

In honor of the late Jeanne Jeffers Mrad, the founding director of the Center for Maghreb Studies in Tunisia (CEMAT), the American-Tunisian Association (ATA), a non-profit association based in Washington, has established a special fund to support scholarly exchanges between the United States and Tunisia. Jeanne Mrad served as the director of CEMAT for over fifteen years before her retirement. CEMAT, which was established to host visiting American scholars, expanded and matured under Jeanne Mrad's invaluable direction. Jeanne Mrad is remembered by her many friends as a respected professional and warm human being who loved her adopted country and worked tirelessly to promote personal and cultural exchanges between Tunisia and the United States. Members of the American Tunisian Association and others among Jeanne Mrad's many friends have donated to the fund in tribute to her extraordinary contribution to their lives, and in the hope of perpetuating the memory of her informed, enthusiastic, and devoted service to international understanding.

The amount offered for grants may be up to \$2500 and are intended to:

1. Facilitate the travel of Tunisian scholar(s) to the United States for the purposes of short-term research or attending international conferences, preferably to present a paper at the Middle East Studies Association's Annual Meeting (MESA) or a similar organization.
2. Contribute towards the costs of organizing a panel/thematic roundtable discussion at an international conference on a theme related to Tunisia (historical or contemporary).
3. Facilitate short-term field research in Tunisia and a co-publication plan with a U.S.-peer/counterpart.

Applications are accepted on a rolling basis. Interested applicants should send a CV, a budget of expected expenses, including funding gaps, a project description, and letter of intent to the following address: guetat@aimsnorthafrica.org with "Jeanne Mrad Grant Application" in the subject line.

Upon completion, each year's grantee will be required to submit a brief report at the end of his/her trip.