



### **STUDENT/FILMMAKER - INFORMATION AND INSTRUCTIONS**

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Through a generous computer grant from Gateway, the University of Arizona Center for Middle Eastern Studies will be creating 10 short documentaries (10-20 minutes each) for K-12 teachers to use in their classrooms. We are looking for 10 students interested in doing research on some aspect of Middle Eastern history, culture, geography, art, or environment. The research is responsible for choosing the topic. Those students chosen to participate each will be matched with a student/filmmaker. Together the pair will create and produce a documentary, which will be distributed to teachers for use in their classrooms.

#### **ELIGIBILITY:**

Any undergraduate or graduate student who will be a University of Arizona student during the 2008-2009 academic year is eligible to apply. Students must be skilled in filmmaking and able to collaborate with one other student on the project.

#### **RESPONSIBILITIES:**

Student-researchers will have developed a topic, researched it, and located some visual and materials to be used in the documentary. Student-filmmakers will take the information and transform it into a film. As much as possible, the filmmaker and researcher should work together on the script and necessary visuals. Ultimately, however, the researcher has responsibility for the accuracy of the material and the film script; the filmmaker is in charge of all artistic decision-making.

#### **BENEFITS AND COMPENSATION FOR PARTICIPATION:**

1. Student/filmmakers will each receive the use of a Gateway C-120X notebook for the spring 2009 semester. Their student/researcher partner will use it during the fall 2008 semester.
2. Students will have an excellent “publication” for their resumes and/or a portfolio item to submit with applications for further education, employment, or scholarship funding.
3. In late April 2009, the documentaries will be screened in a campus event for others to see. That evening the top researcher and top filmmaker, as determined by a panel of distinguished judges, will be announced. The winners will each receive a Canon camcorder.

#### **APPLICATION PROCESS:**

Complete the application and project proposal. Turn them in at the CMES Office (Marshall Bld., Rm. 470) or mail them to:

Gateway Educational Documentary Project,



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**DEADLINE FOR APPLICATIONS:**

All application materials must be received by **SEPTEMBER 12TH, 2008**. Applicants will be notified of their selection by **SEPTEMBER 19<sup>TH</sup>, 2008**. You will receive an email notification whether or not you are selected, so if you have not heard from us by this date, please call.



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### **STUDENT/FILMMAKER – APPLICATION**

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Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Major: \_\_\_\_\_ Minor: \_\_\_\_\_

Degree You Are Currently Seeking: \_\_\_\_\_

Intended Graduation Date: \_\_\_\_\_

#### **Faculty Reference**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Title/Position: \_\_\_\_\_

Contact Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

#### **ESSAY:**

Please attach a personal statement 1 - 2 pages (double-spaced) in length. In the statement, please address the following questions: Why are you interested in participating in this project? Why do you believe you are qualified for this role as a filmmaker? What experience do you have (formal or informal, paid or volunteer) in filmmaking?