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H.E. Mr Elias Sanbar
Ambassador
Permanent Observer of Palestine to
UNESCO
UNESCO House

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Mr Ambassador,

On behalf of the Director-General, I have pleasure in informing you that, within the framework of the UNESCO Co-Sponsored Fellowships Programme, and thanks to the generous support of the Saudi Committee for the Relief of the Palestinian People, UNESCO is launching the project "Enhancing Palestinian Human Capital: Study grant to 129 Palestinian students studying abroad".

This important initiative represents a further step in the Organization's long-standing effort to assist the Palestinian people, seeking to increase educational opportunities for Palestinian students and help young qualified Palestinians contribute to the reconstruction and development process in the Palestinian territories.

The assistance offered under this project, in the form of study grants, will offer 129 Palestinian students starting their academic studies in the autumn of 2008 the opportunity to access higher education institutions abroad and complete a first university degree in 2010 (technical diploma) or in 2012 (bachelor degree). Special consideration will be given to female candidates and students coming from the most disadvantaged areas.

Candidatures should be addressed to the Permanent Observer Mission of Palestine to UNESCO and received by **30th June 2008 at the latest** on the application form annexed to this letter (Annex I). Annex II (attached) provides detailed information concerning the qualifications required, the general conditions governing the award of fellowships and the procedure for the submission of the applications. You will also find enclosed a UNESCO Form of language proficiency certificate (Annex III). All relevant information can also be found under "fellowships" on the UNESCO website (www.unesco.org).

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The list of the pre-selected candidates, as well as other necessary documents, should be transmitted to the UNESCO Secretariat (Mr Ali Zaid, Chief, Fellowships Programme Section, 7 Place de Fontenoy, 75007 Paris; tel : 01 45 68 15 07; fax : 01 45 68 55 03; email : a.zaid@unesco.org) through the Permanent Observer Mission of Palestine to UNESCO. Mr Anthony Krause, Focal Point for the Middle East in the Office of the Director-General (tel: 01 45 68 13 25; fax : 01 45 68 55 55; email : a.krause@unesco.org) , will act as project coordinator and remain at your full disposal for any further assistance. The selection of candidates will be done at UNESCO during the month of July 2008.

I would be grateful if you could transmit this letter to the Palestinian National Committee for Education, Science and Culture whom, together with your good self, I am confident will ensure the wide diffusion of the relevant information concerning these new study grants.

Please accept, Ambassador, the assurances of my highest consideration.



Ahmed Sayyad

Enc. Annex I, II and III

ANNEX I

UNESCO/Saudi Arabia FIT Fellowships Programme

1. INTRODUCTION.

This project proposal builds on UNESCO's belief that investing in education, in particular higher education, constitutes a key strategy to economic recovery in the Palestinian territories, as more qualified young Palestinians will be able to contribute to the reconstruction and development of the Palestinian society.

The assistance offered under this project aims at providing financial assistance to needy Palestinian students so that they may enter higher education institutions abroad during the autumn session of 2008 and complete a first diploma (either a BA or a technical diploma). A total number of 129 students will receive study grants (93 technical degree and 36 bachelor degree students) starting their academic studies in Fall 2008 (105 Students for Arab and Asian countries, 18 students for Europe and 6 students for the US and Canada) until completion of their first higher education degree either in 2010 (technical degree) or 2012 (bachelor degree).

2. DURATION

Until December 2012 (4 years)

3. QUALIFICATIONS REQUIRED

A. Applicants must meet the following general criteria:

- a) Candidates starting their BA or technical diploma during Fall Semester 2008.
- b) Palestinian candidates whose parents are living in the Palestinian Territories, or who are themselves living either in the Palestinian Territories, or in refugee camps outside of the Palestinian Territories, are eligible.
- c) Candidates holding a secondary school diploma.
- d) Candidates of maximum 25 years of age.
- e) Candidates with good school records who may be expected to make significant contribution to their country on return.
- f) Candidates must be proficient in reading and writing the language of instruction in the proposed country of study
- g) Candidates for technical diplomas will be given priority. Priority will also be given to Bachelor candidates in the following, labour-market oriented, subjects: Science, Engineering, Business and Finance, Medicine, Fine Arts.
- h) Special consideration will be given to **female** candidates and students coming from the most disadvantaged areas.

- i) Location of university/ technical college: Arab region and Asia (70%), Europe (20%), USA and Canada (10%).

B. The following documents must be attached to the application form in duplicate:

- a) The UNESCO Fellowship application form duly completed in duplicate.
- b) Two recent photographs should be included with the form.
- c) Certified copies of degrees or diplomas in duplicate together with a record of the previous year's grades
- d) One copy of the identity card.
- e) Original certificate of enrolment in an academic institution in the Arab region, Europe, Asia or USA.¹
- f) The language proficiency certificate if the language of study is not the mother tongue or the medium of previous study for several years(Annex III)

Only selected candidates will be required to submit a medical examination report.

4. SELECTION OF BENEFICIARIES

The procedures set out below will be followed for the selection of the candidates:

- i) On the basis of the above-mentioned criteria, application form, and documentation, the selection will be done by a selection committee comprised of members of the UNESCO Secretariat and the Permanent Observer Mission of Palestine to UNESCO.
- ii) The list of the pre-selected candidates, as well as other necessary documents as above will be forwarded to the UNESCO Secretariat through the Permanent Observer Mission of Palestine to UNESCO.
- iii) The final approval of candidates under the project will be done by UNESCO.
- iv) Students awarded must submit evidence of academic achievement certified by the host institution after each academic term.

¹ To be noted that final approval of candidates and first payments will be conditional upon submission of the enrollment certificate.



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APPLICATION FOR FELLOWSHIP

under the
UNESCO FELLOWSHIPS PROGRAMME

Instructions: The application form should be submitted by the appropriate governmental body and each part should be answered completely and accurately. The application should be submitted in three copies. The information requested should be either typed or written in ink in block capitals. Where additional space is needed, a separate sheet should be used and attached in three copies.

A. Official presentation

The Government of ... presents herewith the candidature of ... for a UNESCO fellowship in the field of ... for a duration of ... to begin ... under Programme and/or Project ...
The undersigned certifies that it is the Government's intention to have organized a programme of study such that will permit the candidate to increase his contribution to the development of his country in the future.
If a fellowship is granted, the Government will:
(a) provide the necessary assistance to the fellow for departure to begin the study programme;
(b) assist the fellow in meeting personal and family responsibilities during the period of his fellowship by maintaining, if necessary, continuation of the whole or part of his present remuneration;
(c) facilitate employment of the fellow in the assignment mentioned in this application upon completion of the fellowship.
It is certified that information contained herein is complete and accurate.
PRESENTED FOR: BY:
(seal) Governmental unit Name and title of responsible officer
Date Signature

B. Background data concerning the candidate

Family name (surname) First and middle names Nationality Occupation
Permanent address Telephone E-mail
Mailing address (if different from above) Telephone E-mail
Date of birth day month year Country and place of birth Sex
Marital status Full name of spouse Number and age of children Name and address of person to notify in case of accident

Education

Name, place and country of educational establishments	Years attended		Degrees, diplomas: Indicate main subjects	Date obtained
	from	to		
Secondary, technical, etc.
Post-secondary, university, or equivalent

IMPORTANT: This application is not considered complete unless accompanied by certified copies of diplomas received and academic transcripts of courses followed and grades or marks obtained

Other studies

Mention any other studies undertaken, including training/refresher courses

Fellowships and scholarships

Which of the above studies were undertaken with a fellowship or scholarship? Mention the sponsor of the grant

Visits abroad

List any significant visits abroad not mentioned above

Publications and research

List any significant publications (including publisher and date of publication) and any major research projects undertaken

Languages

Mother tongue:

Other languages	Read		Understand (spoken)		Speak		Write	
	Easily	Not easily	Easily	Not easily	Fluently	Not fluently	Easily	Not easily
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The UNESCO certificate of language knowledge should be completed and attached to this application

References

List three persons, not related to the candidate, who can provide information on his/her qualifications. These persons should normally be teachers or supervisors acquainted with the candidate's previous academic work

Full name	Title and address
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Details of proposed studies

(If additional space is needed, separate sheets should be attached)

Give precise details of studies to be undertaken

Give realistic budget estimates for the fellowship requested (return travel, monthly allowance, tuition fees, etc.)

Expected results and future assignment

Indicate how it is envisaged to make the best use of the results achieved and specify what position will be taken up at the end of the fellowship with a description of future responsibilities

Candidate's statement

If UNESCO grants me a fellowship I agree to take up after my period of study the position to be assigned to me as described above. I certify the information I have provided is complete and accurate

Candidate's signature



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APPLICATION FOR FELLOWSHIP

CERTIFICATE OF LANGUAGE KNOWLEDGE

Name of candidate	Language
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Address of candidate.....

(1) ABILITY TO UNDERSTAND

- (a) Understands without difficulty when addressed at normal rate.....
- (b) Understands almost everything, if addressed slowly and carefully.....
- (c) Requires frequent repetition and/or translation of words and phrases.....
- (d) Does not understand spoken language.....

(2) ABILITY TO SPEAK

- (a) Speaks fluently and accurately and is easily intelligible.....
- (b) Speaks intelligibly, but is not fluent or altogether accurate.....
- (c) Speaks haltingly, and is often at a loss for words and phrases.....

(3) ABILITY TO WRITE

- (a) Writes with ease and accurately.....
- (b) Writes slowly and/or with only a moderate degree of accuracy.....
- (c) Writes with difficulty and makes frequent mistakes.....

(4) READING ABILITY AND COMPREHENSION

- (a) Reads fluently, with full comprehension.....
- (b) Reads slowly, but understands almost everything he reads.....
- (c) Reads with difficulty, and only with frequent recourse to the dictionary.....
- (d) Cannot read.....

(5) TECHNICAL LANGUAGE

Certain fellowships require a particular knowledge of specialized or technical language. In such cases, please evaluate candidate's ability with reference to paras. 1, 2, and 4 above.

- (6) Please indicate any further facts about candidate's language knowledge which may be of value in the development of his programme:

LANGUAGE TEST HAS BEEN MADE BY Address:.....

Name:.....

Title:.....

Date:.....

COMMENTS:.....