

## 2023-24 Call for Proposals in Palestinian Studies

The Faculty of Arts welcomes applications from faculty and students of the six Faculties or Affiliated and Federated Institutions of Waterloo (AFIWs) for two new funding opportunities in Palestinian Studies (\*)

- (a) [Seed Grant for New Research in Palestinian Studies](#)
- (b) [Seed Grant for Knowledge Mobilization](#) emerging from research in the field of Palestinian Studies.

(\*) *The Faculty of Arts gratefully acknowledges the donor of the **Palestine Research Support Fund** that makes these grants possible.*

### Seed Grant for New Research in Palestinian Studies

(There are two competitions: due annually on **October 20 and March 20**)

This is a small grant program to assist with defraying the cost of research in Palestinian Studies. The funds may be used, for instance, to employ a research assistant or to conduct field or archival research. Eligible areas of research include any research which addresses topics related to the current as well as historical contexts which have and continue to shape Palestinian society and the Palestinian diaspora, including research creation involving the intersection of artistic creation and practice, experimentation, and research. Funds cannot be used to support conference travel.

Requests are limited to \$5,000 or less.

All Seed Grant funds **MUST** be spent within one year of notice of the award.

Applicants should submit:

- a) Name of the PI. If the PI is a graduate student in a research-based program, include the name of the UW supervisor who is overseeing the research
- b) The affiliated faculty/AFIW and department of the PI and student
- c) List of other affiliated scholars, including graduate students or postdocs that are involved in the research
- d) Title of the project
- e) Other funding sources or targets for funding which have been received, submitted, or for which applications are being prepared (e.g., starter grants, other grants held by the research team)
- f) A project proposal of no more than one single-spaced page
- g) A proposed budget with **detailed** budget justification
- h) A CV (for PI only)

The committee welcomes applications for Seed Grants by scholars intending to apply for major grants from external funders.

## Seed Grant for Knowledge Mobilization in Palestinian Studies

(There are two competitions: Deadlines due annually on **October 20 and March 20**)

These grants will provide up to \$2,500 for activities that will disseminate knowledge about Palestinian society and the Palestinian diaspora. There are two categories for support: (1) Publication and (2) Conference/Workshops.

(1) **Publication grants** - used to assist with the publication of results from a major research project (offsetting some of the costs of copyediting, translation, preparing the index, or other production costs). In the case of a book or journal article, one author must be a UW faculty member.

(2) **Conference/Workshop grants** - used to subsidize the costs of guest speakers or graduate students' attendance. The proposal must be led by a UW faculty member and if appropriate include the participation of graduate students or postdoctoral scholars. Funding will be conditional on applicants seeking complementary funding from their universities and/or external programs such as SSHRC's Connection Grants program.

All Seed Grant funds **MUST** be spent within one year of notice of the award.

Applicants should submit:

- a) Name of the PI. If the PI is a graduate student in a research-based program, include the name of the UW supervisor who is overseeing the Publication/Article/Conference/Workshop
- b) The affiliated faculty/AFIW and department of the PI and student
- c) List of affiliated scholars from the University of Waterloo and other institutions involved with the Publication/Article/Event/Conference/Workshop
- d) Title of the Publication/Article/Proposed Conference/Workshop
- e) A proposed budget with **detailed** budget justification
- f) A CV (for PI only)

In the case of a book or article, the following will also be required:

- Relevant supporting documentation, such as the book contract, or editor's acceptance letter
- Evidence of peer-review
- A description of the need for assistance (e.g., reviewed and minor revisions are necessary; need to complete the index; needs to be copyedited) in no more than one single-spaced page

In the case of events/conference/workshop, the following will also be required:

- A rationale for the proposed program, in no more than one single-spaced page
- Proposed list of participants (e.g., students, postdocs) with some description of their areas of expertise and contribution to the workshop/conference/event
- Intended audience of the events/conference/workshop (e.g., closed workshop, university community, open to the public)

### Important Notes and Guidelines for Funding from the Palestine Research Support Fund

- Successful proposals will conform to UW requirements for funded research, including obtaining ethics clearance. Submission of a cover sheet to the UW Office of Research and adherence to UW guidelines relating to research expenditures are mandatory to receive the funds.
- Successful applicants will provide a final report **within one month** of the grant end date to the Associate Dean Research indicating how the grant funds have been used and contributed to the advancement of Palestinian Studies.
- An annual update will be shared with donors of the fund, reporting how funds have been dispersed, with high-level overviews of the projects.
- All successful applicants will acknowledge the support of the *Palestine Research Support Fund* in all relevant publications or events.
- In all cases, other things being equal, preference will be given to new applicants.
- Postdoctoral fellows and graduate students may apply with the support of a UW supervisory faculty member who is involved with the research.