



## CENTER FOR MIDDLE EASTERN AND NORTH AFRICAN STUDIES

Promoting a broader and deeper understanding of the region through research, education, and outreach programs

The Center for Middle Eastern and North African Studies (CMENAS) at the University of Michigan is one of the nation's premier institutions for interdisciplinary research and training on the MENA region. With over 80 area specialists and growing undergraduate and M.A. programs, CMENAS brings to the university community an important perspective on this vitally important region of the world. CMENAS is one of six National Resource Centers at U-M, a prestigious designation earned in national peer-reviewed competitions and awarded by the U.S. Department of Education Title VI program. As a member of this program, CMENAS strives to develop the nation's capacities with regard to this region in international studies, area studies, foreign languages, and international business education.

The center's undergraduate major is an interdisciplinary program that incorporates faculty and courses from across LSA to give students a broad background of the MENA region, including history, language, and culture, to inform their understanding of past and present issues. The graduate program provides broad area and language training for academic or professional careers. CMENAS sponsors student groups, hosts workshops and lectures, supports visiting scholars, and provides a venue for artists and performers.

### UNDERGRADUATE STUDENT FELLOWSHIPS

The very best way a student can gain a thorough knowledge of a language and a culture is to spend time studying abroad to experience full linguistic and cultural immersion. CMENAS seeks \$10,000 to \$50,000 annually to provide students with fellowships to support language study, research, workshops, and internship/collaborations in the region.

## GRADUATE STUDENT FELLOWSHIPS

The University of Michigan is among the few institutions in the country training graduate students in Middle East Studies. CMENAS receives strong applications for study abroad or research abroad, yet the cost is prohibitively expensive for many Michigan students, and current resources are not enough to fund all the students who merit support and demonstrate financial need. An annual gift of \$75,000 would allow PICS to grant support of \$5,000 to 15 students in their study abroad programs, while an endowment of \$1.5M would continue this support in perpetuity.



## NAMED ENDOWED CENTER

With increasingly limited funding from the Department of Education, an endowment of \$7M will ensure the center's ability to solidify and expand a wide variety of programs in perpetuity. Funds will support language instruction, innovative courses, and lectures for students, and other regional programming programs for K-16 educators. It will provide flexible funding to address rapidly emerging opportunities and support all aspects of a world-class regional studies center:

- Endowed director position to recruit, retain, and inspire faculty leadership
- Named Visiting Fellowship & Post-Doctoral Fellowship
- Undergraduate & Graduate Fellowships
- Intellectual and professional development support for faculty & teaching staff
- Dynamic programming, including career development activities for students, conferences, lectures, publications, research-related travel, and resources for visiting scholars

## WAYS TO FUND YOUR GIFT

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