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CC: Permanent Delegations to  
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**The Assistant Director-General  
for Priority Africa and External Relations a.i.**

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Subject: **UNESCO/Kingdoms Institute: Kingdom of Saudi Arabia – AIUla  
Fellowships Programme 2025**

Dear Sir/Madam,

I am pleased to inform you that UNESCO is launching a call for applications for the UNESCO/Kingdoms Institute: Kingdom of Saudi Arabia – AIUla Fellowships Programme 2025.

Within the framework of the partnership agreement between UNESCO and the Royal Commission for AIUla, the second edition of this Fellowships Programme provides learning opportunities to highly skilled heritage experts and professionals in the fields of heritage research, conservation and management, improving the scientific knowledge in heritage research and conservation and enhancing World Heritage management capacity, including with regards to emergency preparedness and response.

In collaboration with the Royal Commission for AIUla, the second edition of this programme will recruit ten fellows for a twenty-four-month programme, consisting of six months of research fellowship in AIUla, Saudi Arabia, twelve months of sponsored traineeship in the Culture Sector at UNESCO Headquarters or one of the designated UNESCO Field Offices, and six months of work placement with a partner National Commission for UNESCO, or a culture or heritage entity designated by the partner National Commissions.

Applicants shall be meeting the following requirements:

- Holding the nationality of one of the invited Member States and Associate Members.
- Be at least 25 years old and under the age of 40 when applying.
- University degree (master's degree or equivalent) in the field of culture, heritage management, architecture, urban planning/development, archaeology, conservation, museum management, cultural policies, anthropology, art history, arts management, creative industries, international relations, social and human sciences or a related field. A first-level university degree in combination with two additional years of qualifying experience may be accepted in lieu of an advanced university degree.
- Language skills: Excellent knowledge of English (oral and written) is essential. Knowledge of another /other UNESCO official language(s) – Arabic, Chinese, French, Russian or Spanish is preferable.

Enclosed with this letter, you will find the Application Guide to UNESCO/Kingdoms Institute: Kingdom of Saudi Arabia – AIUla Fellowships Programme 2025 for the application and selection procedures.

Applicants should submit their applications by email to the following email address: [alulafellowship@unesco.org](mailto:alulafellowship@unesco.org), along with the required documents duly completed, **by mid-night (Paris time), 22 September 2025** at the latest.

We kindly invite you to identify the most appropriate channels (including your website, press, social media, etc.) to circulate the information to the nationals of your country and reach out to the most qualified candidates.

UNESCO and the Royal Commission for AIUla will thoroughly assess the applications and invite a group of short-listed candidates for interview. The final selection of candidates will be jointly decided by UNESCO and the Royal Commission for AIUla.

Should you need further information, please contact the National Commission and Fellowships Unit at the same email address provided above.

Yours sincerely,



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Permanent Delegation of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia to UNESCO  
Royal Commission for AIUla  
Kingdoms Institute  
UNESCO Culture Sector  
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**Enclosures:**

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