

Policy Fellow at ILSP: SHARIASource at Harvard Law School

Description

The SHARIASource Research Fellowship Program provides opportunities for post-doctoral and faculty-level scholars to conduct research on policy-related aspects of Islamic law, which we interpret broadly, during the 2016-2017 academic year. In addition to research conducted to benefit their own pursuits, fellows support the development of policy papers at the intersection of Islamic law and relevant issues of US policy: including short commentary on recent cases or other Islamic law sources, longer policy briefs, or op-eds. All materials will be considered for publication on the SHARIASource portal and blog. Produced material will be credited to the fellow.

Conceptions of Islamic law and definitions of policy used by SHARIASource are broad and inclusive. Topics of study can range widely and include Islamic Law and Legal History covering both intellectual and social history, of any period, studies of Islamic legal theory and legal interpretation, legal maxims, and substantive law to legal institutions, judicial procedure, and important figures in Islamic legal history.

The fellowship term is a semester in length, starting in January 2017. All fellowships carry a stipend, access to a work space, Harvard Law Library privileges, as well as the support of the SHARIASource community. We encourage applications from women, minorities, and citizens of all countries.

The deadline for applications is rolling. An initial deadline is Friday, October 21, 2016. Late applications will be considered. To apply, please send a letter of interest, including a short description of proposed research, four-to-six topic areas for consideration as commentaries that link Islamic law and policy, and a CV to pberan@law.harvard.edu.