CALL FOR PROPOSALS
Student Research Related to Middle East and Islamic Studies (MEIS)

The Andrew W. Mellon Foundation funds for the Middle East and Islamic Studies (MEIS) program include funding for a variety of student projects, such as: research-related expenses for coursework (either a specific course or a course cluster project) or an honors thesis; travel to present original work at a conference; and participation in other kinds of MEIS-related opportunities. Students can request funding up to the following amounts: $600 for conference attendance/presentation and $2,500 for research-related travel. Other kinds of requests will be considered on a case-by-case basis.

This call for proposals is open to all Gettysburg College students with a project or opportunity that relates to MEIS, understood broadly (relating to any aspect of the greater Middle East/North Africa region or to Islam anywhere in the world), and is not limited to students currently enrolled in MEIS-related courses or pursuing an MEIS minor. The funding committee will look favorably on proposals that demonstrate the student has sought other sources of funding and has not previously received Mellon MEIS funds. Questions can be addressed to Amy Evrard, MEIS program coordinator (aevrard@gettysburg.edu).

This is a rolling applications process; students may submit this proposal to Amy Evrard at any time. However, all travel must be completed by May 2015, so applications should be made as soon as possible to allow time for evaluation of proposal, dispersal of funds, and reimbursements to be made. Students will be informed of the committee’s decision within a few days of application.

To apply, please submit a proposal via e-mail to Amy Evrard, including the following:

(1) A 2- to 3-page narrative (double spaced, normal font and margins) that includes clear descriptions/explanations of the following:

- The topic/opportunity and how it relates to the student’s course of study
- The student’s unique position/background/experience as related to the topic/opportunity
- The funding required and how/when funds will be used
- Other sources of funding sought
- The proposed result (e.g., paper for a course cluster, senior honors thesis, participation in the national-level Model Arab League, publication, etc.)
- Additional information that will help the committee make its decision.

(2) A detailed budget that breaks out the funding needed according to specific categories (e.g., air travel, visa fees, ground travel, lodging expense per night, food, photocopy expenses, etc.). Make sure to explain all costs clearly, especially questionable ones. (For example, if you have a “museum admissions” category, specify which museums you will visit and the individual admission fee for each.) If your request involves international travel, please make sure to include in your budget a $1.18 per day medical evacuation/repatriation insurance fee, to be charged by the Center for Global Education.