

Call for Applications: Postdoctoral Fellowships 2026-27

The Orient-Institut Beirut (OIB) awards a number of fellowships-in-residence normally lasting 10 months and beginning on 1 September 2026 or shortly thereafter, specifically designed for postdoctoral candidates engaged in outstanding research projects in the humanities and social sciences. We invite applications across disciplines, time periods, and geographic coverage outlined in our [mission statement](#). Proposals are encouraged to articulate the contemporary stakes of the research project, whether historiographical, cultural, religious or political dimensions.

Applicants must hold a doctoral degree. It is essential for applicants to demonstrate how their projects will benefit from an extended stay in the region and contribute to the institute's overall research environment.

Proficiency in written and oral English, as well as all languages relevant to the research project, is expected. Priority will be given to candidates with demonstrated oral proficiency in German. Fellows-in-residence are required to actively engage in the OIB's research community, by attending weekly colloquia, and participating in relevant scholarly activities and events. attending weekly colloquia, and participating in relevant scholarly activities and events. Fellows are required to present their work twice and write a research report for the OIB Annual Report and encouraged to publish a research precis in our [OIB-Blog](#).

Fellowships include a monthly stipend of currently 1,900 Euros and a one-time travel allowance of 600 Euros for those arriving from abroad. We also offer support for organizing an academic workshop that fits within the research profile of the OIB. Depending on availability, the OIB may provide fellows-in-residence with office space. The OIB will not provide funding for preliminary research, language courses, or the composition and revision of book manuscripts.

Applications must include:

1. A brief cover letter indicating the preferred duration of the fellowship
2. Curriculum vitae
3. Research proposal / project description (max. 2,000 words)
4. At least one letter of recommendation

The application package should be submitted as a single PDF file (excluding letters of recommendation, which should be submitted directly by the referee) to bewerbungen@orient-institut.org. Applicants may write in either English, Arabic, or German but need to demonstrate their proficiency in English so they can take part in OIB activities. **The deadline for applications is 1 March 2026**. Interviews will be conducted via video call that month.