

Press release

Scholarships for archaeologists and Egyptologists From the Egypt Exploration Society and British Council Egypt

Cairo, 8 July 2015 – The Egypt Exploration Society (EES) and British Council Egypt are delighted to announce the award of scholarships in the area of Archaeology and Egyptology to six young Egyptians. The six awardees are: Hoda Kamal, Ahmed Ali Nakshara, Hesham Hussein, Fatma Keshk, Mohamed Abuelyazid and Yasser Abdel Razik Al Hammami.

They will travel to the UK at the beginning of August 2015, and will stay for six weeks. They will be based primarily at the Society's London office, where they will have the opportunity of benefiting from the extensive Egyptological [library](#), [archive](#) and [events programme](#), and networking with people and visiting places which are relevant to their research projects and working roles.

Dr Chris Naunton, The Society's Director, said: "Having the first group of six young Egyptologists with us in London last summer was a joy and an extremely valuable experience for all concerned. The scholars made great strides with their research, and were keen to tell us how much they valued the wider experience of visiting people and places, and that they would all have wanted to stay longer if that had been possible. My colleagues and I also learned a huge amount about the situation for Egyptian Egyptologists and archaeologists, the challenges they face, and how we might make the most of the resources we have to offer to help meet those challenges. We are all very much looking forward to repeating the process this summer."

The six scholars were chosen, following a process of open competition, from a pool of just over 100 applicants. All are trained in academic archaeology/Egyptology; five are working within the Ministry of Antiquities and have direct responsibility for the care and management of ancient sites and monuments, and the sixth (Fatma Keshk) is working for the [Center for Documentation of Culture and National Heritage](#) CULTNAT. In addition, all are studying at MA, PhD or postdoctoral level, and have clear plans for making the most of their time in the UK to further their research and to learn new skills which can be transferred to their day-to-day work.

Mark Stephens, Director British Council Egypt, said, "I'm delighted that for the second year in a row the Egypt Exploration Society and the British Council are able to bring Egypt's young archaeologists to the UK, strengthening the already excellent ties our two countries enjoy in this important area. I'm also pleased to announce the continuation of our support to the English language learning of a wider group of Egyptian archaeologists through 30 new scholarships in our teaching centres."

In addition to the Research Scholarships, the Society awarded prizes of books to three further applicants, in recognition of their excellent applications. These awards went to Amany Amer Ahmed Abd El Hameed, Ahmed Mahmoud Taher Mohamed, and Hebatallah Abdelbaset Ahmed Ibrahim.

The Society has enjoyed a very close working relationship with the Egyptian Ministry of Antiquities since the time of its foundation in 1882. Supporting the Ministry by assisting in the development of its staff is a crucial part of the Society's mission "to explore ancient Egyptian sites and monuments, to create a lasting record of the remains, to generate enthusiasm for Egypt's past and to raise awareness of the importance of protecting its heritage."

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About The Egypt Exploration Society

The Egypt Exploration Society is a UK charity founded in 1882 with the mission to explore ancient Egyptian sites and monuments and to create a lasting record of the remains. Today the Society continues to support archaeological research projects throughout Egypt and has one of the largest and most important Egyptological archives in the world.