

**TRAINING FOR ENGAGED RESEARCH WORKSHOP:  
CAIRO, OCTOBER 24, 25, 26, 2014  
ARAB FAMILIES WORKING GROUP**

**Flamenco Hotel, Valencia Room, Cairo, Egypt 9am-6pm Daily**

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**I. Pre-Workshop:**

1. Participants are to read the following documents BEFORE the workshop

[http://sjoseph.ucdavis.edu/Faculty\\_Workshop/index.htm](http://sjoseph.ucdavis.edu/Faculty_Workshop/index.htm)

[www.arabfamilies.org](http://www.arabfamilies.org) (Look under training-- available in English and Arabic)

a. Components of a Humanities & Social Science Research Proposal

b. Ten Tips for Proposal Writing

c. The Art of Proposal Writing (English only)

<http://sjoseph.ucdavis.edu>2. All workshop participants should be quite fluent in English

Be prepared to make time for homework!

1. What is the question you wish to answer? (problem statement)
2. What is your tentative answer to the question? (hypothesis)
3. How have others answered this question? (literature review)
4. Why are those answers inadequate? (need for research)
5. Why is your answer to this question better than of others? (theory)
6. What is the value added by answering this question? (Significance)
7. How will you go about answering this question (methods)
8. How will you know when you have answered the question (evaluation)
9. How much time will it take to answer the question (Timetable)
10. How much will it cost to answer this question (Budget)

Please browse Suad Joseph's website page on proposal writing for resources BEFORE the workshop: <http://sjoseph.ucdavis.edu/> AND: [www.arabfamilies.org](http://www.arabfamilies.org) (under "Training").

## **II. Workshop Structure October 24, 25, 26 2014:**

### **October 24, Friday, 2014: ALL PARTICIPANTS**

9-9:30 Register and coffee

9:30-2pm **Dr. Suad Joseph** Lecture Session I covering:  
Research question (problem statement)  
Research answer (hypothesis)  
Other answers to question (literature review)  
Why answer this question (need)  
What is the value added (significance)

11:30-12:00 Break

2:00-3:00 Lunch (provided)

3:00-5:00 **Dr. Suad Joseph** Lecture Session II covering:  
Why is yours a better answer (theory)  
How will you answer the question (methods & evaluation)  
How much will it cost (budget)  
How long will it take (time table)  
Summary of proposal (abstract)  
Contacting funders, Review when fail, resubmit

5:00-6:00 Planning: Assignments / Groups

### **October 25, Saturday, 2014 Six-Month Trainees only**

9:00-9:30 Groups connect & Coffee

9:30-10:00 Review: **Dr. Suad Joseph**

10:00-11:00 Dr. Martina Rieker "Methodological Debates in the Historical Present"

11:00-12:00 Writing Groups

12:00-1:00 Lunch (provided)

1:00-3:00 Individual appointments & Writing Groups

3:00-3:15 Break

3:15-6:00 Individual appointments & Writing Groups

6:00-7:30 **Dinner: Six-Month Trainees**

### **October 26, Sunday, 2014 Six-Month Trainees only**

9:00-9:30 Groups connect & Coffee

9:30-10:30 Dr. Suad Joseph Review

10:30-11:00 Break

11:00-12:00 Individual appointments & Writing groups

12:00-1:00 Lunch (provided)

1:00-4:00 Individual Presentations of Proposals to Group

4:00-5:00 Overview: A Successful Proposal Dr. Suad Joseph

**Planning next steps**