

**TRAINING FOR ENGAGED RESEARCH WORKSHOP:**

**CAIRO, October 1, 2, 3 2015**

**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 1, 2, 3, 2015

### **October 1, 2015 Thursday:**

9-9:30 Register and coffee

9:30-12:30pm **Suad Joseph** Review Session 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)

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

12:30-1:30 Lunch (provided)

1:30-3:00 Writing Groups: Review: Question/Answer/Point of Departure

3:00-3:15 Break

3:15-4:30 Writing Groups: Review: Methods/Budget/Preliminary Findings

4:30-5:30 **Zeina Zaatari:** “Data Gathering in Contentious Zones

5:30-6:00 Break

6:00- Group Dinner at Flamenco

### **October 2, Friday, 2015**

9:00-9:30 Groups connect & Coffee

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

10:00-11:00 **Penny Johnson:** Lessons from Fieldwork  
(Snacks provided 11:00am)

11:00-12:00 **Suad Joseph:** “Types of Grant Seeking”

12:00-1:00 Lunch (provided)

1:00-2:00 **Islah Jad:** Interviewing Government & NGO Representatives

2:00-5:00 Writing Groups: Evaluate Data Analysis

3:30-3:45 Break

3:45-5:30 Writing Groups: Writing and Presenting

5:30-5:45 Suad Joseph: Preparations for Presenting Research Findings

6:00- Trainers dinner

### **October 3, Saturday, 2015**

9:00-9:30 Groups connect & Coffee

9:30-10:30 **Suad Joseph** Review: Writing Groups prepare

10:00-12:00 Presentation of Preliminary Research Findings to Group

12:00-1:00 Lunch (provided)

1:00-5:00 Presentations of Preliminary Research Findings to Group

2:30 Break

5:00-6:00 **Suad Joseph:** Analysis to Dissemination/ Evaluations/ Wrap up