NELC Fellowships

- Undergraduate/Graduate/Doctoral Fellowships
- Graduate/Doctoral Fellowships
- Doctoral Fellowships

The deadline for priority consideration for fellowships for the following academic year is **JANUARY 15**, unless otherwise stated. Students should apply for all categories of fellowships for which they believe they might be qualified.

All applications should be submitted online. Click on the application form of the fellowship you wish to apply for.

After submitting this form, please email attachments (Word or PDF) to neareast@uw.edu

The email subject should contain your last name and the name of the fellowship (Smith_Bateh). All attachments should be labeled LastName_FellowshipName_Document.

Example: **Smith_Bateh_ResearchPaper**

Letters of recommendation (Word or PDF) should be emailed directly to neareast@uw.edu by the instructor/professor. DO NOT submit your own letters of recommendation.

*We do not receive mailed materials*

**Fellowships for Undergraduate, Graduate, and Doctoral Students**

**Easa A. Bateh Fellowships**

**Due January 15**

This award is made possible by a generous donation from the Bateh family. This fund supports students who study Arabic language and/or demonstrate a deep commitment to Islamic culture in any of its aspects (religion, law, literature, etc.). Applicants must hold a 3.50 GPA or higher in his/her major and a 3.26 overall GPA.

**Application Materials Needed:**

- An application form
- An unofficial transcript
- Two letters of recommendation
- A research paper on a topic of Arabic or Islamic interest
- A statement of purpose outlining interest and research concerning Arabic language and/or Islamic studies.
Michael A. Williams Award for Excellence

**Due April 15**

This fund provides $1000 support for majors, minors, and MA students in the NELC department.

**Application Materials Needed:**

- An [application form](#)
- An unofficial transcript
- A research paper or an annotated translation, in English, 2000-5000 words.

Dr. Paul Leroy Award in Ancient Egyptian Studies

**Due April 15**

This award, in the amount of $500, is made possible by the generosity of Dr. Paul LeRoy. It will be presented to the top student at UW undertaking research on ancient Egypt. Students can represent any of the academic disciplines, e.g., archaeology, arts, history, language, etc., but must hold a 3.50 GPA or higher in his/her major and a 3.26 overall GPA.

**Application Materials Needed:**

- An [application form](#)
- An unofficial transcript
- A letter of recommendation
- A research paper on a topic of Egyptological interest
- A statement of purpose outlining interest and research concerning ancient Egypt.

Hooshang Afrassiabi Student Prize in Persian Studies

**Not offered in 2021-2022**

Since 1999 the Department of Near Eastern Languages and Civilization at the University of Washington has awarded annually the Hooshang Afrassiabi Student Prize in Persian Studies.

Hooshang Afrassiabi passed away on February 14, 1998. He and his family had by that time lived for almost two decades in Seattle, having moved to the U.S. after the 1979 revolution in Iran. Mr. Afrassiabi's advanced degrees in Iran had included a focus on administration and government affairs, and he had a distinguished career in government service, including the position of Mayor of the lovely city of Shiraz. But his undergraduate education there had been in Persian literature, a love that he was to cherish for the rest of his life. In 1999 his three sons, all alumni of the UW in various fields, began the establishment of an endowment in their father's name. The endowment supports the annual Afrassiabi Distinguished Lectureship in Persian Studies, and also the annual student prize.

Thanks to the generosity of the Afrassiabi family, each year the sum of $500 will be presented to a student at UW who has followed a rigorous course of study in Persian Studies at NELC. Selection is based on student performance, GPA, and research.

To apply, please complete the [General Persian Fellowship Application Form](#) and submit the following items as instructed:
A cover letter describing your accomplishments in Persian and Iranian Studies and any plans for future study and/or research in the field. If you plan to use the award for a specific project or program, describe how you will budget the awarded funding.

A current CV

UW transcript (unofficial)

A sample of your strongest work in Persian and Iranian Studies. Submissions may include but are not limited to essays in Persian, research or analytical papers on a relevant topic, PowerPoint or comparable presentations, recorded material, interviews, etc. Any sample of your work that demonstrates excellence in Persian and Iranian Studies will be considered.

Naficy Award in Persian Studies

Due April 15

In 2004, the Naficy family established the endowment that makes this scholarship possible to honor the memory of their beloved parents, Dr. Hossein Naficy and Mrs. Malek Naficy-Sanjideh. Dr. and Mrs. Naficy both came from a family with a long history of both medical professionals as well as literary scholars. Hossein and Malek were themselves deeply committed to high standards of education, culture, personal ethics and morality and, above all, to philanthropic activities. Mrs. Naficy was a poet and was passionately committed to the preservation of Persian languages, culture, and civilization. The endowment was intended to ensure that Hossein and Malek's devotion to their homeland and to Persian literature and culture would remain an inspiring legacy for generations to come.

Thanks to the generosity of the Naficy family, each year the sum of $1000 will be presented to an outstanding undergraduate at UW who has followed a rigorous course of study in Persian Studies at NELC. Selection is based on student performance, GPA, and research.

To apply, please complete the General Persian Fellowship Application Form and submit the following items as instructed:

- A cover letter describing your accomplishments in Persian and Iranian Studies and any plans for future study and/or research in the field. If you plan to use the award for a specific project or program, describe how you will budget the awarded funding.
- A current CV
- UW transcript (unofficial)
- A sample of your strongest work in Persian and Iranian Studies. Submissions may include but are not limited to essays in Persian, research or analytical papers on a relevant topic, PowerPoint or comparable presentations, recorded material, interviews, etc. Any sample of your work that demonstrates excellence in Persian and Iranian Studies will be considered.

The Friends of Persian Studies Student Fellowship

This fellowship, made possible through the generosity of the local Iranian-American community and other friends of Persian Studies, celebrates the achievements of the University of Washington students in the field of Persian and Iranian studies, broadly defined. Preference will be given to students who have demonstrated not only their academic excellence, but also a thoughtful commitment to the language, literature, history, and culture of the Iranian world.

To apply, please complete the General Persian Fellowship Application Form and submit the following items as instructed:

- A cover letter describing your accomplishments in Persian and Iranian Studies and any plans for future study and/or research in the field. If you plan to use the award for a specific project or program, describe how you will budget the awarded funding.
Fellowships for Graduate and Doctoral Students

Maurice and Lois Schwartz Fellowship

Due January 15

The Schwartz fellowship is designed to help support graduate students with international study during their degree program. The normal amounts for Schwartz fellowships are $1500 (for one quarter), though under exceptional circumstances two-quarter $4000 fellowships have been awarded. The international study need not involve a full quarter of study. Some recipients in the past have proposed shorter periods of study with targeted goals (e.g., gathering of research data for an academic project; study in an intensive language program of more limited duration).

First priority must be given to students in the NELC M.A. program.

Students must be enrolled as UW students in the quarter in which the award is distributed.

Application Materials Needed:

- An application form
- An unofficial transcript
- A current CV
- A 1-2 page description of the proposed study or research abroad (include a description of the nature of the study, country, location(s), anticipated dates of stay, and the way in which a Schwartz fellowship would be used)
- Three letters of reference from faculty familiar with the student's work, including the principal dissertation advisor.

Fellowships for Doctoral Students

(Note: NELC does not have a Ph.D. program)

Roshan Institute Fellowship for Excellence in Persian Studies

Due April 15

The Roshan Institute Fellowship for Excellence in Persian Studies has been made possible by a generous endowment from the Roshan Cultural Heritage Institute, a nonprofit organization that promotes scholarship on Persian culture and heritage. Stipend awards may be made up to $15,000 per year. This fellowship is earmarked for Doctoral (Ph.D.) students at the University of Washington whose focus is on any aspect of Persian language and literature and Iranian culture and civilization, broadly defined, and who are already engaged in writing their dissertation. It is intended especially to support outstanding Ph.D. students in the latter stages of their dissertation writing.

To apply, please complete the General Persian Fellowship Application Form and submit the following items as instructed:

- A cover letter describing your accomplishments in Persian and Iranian Studies and any plans for future study and/or
research in the field. If you plan to use the award for a specific project or program, describe how you will budget the awarded funding.

- A current CV
- UW transcript (unofficial)
- A sample of your strongest work in Persian and Iranian Studies. Submissions may include but are not limited to essays in Persian, research or analytical papers on a relevant topic, Powerpoint or comparable presentations, recorded material, interviews, etc. Any sample of your work that demonstrates excellence in Persian and Iranian Studies will be considered.

The Turkish and Ottoman Literature Endowed Fellowship

Due January 15

This fellowship was made possible by the generosity of an anonymous donor and matching funds from the University. The current amount in the endowment allows an estimated stipend for the academic year of about $15,000. To be eligible, applicants must be Ph.D. students at the University of Washington whose major field of study is Turkish and/or Ottoman literature and hold a 3.50 GPA or higher in his/her major and a 3.26 overall GPA.

Application Materials Needed:

- An application form
- An unofficial transcript
- A current CV
- A cover letter with an explanation of the dissertation research
- Three letters of reference from faculty familiar with the student's work, including the principal dissertation advisor.

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