

CBRL Arabic Bursary September 2015

CBRL Academic Arabic Programme IFPO in Beirut, Lebanon

CBRL is offering bursaries to its Academic Arabic Programme **7-18 September 2015**

The CBRL Arabic Bursary comprises three elements:

- i. the full cost of tuition fees for the CBRL Academic Arabic Programme at IFPO;
- ii. the reimbursement of one economy class return airfare between the UK and Beirut, Lebanon, up to the limit of £600;
- iii. an accommodation allowance of £650.

i. Tuition

The CBRL Academic Arabic Programme will provide 18 hours per week of small group sessions (6-8 participants), in addition to 6 hours per week of individual tuition to focus on topics and skills of relevance to their research interests (e.g. specific literary or historical texts, interview skills, colloquial Arabic, etc). Conducted entirely in Arabic, the two-week course will offer a combination of content-based discussion on various topics in Arab history, culture and society, and sessions designed to hone general language proficiency (listening, reading, writing and speaking). The programme aims to replicate the intellectual environment of a university seminar held in Arabic, rather than traditional pedagogical instruction.

The course will be provided by native Arabic speakers who are researchers and teachers at the Institut Français du Proche-Orient (IFPO) in Beirut, Lebanon. The course will be held at IFPO-Beirut, located in the compound of the French cultural centre just south of the Sodeco area of Beirut (for a map, visit <http://www.ifporient.org/node/89>). Tuition costs will be met directly by CBRL.

The CBRL Academic Arabic Programme is an intensive, full-time course which will require considerable independent work in addition to the scheduled hours. Participants should ensure that they are able to dedicate 100% of their time to the programme during this time. A full timetable will be distributed prior to the commencement of the programme.

ii. Travel

The CBRL will reimburse the cost of one economy class air ticket from the UK to Beirut, Lebanon, up to a maximum value of £600. Both British Airways and Middle East Airlines provide regular direct flights from London Heathrow to Beirut International Airport.

Reimbursements of flights can only be made against receipts. Receipts should be sent or e-mailed to Penny McParlin, CBRL UK Administrative Secretary, 10 Carlton House Terrace, London SW1Y 5AH; email cbrl@britac.ac.uk.

The CBRL does not provide travel or health insurance for programme participants, who should normally be covered by the insurance policies of their home institutions. Please confirm these arrangements with your university before departure.

The CBRL recommends that participants familiarise themselves with the latest Foreign & Commonwealth travel advice for Lebanon: <https://www.gov.uk/foreign-travel-advice/lebanon>.

iii. Accommodation

Participants are requested to make their own accommodation arrangements in Beirut, depending on their personal needs. The CBRL will provide participants with a one-off allowance of £650 for this purpose.

Accommodation options include:

- Rooms in shared apartments, studios, short-term rentals: www.airbnb.com
- Facebook group: ‘Apartments in Beirut (for renters and rentees)’ <https://www.facebook.com/groups/2417373523/?fref=ts>
- Near East School of Theology (a limited number of single rooms with shared bathrooms with basic cooking facilities, with a central location in Hamra) <http://www.theonest.edu.lb/index.php?sid=26>
- Al Nazih Pension, Gemmayzeh (single and shared rooms, with an excellent cafe for argileh and Lebanese food): <http://www.pension-alnazih.8m.com>
- Regis Hotel (budget hotel in the Ein Mreissé district) <http://www.regishotel-lb.com>
- IFPO hostel (basic accommodation with the advantage of being on-site for the programme): <http://www.ifporient.org/en/node/98>

Accommodation receipts are not required. Any unspent funds from the allowance may be put towards the cost of local transport to/from the IFPO from your accommodation. ‘Service’ (shared) taxis are the most economical form of local transportation (£1 per journey).

For payment of the accommodation allowance, please contact Penny McParlin, CBRL UK Administrative Secretary, 10 Carlton House Terrace, London SW1Y 5AH; email cbrl@britac.ac.uk.

Further Information

Inquiries can be addressed to Penny McParlin, CBRL UK Secretary (cbrl@britac.ac.uk).

About the CBRL

The Council for British Research in the Levant (CBRL) supports UK-based academics and postgraduates to conduct research in the humanities and social sciences in Jordan, Israel, the Palestinian Territories, Lebanon, Syria, and Cyprus, which together comprise the Levant, or *Bilad al-Sham*.

The CBRL offers a range of grants and fellowships to support UK researchers across these countries. It also maintains two research institutes in the region: the British Institute in Amman and the Kenyon Institute. The local CBRL institutes run active lecture and seminar series, maintain substantial research libraries, offer hostel accommodation, and provide a base and meeting place for UK-based and local scholars working in the region.

The CBRL is an independent, UK-registered charity that is funded by the British Academy and a membership of scholars, researchers, students and members of the public interested in supporting the study of the rich history, archaeology, culture and society of the Near East.

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