

## Arab Democracy and Development Project Visiting Fellowship Saban Center for Middle East Policy The Brookings Institution

The Saban Center for Middle East Policy at The Brookings Institution is seeking applications for a Visiting Fellow in the Arab Democracy and Development Project. Directed by Tamara Cofman Wittes, Research Fellow at the Saban Center at Brookings, the Arab Democracy and Development Project conducts research and analysis on political and economic reform in the Arab world, with a focus on U.S. policy. The purpose of the Fellowship is to enhance the US-Arab policy dialogue on questions of regional reform, to inform the American policy debate on this issue, and to expose reformers from the Arab world to the Washington policy community.

During their four-month stay in Washington, D.C., Visiting Fellows will have the chance to interact with members of the Washington policy community and take advantage of the resources of the Brookings Institution. Brookings will provide round-trip economy-class travel to Washington for the Fellow, a stipend, office space, research assistance, computer resources, and full access to the Brookings Library.

Fellows will be expected to participate in the various policy, research, and outreach aspects of the Saban Center and to research and write a 15,000-25,000 word analysis paper in consultation with the Project Director; a first draft of the paper is to be completed before the Fellow's departure. Fellows will be given the opportunity to present their research to Brookings scholars, as well as to the wider Washington policy community.

## **Eligibility**

Applicants should be citizens or permanent residents of an Arab country and be actively engaged in political and economic reform issues as researchers, writers, and/or practitioners. Qualified applicants will possess at least a university degree, with a higher degree preferred, and will have research and publishing experience.

Applicants must hold a valid passport and be able to obtain a J1 Visa and to read, write, and speak at a scholarly level in English.

Fellows are expected to be in residence full-time at Brookings during their Fellowship and work full-time on their Fellowship research during the four-month period.

## **Application Information**

Applications should include:

- 1. A brief cover letter;
- 2. A C.V. including professional and educational experience, citizenship, and full contact information;
- 3. A 5-10 page writing sample, in English, on a relevant topic;
- 4. A prospectus of the proposed research topic for the period of the Fellowship;
- 5. Two reference letters, to be submitted to Brookings either directly by the referees or mailed in separate, sealed envelopes along with the application.

## Applications must be received by September 30, 2006.

Please address any queries and forward completed application packages to:

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