

## ***Theme: Endangered Archives – North Africa and the Middle East***

This fellowship opportunity is within the [Endangered Archives Programme](#) (EAP), co-ordinated and hosted by the British Library. Supported by the [Arcadia foundation](#), the EAP is of international pre-eminence in its mission to protect through preservation, social and cultural archival material that is in danger of destruction, neglect or physical deterioration world-wide.

Through an annual competition, EAP grants provide funding to enable successful applicants from all over the world to locate relevant endangered archival collections, to arrange their transfer to a suitable local archival home where possible, to create digital copies of the material and to deposit the copies with local institutions and the British Library. To date, the EAP has awarded over 300 grants in over 85 countries, preserving cultural and social archives across Africa, Asia, Europe, Americas and Oceania.

The EAP would now like to strengthen its activities in North Africa and the Middle East. This fellowship will provide the opportunity to research the archival collections in one of these areas, engage with archival experts, at the British Library and internationally, to develop a targeted engagement strategy, and support its delivery through an outreach programme.

### **Key Responsibilities**

- Work with EAP staff to develop an evidence-based strategy for targeted engagement with endangered archives across North Africa and the Middle East.
- Liaise with BL curatorial staff associated with collections relevant to the region to ensure co-ordination of any common interests on BL activities
- Consult with senior stakeholders from the EAP Panel and externally to inform strategy development and implementation plans to reach key archives and their communities.
- Develop targeted plans to enable the EAP to engage with those communities associated with endangered archives in North Africa and the Middle East.
- Support the delivery of outreach activities to those communities, which may include participation in a touring EAP exhibition within the target region
- Promote the EAP as a free-to-access resource of digital content for scholarly research, and as a funder of archival digitisation and preservation
- Use your own cultural, social and language skills through the above and other activities during the fellowship to contribute to the successful delivery of the Endangered Archives Programme.

### **Deliverables**

- An evidence-based targeted engagement strategy for the EAP, focussing on North Africa and the Middle East
- Engagement materials, including translation of the EAP booklet on digitisation, into local languages and set in an appropriate cultural and social context
- Greater awareness of the EAP amongst regional academic institutions.
- Organisation of a travelling exhibition for the target region that will highlight appropriate EAP projects
- A stakeholder event at the BL that promotes the value of the Chevening-BL Fellowship
- Other engagement and outreach work through the EAP and Chevening blogs and social media platforms.

### **Candidate requirements**

- Degree in a relevant subject preferably in social or cultural history, literature or library and information science
- Native speaker of Arabic
- Excellent written and spoken English
- Familiarity with archival material or library collections
- Interest in digitisation and/or heritage preservation

- Good understanding of Higher Education institutions in target region
- Experience of public speaking, networking and partnership building
- Strong computer skills including Microsoft Office suite.