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Visiting Fellowship on Development Cooperation in Water Management in the Middle East

The [Wolfensohn Center for Development](#) at the Brookings Institution is accepting applications for the Wolfensohn Center Fellowship on Development Cooperation in Water Management in the Middle East. This two-year fellowship is devoted to the study of water management in Egypt, Israel, Lebanon, Jordan and Syria. The fellowship is open to nationals from these five countries, who may be affiliated with institutions anywhere in the world. Applicants must hold a PhD in Economics, Development Studies, Political Science, or a related field.

The goal of the fellowship is to foster cooperative research between academics from Israel and neighboring States on national and regional approaches to water management in the hopes of fostering progressive regional solutions to what is a critical development concern in the Middle East. Fellows will conduct individual country-specific studies, but work cooperatively to present their findings within a regional overview, recognizing that better national water management leads to better regional water management and development cooperation.

The Wolfensohn Center, at the Brookings Institution, in Washington D.C. is dedicated to conducting research that aims to improve poverty reduction strategies through better understanding development practices. To pursue this goal, the Wolfensohn Center strives to bridge the gap between development theorists and practitioners, working in partnership with others, especially partners in developing countries, to promote local ownership and capacity, and ensure development impact.

The time frame of the two-year program is as follows:

- 6 months – Research planning phase at the Brookings Institution in Washington, D.C. (fellows work with Wolfensohn Center scholars and staff, as well as with each other, to design in-country research projects)
- 10 months – In-country research phase (each fellow conducts research in his/her country)
- 8 months – Results coordination and presentation phase at the Brookings Institution (including the writing up of research results with the intention to publish and the organization of a regional conference and Brookings event to present results)

Candidates must be willing to cooperatively work with a “partner fellow” conducting research in a neighboring country. This includes co-creating (and presenting in-house) the research and outreach design, acting as advisors to each fellow’s project throughout the research phase, co-organizing a regional conference and Brookings event, and co-producing research results (publication or working papers). Applicants should apply with individual proposals. The two fellows will be selected individually by the Wolfensohn Center.

Each fellow will receive a monthly stipend as well as funding to support in-country research (and travel reimbursement). Applicants must hold a valid passport and be able to obtain a J1 Visa. Applicants must read, write, and speak at a scholarly level in English.

Research proposals should approach water management in a specific country through a lens that addresses intersectoral issues, private sector engagement, cross-border and regional linkages, and economic and development concerns. They should aim to create policy/development recommendations for more progressive and productive water management in the Middle East.

Applications should be submitted by July 20, 2007 and should include:

1. A brief cover letter
2. A CV including professional and educational experience, citizenship, and complete contact information
3. A writing sample, in English, on a relevant topic (maximum of 40 pages)
4. A detailed research proposal (5-10 pages)
 - a. Research Questions to be addressed (and country of study)
 - b. Methodologies to be applied
 - c. Process for conducting analysis of and outreach to the private sector, civil society, and local institutions involved in issues related to water management
 - d. Interest in cooperative research (working with a partner fellow to advise each other's research design and implementation, and co-organize events and publications to present individual studies within a regional context/overview)
5. Contact information for two references

Please address any queries and forward complete application packages to:

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We strongly encourage qualified women and minorities to apply.
(Only finalists for the position will be contacted. No phone calls please.)