

## 2018 Middle East and African Cultures Teacher Fellows

### Frequently Asked Questions

#### Am I eligible to apply?

The Middle East and African Cultures Teacher Fellows program is open to *all* currently practicing K-12 educators and curriculum coordinators in North Carolina. Teachers of all subjects are welcome and encouraged to apply. Applicants must intend in teaching in the next consecutive school year (2018-2019). Neither pre-service educators nor college professors are eligible to participate. If you have questions about your eligibility, please email [harver@email.unc.edu](mailto:harver@email.unc.edu).

#### Can you describe the application process?

Interested applicants must fill out the online application [found here](#). This application should take about an hour to complete. There are a series of applicant information questions and then five essay questions. We recommend that you draft your responses to the essay questions in a Word Document, and then copy and paste into the application form to submit. Please note that you *cannot* save a partially complete application. Please remember to click the blue arrow at the bottom of the application to submit – you will then see a message confirming that your application has been submitted. After December 10, 2017, a committee will review all applications. All applicants will be notified of their status before the winter break.

#### What will make my application strong?

We are seeking a diverse pool of applicants from across North Carolina. Applications will be evaluated on responses to the five essay questions. Strong applications will demonstrate a genuine interest in Middle East and African cultures, outline how this program will impact your teaching and enhance your relationship with students, and demonstrate how you will share knowledge learned in this program with your school community. Applicants should also explain what they would contribute to the group of fellows if selected.

#### How much will it cost?

There is NO fee to participate in this program! In addition, meals will be provided for fellows at each site visit, the orientation and the culminating workshop. Some funding is available for a partial travel reimbursement depending on your distance from some of the site visits, as well as some substitute reimbursement funding (if you must miss part of the school day in order to arrive at a site visit in time for programming and your school cannot cover the cost of a substitute, fellows may request a substitute scholarship). At the end of the program, each fellow will develop a curricular material for use in NC classrooms and receive a \$300 stipend upon completing all program requirements.

#### How much time throughout the year will I expect to devote to this program?

This program will run January through December 2018. Fellows will be expected to attend an orientation January 19-20, 2018, 5 out of 6 scheduled site visits throughout the year, and a final workshop in

December 2018. The site visits will be a half-day of programming or less. The site visits will fall mostly on weekends and some weekdays. Fellows will complete a couple of pre-readings before each site visit and respond to discussion questions online. Fellows will also create a curricular resource related to program content during the second half of the fellowship, which will be made available to all NC teachers.

### **When and where will we meet?**

This fellows program will entail visiting various sites across North Carolina to highlight and celebrate the cultural resources around the state. Please see below for a draft schedule of the site visits, dates still subject to change.

**January 19-20, 2018 (Fri.-Sat.)** | Orientation Workshop, UNC Chapel Hill

**February 16 (Fri.)** | Migration and Diaspora: NC African Services Coalition, Greensboro

**March 1 (Thurs. eve)** | Migration and Diaspora: Al Sarah and the Nubatones, Durham

**April 28 (Sat.)** | Shared Histories & Cultural Retention: Masjid Omar Ibn Said, Fayetteville

**June 22 (Fri.)** | Shared Histories & Cultural Retention: Middle East & African Food, Charlotte

**September 8 (Sat.)** | Cultural Landscape & Community: Triangle Lebanese American Center, Raleigh

**October 6 (Sat.)** | Cultural Landscape & Community: Iranian Cultural Society of North Carolina, National Humanities Center, Durham

**December (Sat.)** | Final Workshop, UNC Chapel Hill