



**TRAINING TO ENGAGED TRANSFORMATIVE RESEARCH:
PROPOSAL WRITING AND RESEARCH DESIGN SEMINAR IN SOCIAL SCIENCES
for Junior Scholars in the Arab Region
January 19 – 21, 2018
Amman, Jordan**



**Co-organized by:
Arab Families Working Group (<http://sjooseph.ucdavis.edu/arab-families-working-group-1/>)
and the Arab Council for the Social Sciences (<http://www.theacss.org>)**

APPLICATION DEADLINE: October 31, 2017

This three-day intensive seminar will train junior scholars (recent PhD's or advanced MA level) in the **social sciences** in engaged transformative research. The seminar focuses on training in proposal writing and research design with additional material on data collection, data analysis, and writing for reports/dissertation/publication. The training is intended to prepare junior scholars for continued graduate training towards their PhD's or assist new PhD's in initiating new research programs.

About the Sponsors and Presenter:

The Arab Families Working Group (AFWG) is organizing the seminar, funded by the Ford Foundation. AFWG is a collaborative project of 16 scholars who carry out research on Arab families and youth in Egypt, Lebanon, Palestine and their diasporas. AFWG is committed to training a new generation of scholars to carry out engaged transformative social science research. The Arab Council for Social Sciences facilitates, fosters, funds and trains scholars in the social sciences throughout the Arab region.

The key presenter is Dr. Suad Joseph, Distinguished Research Professor of Anthropology and Gender Studies, Sexuality and Women's Studies at the University of California, Davis (<http://sjooseph.ucdavis.edu>). She has been teaching proposal writing at UC Davis for over 30 years. She has been conducting proposal writing workshops for faculty, graduate students, and NGO's throughout the Middle East, as well as in the USA and Europe for over 15 years.

Workshop Format:

The first day of the first seminar is a full day of lectures on proposal writing and research design. Participants will be given assignments to work on each day of the seminar. Day two is organized around lectures and writing groups. Day three will have a combination of brief lectures, and seminar participant presentations on their research projects to the whole seminar for collective feedback. The seminar will cover all the components of a "maximal" research proposal (most of the questions that funders typically ask) and train participants to tailor the maximal proposal into a "targeted" proposal to submit to specific funders. The seminar includes intensive lectures which present the components of a research proposal, data collection, data analysis, and report/dissertation/article writing. Seminars will include writing groups focusing on each participant's individual proposal. The participants will work on writing a complete proposal, including budgets.

Eligibility and Applications

Applicants for the seminar must be advanced Arab graduate students, junior scholars, or scholar-activists working in the social sciences, based at universities or national NGO's in the Arab region. Applicants must already have a research project they are working on or committed to developing. Approximately 20 participants will be admitted to the seminar. Seminar participants will be funded for travel to and from Amman, Jordan, and for accommodations in Amman, unless they already live there. Lectures are in English; participants must be relatively fluent in spoken and written English. Please bring your laptops if possible.

To apply for the seminar, please complete the attached application form. Answer the questions on the application form precisely in the space provided. Email your complete application **no later than October 31, 2017** to Suad Joseph (sjoseph@ucdavis.edu) & (afwg@ucdavis.edu). Please complete ALL components of the application and send to both email addresses.

Please **read the following documents BEFORE** the workshop <http://sjooseph.ucdavis.edu/workshops/all-workshops/>

- a. Components of a Humanities & social science Research Proposal
- b. Ten Tips for Proposal Writing
- c. The Art of Proposal Writing

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AGENDA**

Day 1: January 19, 2018

- I. Introduction to Seminar: Suad Joseph, University of California, Davis
- II. Funders: Their Objectives & Their Resources
 - A. Where is the money?
 - B. What is available?
 - C. Probability of getting funded?
 - D. Creating relationships with funders
 - E. Types of Grants: Individual, Collaborative, Institutional
 - F. Government and international agencies
 - G. Research agencies, institutes and centers
 - H. Action agencies
 - I. Private Foundations, donors, gifts – academic and programmatic
 - J. Information sources
 - K. Funders' target Audiences – academic, institutional, public officials, students, general public
- III. The Effective Research Proposal
 - A. What is the question? What are the goals? (Statement of the problem, objectives, the abstract, project target audience)
 - B. What is the answer? (Hypothesis)
 - C. How have others addressed the question? (Literature Review)
 - i. Why is your answer a better answer (Theory)
 - ii. Why should we answer this question (Need)
 - iii. What will we be able to do as a result of answering this question (Significance)
 - D. What have you already done & can you do this project? (Feasibility, preparation, preliminary results, vitae, formal approvals, research permits, access, contacts, skill)
 - E. Is the project feasible? How will you answer the question? (Methods & design). How much will it cost? How long will it take? (Budget & timetable)
 - F. Other Components (facilities, infrastructural support, human subjects review, institutional commitment, statistics, intellectual property)
- IV. Why proposals fail (How to increase your chances on first submission. How to do second submission. Review Process, Getting feedback)

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APPLICATION FORM : ATTACH UPDATED CV / RESUME

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for Junior Arab Scholars at Arab region-based universities, research centers & ngo's
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Lead Presenter: Dr. Suad Joseph, University of California, Davis

January 19, 20, 21, 2018, Amman, Jordan

Submit to: Suad Joseph sjoseph@ucdavis.edu, & afwg@ucdavis.edu

Name:

Citizenship:

Currently resident in what country:

Educational History:

	Institution & Location	Discipline/Department	Year degree earned
Undergraduate (Bachelor's degree)			
Graduate Degree (Master's degree)			
Doctoral degree (Ph.D.)			

Current Affiliation:

Your Title:

Institution:

Years in this position:

Email address:

Mobile Number:

Mailing address:

Skype username:

Title of Research Project:

Location of Research:

Why are you interested in this training?

Level of English Fluency: _____Excellent _____Good _____Poor

PLEASE ATTACH YOUR UPDATED CV / RESUME

Date:

Signature:

**TRAINING TO ENGAGED RESEARCH
ARAB FAMILIES WORKING GROUP & ARAB COUNCIL FOR THE SOCIAL SCIENCES**

Name: _____
Email Address: _____

Instructions for completing this form:

1. Answer all the following questions in a maximum of **ONE PAGE**.
2. Answer all the questions on this form, providing your answer below each question.
3. Follow these directions precisely – this is part of the training for successful proposals.

Questions:

1. What is the question you wish to answer in your research?
2. What is your tentative answer to the question?
3. How have others answered this question?
4. Why are those answers inadequate?
5. Why is your answer to this question better than of others?
6. What is the value added by answering this question?
7. Why are you interested in training to engaged transformative research?