



**TRAINING TO RESEARCH
PROPOSAL WRITING WORKSHOP: PROGRAM
CAIRO, DECEMBER 3, 4, 5, 2013**

*Flamenco Hotel, Valencia Room, Cairo, Egypt
9am-6pm Daily*

*Lead Presenter: Suad Joseph
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*Organized by: The Arab Families Working Group
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I. Pre-Workshop:

1. Participants are to read the following documents BEFORE the workshop:
http://sjoseph.ucdavis.edu/Faculty_Workshop/index.htm and also 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)
2. All workshop participants should be quite fluent in English
3. **DECEMBER 2013 NEW Participants:** Read below the same instructions you received for your application. Please write **THREE** pages, typed, single spaced, answering the same questions with as much detail as you can. Write as a narrative, not just a list of answers to the questions. Use the phrases in parentheses (ex: “Problem Statement”) as the headings of the sections. Bring **FIVE** copies with you to the workshop for the writing groups.
Put your name, your email address, your phone#, your university department and affiliation, and the date on the front cover. Paginate. Send to Suad Joseph (sjoseph@ucdavis.edu); Dina El Sherbeny (dinasherbeny@aucegypt.edu) by November 25. You will have daily writing assignments in the workshop. Be prepared to make time for homework!
 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 will you know when you have answered the question (evaluation)
 9. How much time will it take to answer the question (Timetable)
 10. How much will it cost to answer this question (Budget)
4. **MARCH 2013 RETURNING Participants:** Bring your full proposal, as far as you managed, with all sections, with **FIVE** copies with you to the workshop.

II. Workshop Structure December 3, 4, 5, 2013:

December 3, Tuesday, 2013: ALL PARTICIPANTS

- 9-9:30 Register and coffee
- 9:30-2pm **Dr. Suad Joseph** Lecture Session I 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)
- 11:30-12:00 Break
- 2:00-3:00 Lunch (provided)
- 3:00-5:00 **Dr. Suad Joseph** Lecture Session II covering:
Why is yours a better answer (theory)
How will you answer the question (methods & evaluation)
How much will it cost (budget)
How long will it take (time table)
Summary of proposal (abstract)
Contacting funders, Review when fail, resubmit
- 5:00-6:00 Planning: Assignments / Groups
- 7:00- **AFWG CORE GROUP MEETING/DINNER**

December 4, Wednesday, 2013 DECEMBER/MARCH PARTICIPANTS

- 9:00-9:30 Groups connect & Coffee
- 9:30-10:00 Review: **Dr. Suad Joseph**
- 10:00-11:00 **Dr. Barbara Ibrahim:** Proposal Writing for NGO's
- 11:00-12:00 Writing Groups
- 12:00-1:00 Lunch (provided)
- 1:00-3:00 Individual appointments & Writing Groups
- 3:00-3:15 Break
- 3:15-6:00 Individual appointments & Writing Groups
- 6:30-8:00 **Dinner: ALL PARTICIPANTS**

December 5, Thursday, 2013 DECEMBER/MARCH PARTICIPANTS

- 9:00-9:30 Groups connect & Coffee
- 9:30-10:30 **Dr. Martina Rieker:** "The Politics of Sources: Quantitative Methods and the Social World."
- 10:30-11:00 Break
- 11:00-12:00 Individual appointments & Writing groups
- 12:00-1:00 Lunch (provided)
- 1:00-4:00 Individual Presentations of Proposals to Group
- 4:00-5:00 Overview: A Successful Proposal Dr. Suad Joseph
Planning next steps
- 6:30-8:00 **AFWG CORE GROUP MEETING/DINNER**