

Taher and Myra Razik International Fellowship: Information for 2016–2017 Applicants

The Razik Fellowship

The Taher and Myra Razik International Fellowship (Razik Fellowship) at the Graduate School of Education (GSE) of the State University of New York/University at Buffalo (UB) in the USA, is funded by private donations from the late Professor Emeritus Taher A. Razik and his wife, Myra Razik, with additional support from UB and GSE.

The Razik Fellowship is competitive and selective. There is one fellowship awarded (approximately) every four years. We are currently accepting applications for the 2016–2017 academic year. The candidate selected can commence his/her studies in either the beginning of the Fall 2016 semester (August) or the beginning of the Spring 2017 semester (January).

In order to qualify for the fellowship, a candidate must be a junior faculty member at a college of education in Egypt. The fellow selected with the agreement of his/her college, takes official leave for up to four years of study in America at UB in the GSE Department of Educational Leadership and Policy (ELP) to earn a PhD. After completing the doctorate, the fellow returns to Egypt, either to rejoin the faculty at his/her college of education or to assume a different leadership position in education.

Financial Provisions

The scholar selected for the Razik Fellowship is eligible to receive up to four years of financial support, including:

- Fellowship tuition waiver (university fees and textbooks are not included) to offset the major academic cost of the doctoral coursework
- Fellowship award payments (10 months per year)
- Opportunity to earn a stipend (10 months per year) through part-time work as a graduate assistant (based on availability and awarded on a competitive basis)

The sponsoring university will agree to pay for all transportation costs and the full Egyptian salary of the fellowship recipient while enrolled as a full-time student in GSE. If this is not possible, the recipient will be required to personally pay for all transportation costs incurred by this fellowship. In addition, the fellowship does not directly cover costs for items such as visas, housing, cost of living, health insurance, personal emergencies, and family support. It is the responsibility of the fellow to budget and pay for these costs, aided by any support which his/her university in Egypt may provide.

NOTE: The Razik Fellowship fund provides basic financial support for the fellow. It provides no support for the fellow's family members or any other person.

ELP Doctoral Programs

The GSE Department of Educational Leadership and Policy offers doctoral programs in three main disciplines:

- Educational Administration
- Higher Education
- Educational Culture, Policy, and Society (including Comparative and Global Education)

Details about these ELP programs are available at: gse.buffalo.edu/programs#elp.

All ELP doctoral students are expected to study a number of core subjects and then pursue an individual plan of study and research, guided by a faculty academic advisor. The Razik Fellow can expect to work very closely with the advisor and other faculty as his/her study and research interests take shape.

Completion of a doctoral program—coursework, research, and dissertation—normally requires a student's full-time effort for four academic years.

Qualifications of Candidates

Potential candidates for the Razik Fellowship should have the following qualifications:

- Be a citizen of Egypt
- Be employed as a junior faculty member at an Egyptian university (college or division of education)
- Be able to take leave from his/her home university in Egypt
- Be eligible for an Egyptian passport and a USA study visa
- Be recommended by a leader at his/her college of education
- Have professional interests and experience related to ELP
- Be proficient in English
- Show prior academic excellence in undergraduate and graduate (master's level) study
- Be able to cover expenses not covered by the fellowship provisions

Further Information

Potential candidates for the Razik Fellowship should send a letter of interest and a curriculum vitae (CV) via e-mail to Associate Dean for Student Affairs and Administration, Dr. Jenifer Lawrence, at jlawrenc@buffalo.edu.

Interviews with qualified candidates via telecommunication will be scheduled as needed.

Final applications will be submitted online at gse.buffalo.edu/apply#elp and should include:

- Application form
- Statement of goals and objectives
- Academic grade transcripts (undergraduate and graduate study)
- Test scores – TOEFL (Internet-based minimum score of 79) and GRE or MAT
- Letters of recommendation
- Statement of financial ability