

To the Selection Committee, Elahé Omidyar Mir-Djalali Graduate Scholarships

In pursuit of my dissertation field work, I am eager to explore historical sites linked to Parthian/Sassanian architecture. This scholarship holds immense potential to enhance my research by facilitating visits to key locations and accessing crucial primary sources. The impact of these field visits on my study cannot be overstated.

1. Travel Expenses to Historical Sites in Iran:

- Airfare to Iran: \$2000
- Accommodation (10 days): \$400
- Local Transportation: \$50
- Entrance Fees to Historical Sites: \$20

2. Accessing Primary Sources:

- Visiting Archives at the Metropolitan Museum of Art (NYC): \$50
- Institute for the Study of Ancient Cultures (Chicago): \$60
- Airfare to USA: \$ 500
- Airfare to Toronto: \$ 300
- Accommodation (7 days): \$400

3. AIA Annual Meeting (Chicago):

- Registration Fee: \$100
- Accommodation (3 days): \$300
- Networking Expenses: \$50

Total Estimated Expenses: \$4230

The significance of this scholarship goes beyond monetary support. It directly contributes to the advancement of my research by allowing me to engage with historical sites, primary sources, and scholarly events. The outcomes of these experiences will greatly enrich my academic contributions. Your generous consideration of my application would not only provide financial assistance but also validate the importance of this research endeavor.

Thank you for considering my application.

Sincerely,

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