

Call for applications for a Full-Time Tenure-Track Assistant Professor Position in the Middle East and North Africa Studies Program of the Center for Asian and African Studies at El Colegio de México

The Center for Asian and African Studies at El Colegio de México, pursuant to Article 43 of its Organic Statute and Article 54, Section I of the Regulations for Academic Personnel and the Factors, Criteria, and Procedures for the Evaluation and Classification of Academic Personnel, invites applications from qualified candidates for an open competition to fill a full-time, tenure-track Assistant Professor (Professor-Researcher, Category A, Level 1) position in the Middle East and North Africa Studies Program, under the following terms:

BASES

I.- ACADEMIC PROFILE

Applicants must meet the following qualifications:

1. Demonstrated ability and preparation to teach graduate-level courses in anthropology and gender studies related to the Middle East and North Africa.
2. A strong and ongoing research agenda in their academic discipline.

El Colegio de México is committed to gender equity and strongly encourages applications from women.

II.- REQUIREMENTS

1. Ph.D. in anthropology or a related discipline, with specialization in the Middle East and North Africa, from an accredited institution of higher education.
2. At least two years of teaching and research experience in anthropology, gender studies, or related disciplines focused on the Middle East and North Africa.

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3. Peer-reviewed publications with recognized academic presses and in indexed academic journals on the Middle East and North Africa.
4. Proficiency in at least one language relevant to the Middle East and North Africa. Knowledge of additional languages pertinent to the candidate's research and the region will be considered an asset.
5. Proficiency in Spanish, or willingness to acquire it within three years of appointment. During this period, the successful candidate may teach in English.
6. Demonstrated commitment to research, teaching, and thesis supervision, as well as a strong inclination toward collegial collaboration and long-term academic engagement at El Colegio de México.
7. Commitment to remain at the institution for a minimum of three years, in accordance with the established terms of employment.

III.- ACADEMIC RESPONSIBILITIES

The successful candidate will teach graduate courses in anthropology, gender studies, and a historical period of the Middle East and North Africa in the Master's and Doctoral Programs in Asian and African Studies, with specialization in the Middle East and North Africa, at the Center for Asian and African Studies. The candidate will also teach additional courses as required by the Center.

The position includes conducting research in one of the thematic areas specified in the profile and participating in the academic activities of the Center, particularly supervising graduate research projects and theses of CEAA and El Colegio de México students.

El Colegio de México is a public institution of higher education whose language of instruction and evaluation is Spanish. The successful candidate is expected to teach in Spanish (after a preparation period of up to three years, if necessary) and to supervise graduate theses in Spanish.

IV.- REQUIRED DOCUMENTS

Applications must be submitted by email to the Directorate of the Center for Asian and African Studies (direccionceaa@colmex.mx) from the date of publication of this call until April 15, 2026. The application must include the following documents:

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1. An updated and detailed curriculum vitae, including digital copies of supporting documentation for identity, academic degrees, and the scholarly works listed therein that document the applicant's academic trajectory. The Center for Asian and African Studies reserves the right to request additional documentation at a later stage of the process.
2. A teaching and research proposal (maximum eight pages) outlining a three-year plan.
3. A cover letter (maximum two pages) addressed to the Academic Personnel Selection Committee of the Center for Asian and African Studies, explaining the applicant's interest in joining and pursuing an academic career at the Center.
4. At least three letters of academic recommendation evaluating the candidate's work and its significance within the field.

V.- SELECTION PROCESS

In accordance with Article 43 of the Organic Statute of El Colegio de México and Article 54, Section I, Subsection c) of the Regulations for Academic Personnel and the Factors, Criteria, and Procedures for the Evaluation and Classification of Academic Personnel, a Selection Committee will be appointed. The Committee will review all application files and establish a shortlist of finalists, from which the candidate to be appointed will be selected. All applicants will be informed of the outcome of the process.

If deemed appropriate, the Selection Committee may invite shortlisted candidates to participate in an interview, deliver a public lecture, and/or teach a model class.

The successful candidate will be required to present original documentation and any additional materials requested by the Selection Committee. A receipt acknowledging submission will be issued.

The decision of the Selection Committee shall be final and not subject to appeal. This call for applications may be declared void at any stage of the process.

In accordance with Article 52 of the aforementioned Regulations, the selected candidate will begin working at El Colegio de México upon signing an individual employment contract. This contract will have a duration of 12 months and may be renewed based on the decision of the Center's Evaluation Committee.

Newly appointed academic personnel have a minimum of three years and a maximum of six years to obtain tenure, as stipulated in Article 62 of the Regulations for Academic Personnel and the Factors, Criteria, and Procedures for the Evaluation and Classification of Academic Personnel.

VI.- FURTHER INFORMATION

For further information, please contact the Directorate of the Center for Asian and African Studies at direccionceaa@colmex.mx or by telephone at +52 55 5449 3025.

All data and documentation submitted as part of this process will be used exclusively for evaluation purposes and will be processed in accordance with the provisions of the General Law on the Protection of Personal Data Held by Obligated Subjects.

Mexico City, March 3, 2026.

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