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## 2025-26 ISRME Research Grants

The Institute for the Study of Religion in the Middle East (ISRME) offers funding to individuals to support the costs of research focused on minority, emergent or endangered religious communities in the Middle East, Turkey or Pakistan and the relations between such communities and majority religious traditions. ISRME research support is offered, in accordance with the core mission of the Institute, to advance scholarship on the religious communities of the Middle East, to better disseminate such scholarship, and to encourage connections between scholars and institutions working in this field.

Extraordinary and persistent challenges faced by many minority religious communities in the region make this a critical time to support scholars and to disseminate knowledge about minority religious communities. We welcome proposals from any discipline relevant to the understanding of such religious communities, and we are especially eager to support interdisciplinary work. Proposals must involve fieldwork in the MENA region, Turkey or Pakistan and must engage scholars and institutions in the region.

The amount of ISRME Research support is contingent on funding for the program. Grants will support direct costs for field research incurred or anticipated in 2025 or 2026. We expect most grants to be \$1500 or less.

Applicants must have demonstrated significant experience and scholarly engagement with minority religious communities and should expect to do fieldwork in the region in 2025 or 2026. Students engaged in doctoral research are especially encouraged to apply.

### **How to Apply:**

Applicants should apply by completing the online [Application for Research Support](#). Supporting documents should include (1) a cover letter summarizing the request, (2) the applicant's c.v., and (3) a research proposal of no more than two pages including details of expenses for which support is required. There is no application deadline. Applications will be considered as they are received, and grants will be awarded when funding is available. Ordinarily we make a decision within four weeks of receiving a completed application. We will not acknowledge incomplete or ineligible applications.