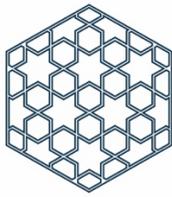


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The
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The Shafik Gabr Foundation is pleased to announce that it has decided to sponsor six young people as Interns at the Middle East Institute.

The Middle East Institute is a non-profit, non-partisan think tank and cultural center in Washington, D.C., founded in 1946. It seeks to increase knowledge of the Middle East among the United States citizens and promote a better understanding between the people of these two areas. Therefore its goals and missions closely align with those of the Shafik Gabr Foundation.

The Middle East Institute supports a number interns each year. It is a rigorous application and interview process, and they aim to really get the best young persons, potential leaders of tomorrow.

The MEI interns are integral to the Institute's work and they help in all programs including arts and culture, economics and energy, cyber and technology, etc.

The Shafik Gabr Foundation, as a long-term collaborator with the Middle East Institute, is going to sponsor a total of six interns, each to work at the institute for a total of four months.

The first 2022 Shafik Gabr Fellows at MEI are Maria Harika and Amanda Msalem.

Maria is a graduate student at the University of Alabama Birmingham, interning with the MEI's Cyber Program, and Amanda is a final year undergraduate student at GW, interning with the MEI's Arts & Culture Center. Please find attached a brief document outlining their background and interests.

Note: For all Information Statements, please visit
<https://www.eastwestdialogue.org/fellowship/updates/>

Meet the Shafik Gabr Interns

Spring Term 2022

Cyber Program

Maria Harika

Maria is an MS Cyber Security Candidate at the University of Alabama Birmingham and an Open-Source Intelligence Analyst and Supervisor at the UAB Cyber Forensics Research Lab. Her work focuses on researching, analyzing, and reporting online extremism through intelligence reports and social media/internet-wide data collection. Maria focuses mainly on cyber intelligence gathering across the Middle East, focusing especially on Syria, Lebanon, Iran, Iraq, Saudi Arabia, UAE, and Yemen. As a Cyber intern she works closely with program director Eliza Campbell to assemble literature reviews, and complete other essential research tasks.



Arts & Culture

Amanda Msalem

Amanda is a senior at the George Washington University double majoring in Art History and International Affairs (with a concentration in Conflict Resolution) and a minor in French. Amanda is also a cohort member of the Dean's Scholars Program at the Elliott School, which selects students to conduct research projects over the course of two years; Amanda is researching the experiences, attitudes, and interactions between Syrian refugees and host communities in Lebanon, within the context of the COVID-19 pandemic and other recent compounding humanitarian crises. Aside from her studies, Amanda is a dancer and choreographer within the GW Dance Club and the GW Dance Department, and continues to leisurely make art.

