



Australian Government



The Council for Australian-Arab Relations

Helping to bring Australia and the
Arab world closer together

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Who we are

The Council for Australian-Arab Relations (CAAR) promotes cross-cultural understanding between Australia and the Arab world, and seeks to develop strong networks between them. We do this through advice to government, and by awarding grants to individuals or institutions, in Australia or the Arab world, whose projects align with our vision.

CAAR Grants Round

The CAAR runs an annual grants round valued at around AU\$400,000. As a general rule, each year the round will open in February, close in April, and be announced in July. We encourage applicants to consider applying under one of our four Flagship Programs. In addition to these, the CAAR also identifies annual Priority Sectors. To learn about our current Priority Sectors, head to www.dfat.gov.au/caar

Typically, the CAAR grants round opens early in the year, with successful applicants notified around August or September. Individuals and organisations in both Australia and the Arab world are encouraged to apply. The Council's funding guidelines, including how to apply, can be found on our website: www.dfat.gov.au/caar

Applicants may wish to apply for funding in line with one of CAAR's four Flagship Programs: CAAR Speakers, CAAR Visitors, CAAR Exchanges, and Women in Leadership. In addition to these, each financial year the CAAR identifies Priority Sectors to guide the grants rounds. To see our current Priority Sectors, head to www.dfat.gov.au/caar



'Arab Film Festival Australia (AFFA)' by Information and Cultural Exchange Inc

Flagship Programs

CAAR Speakers

Provides opportunities for influential Australians to visit the Arab world (or vice versa) to share their expertise on a particular issue. The host institution (not the Speaker themselves) would receive \$10,000 (excluding GST) in CAAR funding to cover costs associated with economy class international flights, domestic transport, accommodation and per diem expenses. The Speaker would visit for a week, visiting at least two cities, and undertaking at least one public (free) speaking event. The grantee must arrange for the Speaker to carry out media interviews and hold targeted meetings (with diplomats, relevant government agencies and community groups). Both the Speaker and the host institution are responsible for promotion of the CAAR's support of the project, including through the use of social media.

CAAR Visitors

Provides opportunities for Australian or Arab experts (in disciplines as diverse as political science, theatre, sport, science, visual arts or start-up incubators) to collaborate with their counterparts in the alternate region. The host institution (not the Visitor themselves) would receive \$30,000 (excluding GST) in CAAR funding to cover costs associated with business class international flights, domestic transport, accommodation and per diem expenses. The Visitor would visit for five to twelve weeks, and would achieve a demonstrable outcome, such as: an academic research paper, a theatre play script, a radio documentary, or an album. The grantee must arrange for the Visitor to carry out media interviews and hold targeted meetings (with diplomats, relevant government agencies and community groups). Both the Visitor and the host institution are responsible for appropriate promotion of the CAAR's support of the project, including through the use of social media.

CAAR Exchanges

Provides funding to universities and professional organisations to arrange for Australian groups to travel to the Arab world (or vice versa) to undertake activities related to their studies or professions. For example, journalism students could attend a professional tour of local media agencies, or a sporting team could engage in a

'train-the-trainer' program. The students and the grantee are responsible for appropriate promotion of the CAAR's support of the project, including through the use of social media.

Women in Leadership

Gives a platform to Australian and Arab women known for their leadership and innovation. Projects funded under this flagship must centre around an event (held in either Australia or the Arab world), and have a lasting impact (such as by creating professional networks). The organisation would be expected to carry out media interviews and hold targeted meetings (with diplomats, relevant government agencies and community groups). The organisation is responsible for appropriate promotion of the CAAR's support of the project, including through the use of social media.



'World of Women Film Fair' - by Straight Street Media



'Journalism in the Middle East' by Australia-Middle East Journalism Exchange



'Foreign Correspondent Study Tour' by Swinburne University of Technology

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