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Request for Proposals: Mobility, Displacement, and Forced Migration in the Middle East

[The Center for International and Regional Studies](#) (CIRS) at Georgetown University – Qatar announces a major research initiative to enhance our understanding of *Mobility, Displacement, and Forced Migration in the Middle East*.

Grant Purpose

The Middle East has historically served as a locus of displacement, both voluntary and forced. The high numbers of the forcibly displaced in the Middle East raise fundamental questions concerning the political organization of power and authority in the region. In the field of political science there is a growing awareness that the creation of internally displaced and refugee populations is more than just merely symptomatic of identity politics or a result of interstate conflicts. The Middle East is currently facing one of its most critical migration challenges, and the region has become the simultaneous producer and host to the world's largest population of displaced people. As a result of the past several years of ongoing conflict, particularly in Syria, Libya, and Iraq, there have been sharp increases in the numbers of the internally displaced, forced migrants, refugees, and asylum-seekers. This seemingly unending flow of forced migrants has caused disruptions to economic, political, and social stability in a number of countries. The current flight of Syrian refugees to Lebanon, Jordan, Egypt, and Turkey illustrates how easily conditions can disintegrate, so that a country like Syria that historically served as a sanctuary for and provided protection to those fleeing persecution or declining economic prospects is now producing millions of refugees and displaced populations of its own. The region also demonstrates how countries can simultaneously serve as host states for migrants and refugees while also contributing a large a diaspora of their own citizens either to other countries within the region or else around the world, as we can see in the cases of Lebanon and Iran. The purpose of this research initiative is to gain a fuller understanding of the forms, causes, dimensions, patterns, and effects of migration, both voluntary and forced.

Grant Details

The maximum amount per grant award is US \$25,000 to be used over the course of a one-year research progression based on fieldwork in one or more countries in the Middle East. Researchers interested in applying should send a cover letter and detailed research proposal that conforms to the guidelines outlined in the [Request for Proposals section on the CIRS website](#).

Proposal submissions are due **September 15, 2016**. For inquiries and grant application submissions, please contact cirsgrants@georgetown.edu.

Please share this note with faculty members at your institution and with others interested in this area of research.