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Dear, Prof. Dr. President of University of Vienna

For years, I have focused my professional efforts at the doctoral level on the study of linguistics, calligraphic inscriptions and Islamic antiquities in Dagestan, for which I received a Ph. D. degree with initial honors **from [Fayoum University - Egypt]**. The study contributed to tracing the social history of Shia Muslims in Dagestan through the written inscriptions recorded on tombstones during the field survey trip.

I was motivated to contact you upon– [***The Elahé Omidyar Mir-Djalali Postdoctoral Fellowship in Iranian Studies***]. For several years, I have focused my career path and academic pursuits on the linguistic, artistic, cultural, and demographic history of Muslims and Islamic inscription over the Caucasus, Central Asia, as well as southern Russia. After painstaking effort, I've got a master's degree at Fayoum University, under the joint scientific supervision of Fayoum University and [North Caucasus Federal University], specialized in written Scripts, Calligraphic Inscriptions and Arabic writings.

My background and experience are just what you need; please allow me to show you what I could bring to your Institute. My attached resume shows the highlights from my years of professional experience. I strongly believe that I'm a good fit for [***The Elahé Omidyar Mir-Djalali Postdoctoral Fellowship in Iranian Studies***] position, and would love the opportunity to become a member of your team.

I'm Confident That the Chosen One You Are Seeking to give [***The Elahé Omidyar Mir-Djalali Postdoctoral Fellowship in Iranian Studies***] - God Willing- Because I Have All of qualifications outlined in your conditions of nomination for PhD position. I believe being genuine and nurturing, along with professional and academic sides, is an essential combination for people in my field, I possess several skills such as: hard working, ambition, organizational, loveable, work under pressure, and team work skills.

Additionally, my abilities extend to communication and general relations. Proficiency in communication, working with people from diverse backgrounds, has provided me with a deep awareness of differences in both individuals and organisations. These qualities will help to support my missions while reflecting positively on the professionalism and competencies of its employees.

Several parties in Egypt and abroad have participated in organising, as participants and Guest lecturers, in nine international conferences in Egypt, Germany, Russia, Algeria, and Dagestan. Also, I had co-published fifteen papers in peer-reviewed journals. Moreover, I have six printed books studying inscriptions, calligraphy, antiquities and Islamic civilisation in Dagestan, printed in Moldova, Kuwait, England, UAE, and Egypt.

For further details of my qualifications, background, and contribution, please take a moment to review my enclosed resume. I believe that I can successfully be the holder of the grant you are seeking, and I welcome the opportunity to speak with you at your earliest convenience.

- Shiite Inscriptions of Derbent Tombstones During the Safavid Era Until the Ifsharid Era. (English). (Eliva Press Publishing. Chisinau, Moldova, Europe 2023).
- Funerary inscriptions on Islamic tombstones in Bab al-Abwab city cemetery, Dagestan region, during the 12th Hijri AH/18th century AD. (Arabic). (Dar Noqta, UAE 2023).
- The Aesthetics of Arabic Calligraphy Engraved on the tombstones of the Imami Shiites. (Arabic). (Dar Al Bashir for Culture and Science, Egypt, 2024).
- A Thousand Inventions and Inventions of The Islamic Heritage in Russia. (Arabic). (Tros Publishing Center, Kuwait, 2025).

- Shiite Inscriptions of Derbent Tombstones During the Safavid Era Until the Ifsharid Era. (Translated). (Arabic House of Encyclopedias, London, 2025).

Moreover, I have won several local, regional and international awards such as

- [Great reading Bibliotheca Alexandrina Award] live a thousand years with reading. [June 2025].
- [The Arab Council award of the General Union of Arab archaeologists] "Sheikh Jamil Abdul Rahman khogair award" for the second section on the impact of Islamic civilization in Europe and Asia]. [November 2024].
- [Archaeological Excavation Award], [Institute of History and International Relations, Southern Federal University]. [December, 2018].

Educational institutions also took part in holding seminars and scientific seminars on Islamic monuments and Shiite inscriptions in Dagestan with the participation of Sharjah Antiquities Authority, Northwestern University, Evanston, Illinois}, {Shia Muslim Association}, {University Of Tehran, Department of Archaeology, Faculty of Literature and Humanities}, and {Shia Museum}.

Please feel free to contact me

Give me a chance to join you

Sincerely,

Muhammad Nasir Ismail

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