Program Overview

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Qatar Foundation International (QFI) is pleased to announce the opening of the Summer Arabic Study Grants program. As part of its mission to expand and increase access to Arabic language education, QFI will offer grants to Summer Arabic programs to provide need and merit-based scholarships to qualifying students.

Both day and residential summer programs serving K-12 students are welcome to apply. Priority will be given to currently existing programs that demonstrate a high-quality curriculum and level of teaching as well as incorporate cultural immersion into their language programming.

Summer Arabic Study Grants are awarded to individual institutions on an annual basis. Awarded institutions are eligible to re-apply for a grant in subsequent years.

Funding

QFI Summer Study Grants can be requested by summer Arabic programs serving K-12 students for need-based and merit-based scholarships to qualifying students that are accepted into the programs. Scholarship funding may used to cover or offset the costs of the following:

- Tuition fees
- Meals
- Lodging (residential programs only)
- Need-based student travel stipends to/from the program
- Textbooks students would need to purchase for the program
- Conversation partner hours (example: NaTakallam or the program’s own conversation partners)
- Student assessments (example: OPI testing)

Please note that it is up to the discretion of the program as how to allocate the funding; however, the applicant must clearly outline (in the budget request) how requested funds will be utilized. The majority of requested funding should be allocated for tuition.

Awarded programs will be responsible for administering their own scholarship funding process to students utilizing QFI funds. Students will apply for scholarships directly from the program. This includes all phases of the award process including solicitation, application collection and review, and award decision-making and administration to students.
Funding will be awarded to programs that clearly demonstrate a commitment to providing their students with a high-quality curriculum and high-level Arabic instruction. Furthermore, priority will be given to programs that both commit to and demonstrate a program that fully integrates Arab culture into the language classroom and that integrates colloquial Arabic alongside Modern Standard Arabic in the curriculum.

Selection Criteria for High-Quality Programs

- A commitment to curriculum development that clearly demonstrates alignment to the American Council on the Teaching of Foreign Languages (ACTFL) standards
- Teachers who possess high-level proficiency in the Arabic language with significant prior teaching experience in the K-12 levels
- Commitment to teacher training and development prior to start of the summer program
- Mechanisms to place students in the correct level and document student learning and growth
- Classroom instruction is provided mostly in the Arabic language.
- Cultural integration into the curriculum, Arabic language classroom and any extracurricular activities
- Encouragement and opportunities for students to speak the Arabic language both in and out of the classroom

Applicant Eligibility

The institutional applicant must meet the following criteria:

- Be a domestically-based day or residential summer Arabic language program serving students in grades K-12 (Existing programs will be given priority).
- Allow a site visit by a QFI representative(s) during program implementation for purposes of program review and feedback
- Submit a narrative and financial report to QFI upon conclusion of the program. QFI will provide reporting guidelines and template upon award.

Application Process and Timeline

To apply for the Summer Study Grant program, you must register for an account on QFI’s Grants Management Portal SM Apply at qfi.smapply.org. All application materials must be submitted by Tuesday, January 10, 2023.

How to Apply

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Upon creating your user profile, you'll need to take an Eligibility Quiz. The quiz will filter the grants so you see the ones for which you might be eligible. Make sure to select that you are labeled as an administrator to access the Summer Study Application. After completing the Eligibility Quiz, go to the “Programs” page.

**Narrative proposal guidelines:** The proposal narrative should be 4-8 pages long* (double-spaced, 12-pt. font) and include the following information:

- Program location and dates
- Background information and history of program
- What kind of credit offered, if any (high school or college), & how many credits
- Description of program: target student enrollment, age/grade levels, proficiency levels, target student population, extracurricular activities, immersion or not, residential or day, language used (MSA, dialect, both)
- Teacher recruitment and training processes
- Articulation of program goals and outcomes for language and culture
- Samples of program curriculum (if available)
- Bios of program admin and leadership
- Program points of contact (for finance, communications, academic program)
- Student recruitment strategy
- Student placement and assessment mechanisms
- Information on previous years, if applicable (number, age, and level of students)
- Planned scholarship criteria and application/award process for issuing QFI funds as scholarships to students

*Programs that received a QFI Summer Study grant in summer 2021/2022 do not need to include historical information in the narrative proposal; this information is contained in previous reports and proposals. Please describe your plans for the Arabic program this summer and detail any changes or updates to the program.

**Budget documents:** This budget information may be provided in one or more documents, but should contain the following information:

- Total program budget
- Total amount requested from QFI (by line item with justification and/or supporting documentation)
- Number of students impacted directly and indirectly by funding
- Other sources of funding
- What each budget line covers (what does tuition cover, etc.)

Funding may only be used for the following costs:
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Contact Information

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