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RAPID RESEARCH GRANT

APPLICATION GUIDELINES

GENERAL INFORMATION

It is important to be specific about what you want to do during the Grant period, especially for applicants who plan to undertake original data collection and/or photography in Greece, because the AAIA must make a formal application for a permit for certain types of research-related activities in Greece.

In Greece, a permit is required if you want to look at and photograph material in a museum's collection, especially objects not on display; if you want to study an assemblage from a fieldwork project; or if you want to do any of kind of recording activity at a site, such as measuring or photography of any building remains.

Foreign researchers are not permitted to apply directly for these permits in Greece. The AAIA must apply for the appropriate permit on your behalf!

In Greece, a permit is required to handle and study objects in museums, and the researcher must specify if drawing, photography or other methods of recording will be undertaken. The permit application must list the specific objects the researcher would like to study in the museum. Most museums do allow visitors to photograph material on display but this must usually be without a flash.

If you wish to take photographs of Greek sites and/or objects in Greek museums to use in your doctoral dissertation, there may be additional forms to complete, especially if you will deposit a digital copy of your dissertation with your university after your thesis has been passed. The AAIA can guide you through this permission process.

In Greece, a permit is required to undertake original data collection on an archaeological site or on material from a site. This includes any kind of recording activity at a site or of collected material. Please note that such a permit is unlikely to be granted directly to an HDR student because under Greek law HDR students generally do not have the requisite years of experience and publications required to be eligible for the relevant permit. It is possible for an HDR to undertake original data collection on a site under another researcher's existing permit. You must provide evidence that you have the permission of the permit holder to undertake the data collection you plan to do.

You are advised to discuss your plans with your supervisor prior to application to ensure that your proposed research activities are viable under the terms of the Greek permit system.

As the AAIA submits the permit application for research in Greece on behalf of the researcher, the AAIA will work with the successful applicant on this process after confirmation of acceptance of the award. It can take up to 6 months for a research application to be processed by the relevant government body. If you have any questions about your proposed activities with regard to Greek permit requirements or access arrangements in Greece, please contact aaia@otenet.gr.

If you plan to undertake research elsewhere in the Mediterranean for any part of this Grant, please contact the AAIA Director to discuss your plans in advance of submitting your application to ensure you are engaged appropriately in any essential permission processes.

THE APPLICATION

Your application must include a Research Project Proposal, an Itinerary, and a Budget.

RESEARCH PROJECT PROPOSAL

The Research Project Proposal should be no more than 1000 words in total and should include the following sections and information:

Project Introduction

What is the overarching project about?

What specific research questions are you asking in the overarching project?

Why is the overarching project significant not only to scholarship but also to society more broadly?

Research Context

How has the overarching topic been approached before?

What is the problem with this that has led to your overarching project now?

Grant Period Activities

What aspects of your overarching project will you be addressing during the Grant period?

What, exactly, do you plan to do during the Grant period? **You must provide a list of specific museum objects you would like to study, or specific buildings you would like to measure and/or photograph.**

What methodologies do you plan to use? (E.g. photography; drawing; bibliographic research.)

Why is it essential to undertake these activities overseas?

Outputs and Career Progression

How will you disseminate your project results?

How will this Grant help advance your career?

ITINERARY

Please provide specific dates in which you plan to undertake your activities in relation to this Grant. If you plan to visit more than one place or museum, think about how much time you will need to allocate to each and provide that information in your itinerary.

Applicants are advised that during July and August, access to study material in Greek museums may be limited, and many of the major research libraries in Athens are closed during August, and some in September.

BUDGET

Please provide a full, itemised budget for your activities to be undertaken during the Grant period. It is expected that this will include travel, accommodation, and subsistence costs.

Please include the details of other funding applications in relation to the activities you propose to undertake during the Grant period, including the amount applied for; which budgets costs each will cover; and outcome (or outcome dates), if relevant.

Applicants are expected to stay in the AAIA Hostel in Athens. Please contact aaia@otenet.gr for current rates and availability. If you do not intend to stay in the AAIA Hostel while in Athens, please provide justification for this decision.

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