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لتعميق ثقافة المعرفة

Research

To Strengthen the
Culture of Knowledge

الدورة الرابعة

Fourth Edition

اسئلة عامة General Questions

- **How do I complete the application process to participate?**
By filling in the form available on our website, www.ettijahat.org, and sending it with the required attachments by email to research@ettijahat.org.
- **What is the deadline for submitting applications?**
We will accept application until the end of the day on 31st August2016. We will not accept any applications after that date.
- **Who is eligible to apply and participate?**
Application to the programme is open to all Syrian researchers, including Palestinian-Syrian researchers, aged between 22 and 35 years old.
- **Is it possible to submit an application form in any language other than Arabic?**
No.
- **Is it possible to submit more than one project proposal?**
No, the committee undertake evaluation on the basis of *one form per participant*.
- **Is it possible for more than one researcher to participate on the same project?**
Ettijahat- Independent Culture welcomes shared research projects. To submit such a project, complete one application form including the names of all participating researchers, in addition to their roles in the project. However, remember to treat these applications as *one research project*, regardless of the number of participants in the research.
- **Is application to the project open to researchers in all countries?**
The project is aimed at Syrian researchers, including Palestinian-Syrian researchers residing in Syria, Lebanon, Iraq, Jordan, Egypt, Turkey and Europe, where *Ettijahat- Independent Culture* will cover the travel expenses and accommodation of researchers throughout the duration of training.
- **I have already completed some research; can I participate in the programme?**
No. We do not accept and previously completed researches. By participating, participants are bound to produce research documents neither previously completed nor published.
- **Is it possible for someone who has participated in previous editions of the programme to participate?**
Yes, applications for this edition are open to anyone who has previously applied but who did not reach the training stage in previous editions.
- **Will *Ettijahat* send confirmation of reception of the application form?**
Yes, and if you do not receive confirmation, please resubmit your application once again in order to get a confirmation that we have received it.
- **How are applications selected?**
We will consider all applications which have fulfilled all the stated requirements (application form filled in electronically, resumé of the applicant, a motivation letter, and a photocopy of their identification card). Following this, an independent scientific committee made up of cultural research specialists will choose the participants.
- **Is it possible to take part in the programme without attending the training?**
Applicants are expected to attend the training sessions in full. They will be held in Beirut between one and two months after the date of the announcement of results. Participation in the training sessions is considered among the basic conditions of receiving the full research grant.

- Is it possible to be absent from part of the training?**
 Commitment to attending the training is considered very important, but the committee can grant exemption from attending the training programme to 20% of the researchers currently residing in Syria or one of its neighbouring countries. In one case, a participant proved advanced academic experience and strong professionalism in the field of cultural research. In the instance of this kind of exception happening, direct training will be replaced by supervision by a member of the scientific committee throughout the execution stage of the research.
- Is there a minimum or maximum number of researchers participating?**
 Ten participants will be selected, with a waiting-list of three participants.
- Will all applicants be informed of the results of selection?**
 There will only be an announcement of the applicants accepted to participate. Results of the selection process will be published on our website, www.ettijahat.org.
- Who holds the intellectual rights to the research?**
 The participants retain full and complete intellectual rights to any research completed during the programme, and retain copyright on the condition that they cite *Ettijahat -Independent Culture* in any instance of use.
- Who holds rights of use and publishing of completed researches?**
Ettijahat - Independent Culture and the participants both retain the right to use and publish completed research during and after completion of the project.
- Is publishing of the researches one of the defined outcomes of the project?**
 After completion of the researches, *Ettijahat - Independent Culture* will present them to a specialised committee reading seeking recommendation to publish the research pieces, or to modify them, or to not publish them. Approved researches will be published and supported in their publishing, circulation, and promotion, including books, publications, and periodicals, both local and pan-Arab.
- I have completed a graduation research project for my university and I'd like to submit it for my application. Would the project be considered valid for the application?**
 If the research was edited for a Masters degree or a PhD, the researcher can apply as long as there is a decision to further develop the research or to add a new section to it. This should be clearly stated and explained in the application, and the researcher should commit to work with the Supervisor and take into account the recommendations of the Independent Selection Committee.
- I'm currently a beneficiary of one of *Ettijahat – Independent Culture's* programmes or projects; may I still apply to this program?**
 We are currently working on expanding the circle of beneficiaries of our programs and projects, but it is possible to apply to the programme if the work from the other grant was completed and finalized before the start of the programme, as *Ettijahat – Independent Culture* does not support two projects for the same beneficiary at the same time.