The Mohamed Ali Foundation Fellowship programme
Notice of Call for fellowship applications

The Mohamed Ali Foundation Fellowship Advisory Panel welcomes applications for the 2024 Mohamed Ali Foundation fellowships, the residencies for which will run during the Easter term from 22 April to 21 June 2024.

The Mohamed Ali Foundation is a UK charity whose aims include advancing the education of the public in the history of the Islamic World, of Egypt and of the Mohamed Ali Family in particular, especially the period of reign of Khedive Abbas Hilmi II (1892-1914).

In 2018 the Mohamed Ali Foundation announced the launch of this Fellowship Programme, and which is established to devote scholarly attention to the Abbas Hilmi II Papers held at Durham University and to make the collection's strengths more widely known to scholars. Almost all of the collection is now digitised and freely available online. It is hoped that the fellows' work will foster deeper understanding of an important period of Egyptian history, and of a transformative era in East -West relations.

Fellows will be early career (post-doctoral) or established scholars. The nature of the collection will often require good reading knowledge of Arabic, Ottoman Turkish, French, and English. The online catalogue of the collection indicates the languages of each file of material.

Fellows will make use of the Abbas Hilmi II Papers in their research on an agreed topic and deliver a lecture at Durham University. Each lecture will ultimately form a chapter in a volume of high quality and original research to be edited by Dr Ghazaleh. In the interim the lectures will be published in the university's Middle East Papers series. The breadth of material in the Abbas Hilmi II Papers will reward an interdisciplinary approach.

In order to guide candidate fellows an outline plan of the edited volume is provided in the fellowship application documentation online and is indicative of the particular strengths of the collection. This is not intended to be prescriptive and the Advisory Panel will consider alternative suggestions so long as they are well-grounded in the Abbas Hilmi II Papers and this is evidenced in the application proposal.

Fellows will be awarded an honorarium upon completion of their fellowship, and accommodation and all meals will be provided for the duration of the fellowship; a research travel grant is also available to each fellow.

The Fellowship, tenable jointly in IMEIS and Grey College, entitles the holder to full access during their residency to departmental and other University facilities such as Computing and Information Services and the University Library.

Accommodation is provided at Durham during the Easter term (22 April-21 June 2024), and fellows may be permitted to reside in Cairo or Istanbul for the duration of the fellowship.

All fellows will visit Durham, if only briefly, in order to deliver their lecture in June. Lectures and other activities elsewhere during the fellowship will be encouraged.

Fellows who do reside at Durham will also be encouraged to take a full part in academic and collegiate life, delivering the already mentioned lecture and perhaps also contributing to seminars.

Applicants are advised to familiarise themselves with the [online catalogue](#) of the Abbas Hilmi II Papers, or the collection itself, and to review the outline plan of the edited volume. More detailed information about the fellowship programme is also [published online](#).

This call is now open, and applications should be submitted by Friday 20 October 2023, preferably by email, to the Mohamed Ali Foundation Fellowship Programme at the address provided.

Applications should include:

- a CV (of no more than 2 pages);
- a two to three-page outline of their proposed research;
- contact details for two referees.

Please send this information to:

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