



CALL FOR APPLICATIONS 2025 MENA Research Development Group for early-career scholars

Application Deadline: Sunday, April 20

The American Political Science Association (APSA) is pleased to announce a Call for Applications for early-career MENA scholars who are interested in attending the 2025 APSA Annual Meeting as part of a Research Development Group (RDG). Organized in partnership with the [MENA Politics Section](#), the program offers scholars an opportunity to advance research manuscripts toward publication, participate in the annual meeting, and develop scholarly networks with colleagues.

The [2025 APSA Annual Meeting](#) will be held in Vancouver, British Columbia, Canada from **September 10–14, 2025**. Selected participants will attend the full-day seminar on Wednesday, September 10, to discuss and receive critical feedback on an article-length manuscript in progress. Papers will be circulated in advance to allow time for thorough reading. At least one senior scholar will be assigned as a discussant for each paper. In addition to focused discussions on each paper, the seminar will provide tips on academic writing and advice for publishing in peer-reviewed journals and other professional development topics. Over the next several days, participants will be expected to attend panels and receptions of interest as part of the Annual Meeting program. APSA will assist participants in developing personalized schedules to promote linkages with different organized sections, related groups, and other scholars.

Participation in the Research Development Group is open to early-career scholars (graduate students, post-docs, and faculty members who have been on the tenure track for less than three full years) whose research focuses on the Middle East and North Africa (MENA). Scholars currently based in the MENA region are encouraged to apply. Up to six applicants will be selected and eligible for an [APSA Travel Grant](#) of up to \$1,000 to support eligible travel and accommodation expenses.

Application Instructions

Applicants are expected to submit an article-length research project at a stage of development that would benefit from detailed discussion and critique. All topics, subfields and methodologies within political science will be considered. The manuscript should be intended for publication in a peer-reviewed academic journal (drafts that are intended for dissertation chapters or white papers will not be accepted). The research should not be part of a co-authored project, nor should it be an excerpt from a completed work.

Applications must be in English and include:

1. The completed online Application Form: <https://apsa.wufoo.com/forms/z1mvv4ie02knebs/>
2. A detailed, recent Curriculum Vitae/resume.
3. A 1,000-word research proposal that will be brought to the seminar as a full paper.
4. A list of 3-5 senior scholars whom you would like to serve as discussants for your paper.

The application deadline is **April 20, 2025**. Selected applicants will be notified of their invitation by mid-May. Upon acceptance, the deadline to apply for a Travel Grant will be in May, and the deadline to submit the full paper will be August 3, 2025.

For more information and questions, please contact menaworkshops@apsanet.org or delissa@apsanet.org.