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Zovighian Public Office Fellowship

Call-out deadline: November 15, 2026 at 12:00 Beirut time

A new research opportunity

This is an invitation for current students pursuing their bachelor or master degree to join the newly-launched fellowship program of the Zovighian Public Office (ZPO). This six-month fellowship will be hosted in Beirut, Lebanon in hybrid mode.

We are seeking a very motivated, intellectually curious, organized, and meticulously Fellow who cares about research ethics, evidentiary integrity, and justice and accountability in atrocity contexts. This Fellowship will contribute to interdisciplinary research on how digital technologies is transforming digital information and evidence, and its epistemic implications on justice and accountability mechanisms in atrocity crimes in the South Caucasus and Southwest Asia.

The selected candidate will have the opportunity to contribute to research at the intersection of qualitative, legal, and investigative methodologies, working closely with a senior researcher and engaging with experts, forensic investigators, and legal professionals.

The Fellowship will run from December 1, 2026 to June 1, 2027 in hybrid mode with a flexible, part-time working arrangement and the possibility of an extension.

Key responsibilities

- Support literature reviews by facilitating paper filing, data coding, and data organization.
- Support qualitative research interviews with atrocity survivors, human rights lawyers, prosecutors, forensic investigators, and epistemology scholars.
- Maintain structured research records, references, and documentation using established templates and procedures.
- Assist in preparing research briefs, summaries, and supporting materials.
- Co-author research blog articles.
- Support the coordination of research meetings, discussions, and events, including preparation, documentation, and follow-up.
- Participate in mandatory training sessions on research methodologies, research ethics, data security, and responsible evidence handling.
- Honor strict data integrity, confidentiality, information security, and data management protocols.
- Collaborate closely with the senior researcher and relevant team members to ensure the timely and high-quality completion of deliverables.

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Key competencies

- Strong analytical and critical-thinking skills.
- Theoretical understanding of scientific research methods, with an emphasis on qualitative research.
- Exceptional organizational skills, meticulousness, and attention to detail.
- Proven experience in systematically organizing complex information and following structured documentation templates and procedures.
- Strong digital literacy and confidence using computers, online research platforms, spreadsheets, and collaborative digital tools.
- Proactive, independent, dependable, and eager to learn.
- Strong sense of responsibility, ownership, and accountability.
- High integrity, discretion, and sound professional judgment.
- Strong communication and interpersonal skills, with the ability to engage professionally with multidisciplinary stakeholders.
- Proven strong fluency in English in speaking, reading, and writing.
- Proven strong fluency in Arabic in speaking, reading, and writing.
- Knowledge of Armenian is an advantage but not required.

Key obligations

- Conduct all activities with a strong work ethic, trustworthiness, and deep integrity.
- Conduct all work-related activities in a confidential, proprietary, and time-sensitive manner.
- Adhere to strict research ethics, do-no-harm, survivor trauma-sensitive engagement, governance, data protection, and information security protocols.
- Maintain exceptionally high standards of accuracy, documentation, data integrity, and secure information handling.
- Demonstrate responsibility and discretion when working with potentially sensitive research materials.
- Be a committed team player, willing to learn, collaborate, and contribute to a supportive professional environment.
- Be deeply culturally and socially sensitive and alert in all research, stakeholder, and team contexts.

Eligibility

- Academic field: Current university students with a strong academic record, preferably pursuing degrees in: Philosophy (first preference) and / or Political Science (second preference)
- Student tenure: Preference will be given to first-year master's students and junior year bachelor's students.
- Interest: Candidates should demonstrate a genuine interest in interdisciplinary research, particularly in the areas of international justice, evidence, accountability, human rights, and related fields and demonstrate a strong commitment to accuracy, research integrity, confidentiality, and responsible evidence handling.
- Digital fluency: Applicants must be comfortable working extensively in a digital environment.
- Availability: Candidates should be available for approximately 1.5 days per week on average, ranging from one to two days per week during the initial two to three months, with the flexibility to increase their commitment during more intensive research periods.

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Application requirements

Please note that applicants who do not submit the requirements below will not be considered in the recruitment process.

- CV with clear mention of GPA.
- Cover letter customized to the role, highlighting academic interests, relevant experience, and motivation to contribute to research on digital evidence, justice, and accountability.
- Two writing samples

To apply

Email your application to impact@zovighianpartnership.com (please note the application requirements).

About the Zovighian Public Office

Since 2015, the Zovighian Public Office partners with communities and survivors of atrocities in the Middle East and South Caucasus to uphold voice, reclaim dignity, and advance justice through research, culture, and diplomacy.

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