

**PROPOSAL WRITING WORKSHOP: CAIRO, May 27, 28, 29, 2012**  
**ARAB FAMILIES WORKING GROUP**  
**Flamenco Hotel, Valencia Room, Cairo, Egypt**

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**A. Pre-Workshop:**

1. Participants are to read the following documents BEFORE the workshop  
[http://sjoseph.ucdavis.edu/Faculty\\_Workshop/index.htm](http://sjoseph.ucdavis.edu/Faculty_Workshop/index.htm)  
also [www.arabfamilies.org](http://www.arabfamilies.org) (Look under training; materials are available in English and Arabic)
  - a. Components of a Humanities & Social Science Research Proposal
  - b. Ten Tips for Proposal Writing
  - c. The Art of Proposal Writing (English only)

<http://sjoseph.ucdavis.edu>2. All workshop participants should be quite fluent in English

3. Below participants will find the same instructions you received for your application. However, now we need you to write FIVE-SIX pages, typed, single spaced, answering the questions as best and fully as you can. This should be written as a proposal, not just a list of answers to the questions. The more carefully you do this work now, the more you will benefit from the workshop. Write a 5-6 pages, typed, single spaced, 12 point font, answering these questions.

Put your name, your email address, your phone#, your university department and affiliation, and the date on the front cover. Send to Suad Joseph ([sjoseph@ucdavis.edu](mailto:sjoseph@ucdavis.edu)) ; Hoda Elsadda ([hoda.elsadda@gmail.com](mailto:hoda.elsadda@gmail.com) ); Randa Osman ([randamostafa1@yahoo.com](mailto:randamostafa1@yahoo.com) ) no later than May 20

1. What is the question you wish to answer? (problem statement)
2. What is your tentative answer to the question? (hypothesis)
3. How have others answered this question? (literature review)
4. Why are those answers inadequate? (need for research)
5. Why is your answer to this question better than of others? (theory)
6. What is the value added by answering this question? (Significance)
7. How will you go about answering this question (methods)
8. How much will it cost to answer this question (Budget)
9. How much time will it take to answer the question (Timetable)

Please browse Suad Joseph's website page on proposal writing for extensive materials BEFORE the workshop: <http://sjoseph.ucdavis.edu/> AND: [www.arabfamilies.org](http://www.arabfamilies.org) (look under "Training")

## **B. Workshop Structure May 27, 28, 29, 2012:**

### **May 27**

- 9-9:30 Register and coffee
- 9:30-2pm Lecture Session I by Dr. Suad Joseph covering:
  - Research question (problem statement)
  - Research answer (hypothesis)
  - Other answers to question (literature review)
  - Why answer this question (need)
  - What is the value added (significance)
- 2-3 Lunch (provided)
- 3-5 Lecture Session II by Dr. Suad Joseph covering:
  - Why is yours a better answer (theory)
  - How will you answer the question (methods)
  - How much will it cost (budget)
  - How long will it take (time table)
  - Summary of proposal (abstract)
  - Contacting funders, Review when fail, resubmit
- 5-6 Planning May 28, 29: Assignments / Groups

### **May 28**

- 9-9:30 Groups connect & Coffee
  - 9:30- 10:30 Lecture by Dr. Suad Joseph covering Section I
  - 10:30-12:15 Small Group Sessions
  - 12:30-1:30 Lunch (provided)
  - 1:30-2:30 Lecture/overview by Dr. Suad Joseph
  - 2:30-6pm Small groups work independently
    - Individual appointments for participants with AFWG Mentors
- (Coffee and snacks available all afternoon)

### **May 29**

- 9-9:30 Groups connect & Coffee
- 9:30-11:30 Lecture by Dr. Suad Joseph covering Section II
- 11:30-11:45 Break
- 11:45- 2pm Small Group sessions
- 2-3pm Lunch (provided)
- 3-6pm Small groups work independently
  - Individual appointments for participants with AFWG Mentors
- 6-7 Break
- 7-9pm Working Dinner: Planning Next Steps

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