



Egyptian Research Assistance Program

Interested in completing your academic research in the heart of the Arab world? We can help! CIDT provides a holistic, structured program to help you produce a quality academic paper.

We directly link you with the reputable Egyptian professor of your choice who will spend 30 hours of individual, specialized assistance related to your thesis. The ERA program will also provide you with logistical assistance, access to our extensive academic database, and a multicultural environment in which to complete your research.

Dozens of students and researchers have already utilized our facilities to create academic texts, including Master's and PhD theses related to Middle Eastern Studies. Find out more about how to take advantage of this unique and affordable opportunity in Cairo, Egypt - the largest and most vibrant city in the Arab world.



Benefits for Researchers

Academic Guidance: The ERA program provides you with a contractual relationship to the distinguished Egyptian professor of your own choosing. See following section for more details.

Professional On-Site Consultancy: You will have regular meetings with Osama al-Ghazoly, a longstanding Egyptian journalist, former director of the Arabic section of CIDT (Ltd.), and former deputy chairman of the Center for Arab-West Understanding. Osama has contacts in all aspects of Egyptian society and can provide you with vast amounts of background information.

Interview Procurement: Through our well-connected office, we will help you arrange up to four meetings per month with prominent Egyptian experts and authorities related to your topic.

Complete Office Facilities: We provide a desk, competitive Internet connection, and technical support in our multi-cultural, academic office.

Logistical Support: Our Research Assistance Coordinator will help get you settled in Cairo, including assistance in finding affordable and convenient accommodation options.*

Access to our Academic Database: You will have unrestricted access to our extensive academic database that boasts over 30,000 articles related to Arab-West and Muslim-Christian relations.

Publishing Opportunities: If desired, we will publish your paper in our online database.

Language Editing and Translation: The ERA program can also provide Arabic-English translation, as well as English language editing, if desired (see rates below).

Individualized Tour Assistance: We can help to organize individual tours according to your topic. This cost, of course, will be calculated separately from the main program and depends on the nature of the desired trip.

* Temporary furnished housing near our center ranges from 1500 to 3000 Egyptian pounds per month. Further living costs range from 1500 to 4000 additional Egyptian pounds.



Academic Guidance

All successful applicants to the Research Assistance Program will be linked directly with an English speaking Egyptian University professor of repute. The professor will provide 30 hours of direct assistance to the researcher, including but not limited to the following categories:

Supervision of the research product from first formulations to finished text

Discussion on the research proposal and advice on amendments

Suggestion and arrangement of interviews with other Egyptian professors, experts, and personalities, where possible

Regular, structured meetings with researcher to discuss progress on paper

Thorough revision of the final draft, adding suggestions for improvement

Approval of final text, along with evaluation of the paper and researcher



Cooperating Professors

The ERA programme has crafted a cooperation agreement with Dr. Hassan Wagieh, head of the English Department at the Azhar University and Specialist of Intercultural Dialogue and Crisis Management.

Our network of Egyptian scholars is large and we should be able to find the professor with the specialty of your choice.



Qualifications and Structure of Program

Researchers must commit to assistance program for at least 3 consecutive months.

Room and board is not included in the base rate. However, ERA will work to provide you with the best available lodging options. In addition, many of our students receive grants to fund their expenses.

Is your thesis not related to Middle Eastern Studies? ERA also accepts students specializing in topics outside of the scope of the Arab West Report database, such as medicine, law, or economics. We can tailor our program specifically to meet your needs. A reduced rate is available for those studying such topics, since you will likely not need our assistance in procuring interviews, database access, or on-site consultancy. Please send an email to the address below for additional information.

You can invite Drs. Cornelis Hulsman, founder and Editor-in-chief of Arab-West Report and academic network coordinator of CIDT to speak about this program. Travel and speaking costs will need to be calculated. Contact him at: kshulsman@cidtegypt.com



Costs and How to Apply

Expenses vary according to the professor selected, length of program, and variety of services chosen. Please find hereby some indications of costs. (The final cost depends on the individual professor).

| Status of Professor | 3-Month Base Rate | Each Additional Month |
|---------------------|-------------------|-----------------------|
| Full Professor | 3000 Euros | 650 Euros |
| Affiliate Professor | 2750 Euros | 650 Euros |
| Assistant Professor | 2500 Euros | 650 Euros |

Supplemental Language Services currently offered by CIDT (LLC):

| Service | Rate |
|-------------------------------|--|
| English Language Editing | 7 Euros per 500 words |
| Arabic to English Translation | 12+ Euros per 500 words, depending on complexity |
| English to Arabic Translation | 10+ Euros per 500 words, depending on complexity |

To apply, send the following to kshulsman@cidtegypt.com

- Research proposal indicating your preliminary topic, choice of professor, and source of funding. Also, please include the desired period of your research, as well as any applicable deadlines.
- Resume or CV with the names and contact information of two references