



Frequently Asked Questions about the QNL Fellowship Program

1. Can I apply from outside of Qatar?

The fellowship is currently only open for residents living in Qatar, except for Qatari citizens who are studying abroad and who are allowed to apply.

2. Can we apply as a group?

You may apply as a group and present a group project. However, the stipend is a fixed amount per fellowship application. Meaning, whether you apply individually or as a group, you will receive the same amount.

3. Can I work on a topic that is not part of the list of Fellowship topics?

Currently, we only accept applications on the listed topics on the Fellowship's web page.

4. Do I need a master's degree to apply?

QNL's fellowship has two paths with different requirements.

- i. If you are applying for the **Written Research Fellowship**, then a postgraduate (master's) degree IS REQUIRED.
- ii. If you are applying for the **Documentary Fellowship**, it is preferable if you have a postgraduate degree. Alternatively, however, you **MUST HAVE** professional experience in historical/anthropological videography and photography.



5. Will QNL be able to secure the fellows with meetings and approvals from different entities in Qatar?

QNL will provide a letter to the awarded fellows confirming that they are current fellows, which will include information to help them in arranging meetings and receiving the required approval and permits. However, it is the fellow's responsibility to obtain all required licenses, permits, permissions and other authorization to use any photographs, copyrighted materials or other property, as well as any rights belonging to third parties that are used for the project.

6. If I apply for the Documentary Fellowship and I plan to produce a film, how long should it be?

The film should at least be 25 minutes long. Alternatively, it could be a series of short films totaling a minimum of 25 minutes. The maximum length is 120 minutes.

7. I was not able to finish the project in the allotted six months. What happens?

If you are applying for the **Written Research Fellowship**, the research paper should be submitted within three (3) months of completing the fellowship.

If you are applying for the **Documentation Fellowship**, it is preferable and advisable that the fellowship project is achievable within the six-month timeframe. However, if additional time is needed, you may request an extension by the end of month three (3) of the fellowship with a deadline of a maximum of three (3) months from completing the fellowship. Extensions will be approved on a case-by-case basis.



8. Can I submit academic reference letters from any referees in my undergraduate or postgraduate degree?

Academic referees must have taught you and be familiar with your academic work.

9. Can the reference letters be from institutions that I have not attended as an academic student?

No, your academic references must be from the academic institutions of which you were a student.

10. I'm currently employed, can I apply for the fellowship?

If you are employed, we will need a no-objection letter from your supervisor that allows you to be part of the fellowship.

11. Can I complete this fellowship remotely?

No, ALL applicants must be able to dedicate at least 20-25 hours per week to the project by being **physically present** in the allocated space at QNL. Partial online work on the Fellowship is also not allowed.

12. I'm an Arab researcher and I can only produce work in Arabic. Would that impact my opportunity to apply for this fellowship?

We welcome fellows who are proficient in either Arabic OR English. But please note that if the research material is available in a language in which you are not proficient, it is your obligation as a fellow to find your own support to translate the material.