

Call for Applications: Postdoctoral Fellowships 2024-25

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The Orient-Institut Beirut (OIB), a member institution of the Max Weber Foundation, seeks to facilitate international dialogue by supporting doctoral and postdoctoral research through a variety of competitive fellowships. The OIB is offering visiting fellowships normally lasting 7-10 months beginning on 1 September 2024 or shortly thereafter, to junior scholars in the early stages of the postdoctoral research, in support of excellent projects in the humanities and social sciences.

Proposals are encouraged to articulate the contemporary stakes of the research project, encompassing historiographical, cultural, religious and/or political dimensions. Applicants must demonstrate how their projects will benefit from an extended stay in the region and contribute to the institute's overall research environment.

Applicants must hold a doctorate in any of the disciplines, time periods, and geographic coverage listed in our mission statement. Proficiency in written and oral English, as well as all languages relevant to the research project, is expected. Priority will be given to candidates with demonstrated oral proficiency in German. Visiting fellows are expected to actively participate in the OIB's research community, attend weekly colloquia, and engage in relevant scholarly activities and events. Fellows are also required to present their work at least once, and write a research report at the end of their OIB tenure.

Fellowships include a monthly stipend of currently 1,900 Euro and a one-time travel allowance of 600 Euros. We also offer support for organizing an academic workshop that fits within the research profile of the OIB. The OIB will provide postdoctoral visiting fellows with office space. The OIB will not provide funding for preliminary research, language courses, manuscript composition, or the revision of manuscripts.

Applications must include:

1. A brief cover letter indicating the preferred duration of the fellowship
2. Curriculum vitae
3. Research proposal / project description (max. 2000 words)
4. Research schedule for the fellowship with realistic outcomes to be achieved within the proposed duration of the fellowship
5. At least one letter of recommendation
6. Copy of doctoral degree
7. Proof of proficiency in English and all languages relevant to the research project

The application package should be submitted as a single PDF file (excluding letters of recommendation, which should be submitted directly by the referee) to bewerbungen@orient-institut.org. Applicants may write in either English or German; we recommend that they use the language in which they are most proficient. The deadline for applications is 1 May 2024. Interviews will be conducted via video call later that month.