



Dr. Philip M. Kayal Fund for Arab American Research Request for Proposals

The [Dr. Philip M. Kayal Fund for Arab American Research](#), housed at the Center for Arab American Philanthropy, announces the availability of funds supporting quality research on Arab American communities by young scholars, assisting in their advancement and that of the profession.

Selection Criteria

Preference will be given to research on Arab American communities within the social sciences, particularly sociology, anthropology, psychology, political science, social work, economics, and history. However, biological research, as well as research on health/illnesses, genetics, and mental health, may also be considered. In particular, findings of the research should lend themselves to the construction of theories and information with useful social or institutional applications.

Qualified candidates include graduate students or non-tenured faculty members at accredited institutions. Priority will be given to graduate level and post-graduate students conducting research for publication. Research applications will be ranked according to the following priorities:

- 1) Arab Americans conducting research on the Arab American community;
- 2) Non-Arab Americans conducting research on the Arab American community; and
- 3) Arab Americans conducting research in any related field.

Funding will be directed to the academic institution associated with the researcher. Researchers working on behalf of a non-academic organization will NOT be considered. Funding for Ph.D. students for research on their dissertation will be considered on an individual basis.

Examples of studies that would be considered for funding

- Institutional development and/or interpretations of institutional effects within communities. E.g., churches, mosques, niche businesses
- Interpretations of institutional influences or effects on communities (or on community integration; identity, self-esteem, politicization)
- Institutionalized discrimination on integration/acceptance of Arab Americans

- External socio-political-religious conflicts and Arab American community identity and/or solidarity
- Personal and collective changes in identity over time
- Identity and political activism
- Social media and identity formation, political activity, community involvement
- Arab American philanthropy overtime; changes in focus and emphasis
- Arab American entrepreneurship, past and present
- Comparative studies between Arab American groups
- Assimilation studies, especially comparing different waves of migration, levels of assimilation, etc.
- Marriage and intermarriage patterns
- Stereotyping and self-esteem/acceptance
- Voting patterns and political loyalties
- Intergenerational relations
- Suburbanization, assimilation and group identity
- Socializing patterns of families at various stages of assimilation
- Institutional involvement and support (political, religious, educational, legal, etc.)
- Social, health, family, etc. issues facing Arab Americans

Amount of Funding

Dependent on the availability of funds, the Dr. Philip M. Kayal Arab American Research Fund will consider grant requests not exceeding \$2,500 each.

Limitations on Funding

Grants will not be made to the individual researcher, but to their academic institution and then designated for use by the researcher. **The Fund will not support the following activities:**

- Projects that include religious instruction
- Political parties or political action committees
- Non-U.S.-based organizations
- Loans
- Equipment and technology purchase (i.e. computers)
- Conference Travel costs
- Conference and Professional fees

Grant Review and Recommendation

Grantmaking from the Arab American Research Fund will be conducted by a committee of experienced academics in research. The committee will review the requests for funding, taking into consideration the topic of research, the quality of the methodology, publishing potential, and whether or not the findings have implications and/or applications that extend beyond the direct research.

How to Apply

Applications are due by **11:59 pm EST on Friday, January 9th 2026**, and should be completed at this link: [Application Link](#)

Late applications will not be considered. All applications must include:

1. Narrative (Narrative instructions are below)
2. Project budget (please use the budget template provided on page 5)
3. Brief CV, including publications
4. One letter of recommendation from current academic institution

Funding Decisions

Applicants will be notified of the funding decisions by February 28, 2026. Grants will be distributed immediately after for a project start date of March 1st, 2026. The grant period is one year, ending February 28, 2027.

If you have any questions, please contact the CAAP team at caap@accesscommunity.org. You can also find additional information about the Dr. Philip M. Kayal Fund for Arab American Research and the Center for Arab American Philanthropy on our website at <http://www.centeraap.org>.

Narrative

Please answer the following questions in order, using the provided headings and numbers in your own word processing format. Follow the word count limits noted below (citations not included in word count). Aim for brevity in your responses to ensure clarity and conciseness while including all key information.

A. Narrative: Please answer the following questions:

1. Is your research proposal monographical, exploratory or experimental, or some other type?
Please limit your response to 100 words or less
2. What is your research title and how is it important and unique? Will your research confirm a principle, discover a fact, raise a question, or contribute in any way that clarifies theory in the field. If so, how? What practical benefits, if any, will it have?
Please limit your response to 350 words or less
3. What is your research methodology?
Please limit your response to 200 words or less

4. Where does information on this topic already exist? What sources (people or literature) are currently available to you? How does your topic add to the existing body of available research?

Please limit your response to 350 words or less

5. What is your tentative research schedule?

Please limit your response to 150 words or less

6. To what uses could your research be applied to or used by a broader audience (i.e. research paper accepted for reading at an academic convention)?

- a. Please include details of publications you expect to produce from the research. If possible, specify potential journals/publications that might publish your research and a timeline for publication.

Please limit your response to 250 words or less

B. Attachments

1. Narrative and budget
2. Brief C.V., including publications
3. One letter of recommendation from a professor, academic advisor or other qualified individual at your academic institution
 - a. If your recommender prefers to submit the letter directly to the review committee, they can do so at this link: [Letter Submission Link](#)

C. Project Budget

1. If the total project budget is greater than the amount requested, from what sources will the other necessary funds be obtained, and what funds, if any, have been raised to date?
2. If relevant, what financial resources will be available for the continuation of this project after the grant from the Philip Kayal Arab American Research Fund has ended?

Project Budget

- A. Time period this budget covers: _____
- B. Expenses: Fill in only those line items that are relevant to the project

	Amount requested from this grant	Total research expenses
Research participant stipends/incentives		
Supplies		
Printing and copying		
Mailings		
Travel (directly related to research; this grant will not support travel to attend conferences)		
Other (please specify)		
Total		

- C. Revenue: Please list all other sources of revenue/income for this project and whether the funds are already committed or pending.
- D. Budget Notes: If applicable, please provide further description of costs associated with your project