



Call for Submissions Canadian Policy and the Canadian Arab Community

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According to data acquired from Citizenship and Immigration Canada, in 2010, Arab immigration to Canada reached an all-time high. With the arrival of 34,657 citizens of Arab countries, Arab immigrants represented 12.4% of the total immigration to Canada – second only to the Philippines (13.0%) and, for the first time, ahead of China and India (at 10.8% each), long the top two source countries of immigrants to Canada. Immigration data between 1960 and 2011 shows that more than half of Arab immigrants came to Canada in the 11 years between 2000 and 2011, and more than 75% came in the 20 years between 1991 and 2011.

That this is such a new community which is steadily and rapidly growing has potentially profound policy connotations. The Canadian Arab Institute is inviting the submissions of proposals and/or abstracts of research relating to the Canadian Arab community. As a community often under- or mis-represented, the issues affecting Canadian Arabs have remained largely invisible. With these concerns in mind, we ask: what does the Canadian Arab community look like today? What are its concerns? How well is it integrated into Canadian society? How is Canadian policy influencing the daily lives of Canadian Arabs? This includes, but is not limited to, questions regarding

- Immigration and citizenship trends;
- Socio-economic and cultural integration;
- Civic participation;
- Foreign affairs in the MENA countries;
- Foreign trade and investments in MENA countries.

With this call for submissions, the Canadian Arab Institute is interested in developing potential partnerships in research, collaborations in studies, publishing papers, and/or offering funding for research projects where applicable. CAI is also open to exploring other possibilities for supporting research done on the Canadian Arab community such as hosting conferences and symposiums, workshops, and community based initiatives.

Submissions should be about 500 words in length and should highlight:

- a clear research question;
- a tentative methodology; and
- the link between the research proposed and government policy.

Please also include your expectations for the role of CAI within your proposed research (partnership/funding/community outreach/publishing/etc.) CFS Categories:

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