

## AIMS Film Fellow (AFF) at CEMAT

AIMS is seeking a short-term fellow to research and analyze Tunisia's contemporary film scene, industry, and production, as well as its history, with a specific focus on new developments in the field following the onset of democratization of Tunis. The grant is made available by the U.S. Embassy Tunis/Public Affairs Section.

Based at the Centre d'études maghrébines à Tunis (CEMAT), the AFF will work with CEMAT senior staff and the AIMS/CEMAT network of scholars and practitioners to produce a no-longer than 40-page diagnostic and analytic report on the Tunisian contemporary film scene. The researcher will conduct in-depth, field-based research to analyze the film industry's principal institutions, production mechanisms/financing, and thematic trends. Areas of interest may include film festivals, a discussion of film schools, funding organisms, collaborative initiatives, cultural spaces, and key actors in the industry.

The research findings will be disseminated in the form of at least one presentation and one episode on the Maghrib in Past & Present podcast series.

### **Fellowship Duties include but are not limited to:**

- Conduct in-depth field-based research on Tunisia's contemporary film scene, with specific attention to shifts after 2011, including primary and secondary source research, interviews with stakeholders and practitioners, visits to festivals and events; and travel to relevant centers of cinema throughout Tunisia;
- Author a no-longer than 40-page report (with annexes) 30 days prior to fellowship completion for commenting and editing by CEMAT Senior Staff;
- Participate in a dissemination strategy including an episode in the *Maghrib in Past and Present* podcast series on the project and live presentation.

### **We seek the following qualifications:**

- Commitment to North African studies and the fields of art and culture;
- Strong English writing skills;
- Familiarity with Arabic and French for the purposes of research;
- Experience conducting field work and knowledge of qualitative methodology;
- Well-organized, autonomous, and respect for deadlines.

### **Timeline and Reporting**

- The fellowship begins in January 2023 with a four-month duration.
- The AFF will report primarily to the AIMS Resident Fellow.
- The AFF will meet with CEMAT senior staff on a weekly basis; partake in donor meetings as requested; and submit short, bi-weekly updates.

### **Application Procedure:**

Please submit a letter of interest, CV, and an English-language writing sample with the subject line "AIMS Film Fellow" by midnight of November 27, 2022 to [krause@aimsnorthafrica.org](mailto:krause@aimsnorthafrica.org).