

## **MIDDLE EAST INSTITUTE AT NUS JOB OPPORTUNITIES 2019**

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The Middle East Institute (MEI) is looking for outstanding researchers for the following positions:

1. Research Fellow
2. Senior Research Fellow

Applicants should **only apply for ONE of the positions.**

As a Singapore-based research institute, MEI is well-positioned between the Middle East and East Asia. We are therefore on the look-out for researchers who not only have an in-depth knowledge of the Middle East but also understand Northeast or Southeast Asia. In particular, we seek researchers with expertise in the following areas of relevance to the Institute's Research Clusters:

### 1. Politics

- a. Gulf Politics, including Saudi Arabia and Iran. Candidates should have in-depth expertise on individual countries, and a lively understanding of the animating dynamics of the Gulf region. Candidates who combine research with policy briefs and media commentary would be at an advantage.
- b. Middle East Politics. Topics of interest are Political Economy, Resource Curse, Rentierism, Diversification, Geostrategy, International Relations, Conflict. Candidates who combine research with policy briefs and media commentary would be at an advantage.
- c. Military and Security Affairs. PhD holders or practitioners with work experience are welcome to apply. Candidates who combine research with policy briefs and media commentary would be at an advantage.

### 2. The Diffusion of Ideas

Fundamentalist or militant religious ideas or networks, Salafi or jihadi movements in the Middle East or Southeast Asia. The different channels through which ideas are diffused across regions and through countries: whether these are networks, via technology, education or through family and people-to-people contacts. Candidates who combine research with policy briefs and media commentary would be at an advantage.

### 3. Economics Or Business

MEI is looking to hire researchers and practitioners in business and economics. Holders of PhD degrees or MAs with industry experience are welcome to apply. MEI has a major interest in the burgeoning commercial and economic links between the Middle East and Asia. Fields of interest include banking and finance, sovereign wealth and public "private equity", public finance and country analysis, infrastructure, trade, energy, industry. Candidates who combine research with policy briefs and media commentary would be at an advantage.

### 4. Law

- a. Islamic Law. Topics of interest include commerce, finance, Salafism, how Islamists use law in politics, social debates and controversies. PhD holders, MAs with work experience or lawyers with professional law degrees will be considered. Candidates who combine research with policy briefs and media commentary would be at an advantage.
- b. Private International Law, and Commercial Law. MEI has interest in the legal aspects of growing links between the Middle East and Asia in trade, construction, finance, infrastructure, alternate dispute resolution, BRI. PhD holders, MAs with work experience or lawyers with professional law degrees will be considered.

## **APPLICATION PROCESS**

Interested applicants are invited to **email** their applications to [meirecruit@nus.edu.sg](mailto:meirecruit@nus.edu.sg)

Applications should include:

1. **Covering Letter;**
2. **Curriculum Vitae;**
3. Copies of **Certificates and Degrees** (in English);
4. Two samples of **published work** in English; and
5. Two **Letters of Reference** via email

## **ADDITIONAL APPLICATION INFORMATION**

1. Only fully completed applications will be considered including the submission of the two letters of reference.
2. Please keep individual emails and attachments below 10MB, as larger sizes will not go through.
3. Please apply before **30 November 2018**
4. Only successful candidates will be notified (via email). If you are not contacted within ten weeks after the closing date of the advertisement, the position has been filled.

5. Appointment is conditional on approval by the National University of Singapore (NUS) and the Ministry of Manpower granting you an Employment Pass or other applicable work passes.

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## **RESEARCH FELLOW**

The Institute's Research Fellows work under the supervision of the Director and with the Coordinator for the Research Cluster. You may therefore be asked to:

1. Participate in current cluster projects and encouraged to lead a project
2. Assist with organising workshops and conferences
3. Participate in the Institute's outreach activities

As a Research Fellow at our Institute, you will be asked to contribute regularly to our publications and other communications platforms. Some activities you can expect to undertake include:

1. Being actively involved in the activities of your chosen research cluster and those of the wider Institute Contributing at least three in-house publications
2. Providing short commentaries to our social media platforms
3. Where appropriate, accepting requests for commentary from local and international media
4. Participating in our outreach activities

### Eligibility

1. You must have fulfilled all requirements of securing a PhD from a reputable university.
2. You may apply even if you are still a PhD candidate. If you are successful, your graduation must be confirmed by the time you join the Institute's staff. (You will require an official letter from the Registrar's Office of your university confirming that you will be awarded your PhD degree).
3. Knowledge of at least one Middle Eastern language is an advantage.

### Terms of Appointment

1. The appointment is for two years only.
2. You will be paid a fixed monthly salary. This is an all-inclusive sum of stipends for housing and living expenses.
3. You will receive a one-time travel assistance payment.
4. Housing is NOT PROVIDED. You are expected to make your own private arrangements.
5. All salary and benefits-in-kind are subject to tax as required by Singapore's tax laws.
6. You will be eligible for support for research fieldwork and conference attendance.

7. For further information on benefits, about working in NUS and living in Singapore, go to <http://www.nus.edu.sg/careers/whyjoinus.htm>.

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## **SENIOR RESEARCH FELLOW**

Our Senior Research Fellows work closely with the Director and the Research Cluster Coordinator. You may be asked to:

1. Participate in current cluster projects and encouraged to lead a project
2. Assist with organising workshops and conferences
3. Participate in the Institute's outreach activities

At the Institute, we expect our Senior Research Fellows to contribute regularly to our publications and other communications platforms. Some activities that you can expect include:

1. Being actively involved in the activities of your chosen research cluster and those of the wider Institute Contributing at least three in-house publications
2. Providing short commentaries to our social media platforms
3. Where appropriate, accepting requests for commentary from local and international media
4. Participating in our outreach activities

### Eligibility

1. You must have a PhD from a reputable university. You should also have a publication record preferably in English.
2. You should have more than five years of research experience after obtaining your PhD.
3. You should have at least one published book.
4. Knowledge of at least one Middle Eastern language is an advantage.

### Terms of Appointment

1. The appointment is for two years in the first instance.
2. You will be paid a fixed monthly salary.
3. You will receive a one-time travel assistance payment.
4. Subsidised housing is provided.
5. All salary and benefits-in-kind are subject to tax as required by Singapore's tax laws.
6. You will be eligible for support for research fieldwork and conference attendance.
7. For further information on benefits, about working in NUS and living in Singapore, go to <http://www.nus.edu.sg/careers/whyjoinus.htm>.

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