives		
Supplies		
Printing and copying		
Mailings		
Travel (directly related to research; this grant will not support travel to attend conferences)		
Other (please specify)		
Total		

- C. Revenue: Please list all other sources of revenue/income for this project and whether the funds are already committed or pending.

- D. Budget Notes: If applicable, please provide further description of costs associated with your project