



الكلية اليمنية للدراسات الشرق الأوسط
Yemen College of Middle Eastern Studies

SUMMER 2010 SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITY FOR COURSES IN ARABIC LANGUAGE AND MIDDLE EASTERN STUDIES

TO ALL STUDENTS AND FACULTY MEMBERS,

SCHOLARSHIPS ARE AVAILABLE FOR SUMMER 2010 IN THE WORLD HERITAGE SITE OF SANAA, YEMEN. SCHOLARSHIPS INCLUDE EITHER ONE TERM OF INTENSIVE ARABIC STUDY (100 CONTACT HOURS) OR 4 CREDITS OF ENGLISH LANGUAGE COURSE WORK IN THE LITERATURE, POLITICS, ANTHROPOLOGY OR ECONOMICS OF THE MIDDLE EAST AND HOUSING.

SCHOLARSHIPS DO NOT INCLUDE AIRFARE TO AND FROM SANAA, MEALS, CULTURAL ACTIVITIES AND TRIPS, ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES AND VISA FEES.

FOR COMPLETE INFORMATION, PLEASE CONSULT: WWW.YCMES.ORG/SUMMERSCHOLARSHIP.HTML

Information on the Yemen College of Middle Eastern Studies

The Yemen College of Middle Eastern Studies (YCMES) has played a leading role in the education of foreigners in Yemen for more than two decades. **Founded in 1989**, the Yemen Language Center (YLC) was the first institution in Yemen devoted to teaching Arabic as a foreign language. **In 2006**, the YLC became the Yemen College of Middle Eastern Studies, a **non-profit college accredited by the Ministry of Higher Education**.

In addition to the **Program in Arabic Language (PAL)**, the YCMES offers a study-abroad **Program in the Contemporary Middle Eastern Studies (PCMES)** modeled on US and European academic standards. These English language seminars provide **Summer 2010** students with the chance to study the Literature, Politics, Economics, and Anthropology of the Middle East with American and Yemeni professors who are experts in their fields. All PCMES courses are overviewed by Honorary Dean Dr. Steve Caton from Harvard University. Courses are all taught in a seminar setting in order to encourage maximum student/teacher interaction whereas weekly “academic lab” provides students the opportunity to use their knowledge in the field!

The **YCMES is the first and only fully accredited program in Yemen** and students are able to transfer course credits to their home university.

The YCMES principally hosts students from North America, Europe, and Asia, and is open to all qualified individuals wishing to seek a greater knowledge of the Contemporary Middle East.

Thousands of students worldwide have studied at the YCMES:

- **The facilities are excellent.** Modern classrooms, up-to-date living facilities, 24 hour in room internet access, 24/7 guard service, etc. are all in accordance with Western standards.
- **The teaching is exceptional.** PAL teachers are all experienced and trained in teaching Arabic as a second language. No class is larger than 8 students and most students can receive private lessons on request. PCMES courses are taught by university professors and combine seminar setting with “academic lab” in order to provide students the opportunity to use their knowledge in the field!
- **Sana’a is a perfect laboratory for learning Arabic** because it is extremely safe, very affordable, welcoming, and the population is entirely Arabic speaking.
- **The YCMES provides weekly trips and cultural activities** so that students learn outside the classroom, experience the full richness of the Yemeni society, and actually get to know the culture and the people they are living with.
- The cost of YCMES programs, in comparison to other programs in the Europe, North American, the Middle East, and North Africa, is **extremely competitive**.

For more information on the YCMES and its programs, please visit: www.ycmes.org.

Program Dates:

***PCMES and PAL courses**

Term 7: June 6th - July 7th

Term 8: July 11th - August 11th

*** PAL only**

Term 9: August 15th - September 22nd

*** Application Deadlines**

April 15th, 2010 for Term 7

May 15th, 2010 for Term 8

June 15th, 2010 for Term 9

*** Scholarship Announcements**

April 15th, 2010 for Term 7

May 15th, 2010 for Term 8

June 15th, 2010 for Term 9

Eligibility Requirements:

Students:

- Never studied in Yemen before
- Be enrolled in a university program (2nd year of B.A. and above) at the time of application
- Be enrolled in an Arabic language course or in a Middle Eastern Studies program at the time of application

Faculty Members:

- Never studied in Yemen before
- Be interested in studying Arabic or the Middle East for academic purposes

Application Process:

1. Download the scholarship application form at: www.ycmes.org/summerscholarship.html.
2. Submit the application form as well as the following supporting documents:
 - a. One-page personal statement explaining your Arabic language experience and interest in the Middle East, your expectations regarding your stay at the YCMES and your motivations to apply for this scholarship.
 - b. For Students: one or two references from teachers that have personally taught you either in Arabic or a Middle Eastern subject ; For Faculty Members: a recommendation letter from the Head of your department.
3. The names of the scholarship recipients will be announced 6 weeks prior to the beginning of the requested term (check "Program Dates" for specific dates).