# Assistant Professor - Modern Arabic Literature and Culture - Department of Middle Eastern Languages & Cultures
# University of California Berkeley

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| **Job Title** | Assistant Professor - Modern Arabic Literature and Culture - Department of Middle Eastern Languages & Cultures |
| **Department** | Middle Eastern Languages & Cultures |
| **Institution** | University of California Berkeley<br>Berkeley, California |
| **Date Posted** | Jul. 31, 2025 |
| **Application Deadline** | 09/15/2025 |
| **Position Start Date** | Available immediately |
| **Job Categories** | Assistant Professor |
| **Academic Field(s)** | Foreign Languages/Literatures |
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**Job Description**

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**Position overview**

**Position title:** Assistant Professor
**Salary range:** The current salary range for this position is $80,800 - $128,700 (9-month academic year salary); however, off-scale salary and other components of pay, which would yield compensation that

is higher than this range, are offered to meet competitive conditions.

**Anticipated start:** 7/1/2026

**Review timeline:** Not yet provided

**Application Window**
**Open date:**July 30, 2025

**Next review date:** Monday, Sep 15, 2025 at 11:59pm (Pacific Time)
Apply by this date to ensure full consideration by the committee.

**Final date:**Monday, Sep 15, 2025 at 11:59pm (Pacific Time)
Applications will continue to be accepted until this date.

## Position description

The Department of Middle Eastern Languages and Cultures at the University of California, Berkeley seeks applications for an Assistant Professor in Modern Arabic Literature and Culture, tenure track, with an expected start date of July 1, 2026.

The Department seeks applications from candidates who maintain an active research agenda in the study of Arabic literature and who have a rigorous training in the Arabic literary tradition, both Classical and Modern. The research focus may be in any genre of Arabic literature in the modern era, broadly configured, and in any region(s) with a significant production of literature in Arabic, but applicants should be well versed in the broader historical and cultural contexts of Arabic literary production. A range of methodological or theoretical dispositions (such as literary theory, philology, poetics, aesthetics, or more) are welcomed. Applicants whose research and teaching are also in conversation with areas of burgeoning scholarly activity, including but not limited to Arabic film and media, graphic literature, music, dialect literature, and/or popular culture are encouraged.

The appointee will be expected to teach both upper-level undergraduate courses and graduate seminars in Arabic, survey courses on Arabic literature and culture in English, and other undergraduate and graduate courses in their areas of expertise. They will also be expected to collaborate in overseeing the Arabic language program, contribute to teaching the department's introductory survey courses, mentor undergraduate students and supervise graduate students. and contribute to the department's diverse and inclusive community through their research, teaching, and/or service. The appointee will have the opportunity to connect with a variety of other campus units (such as the Center

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for Middle Eastern Studies).

The department is committed to addressing the family needs of faculty, including dual career couples and single parents. We are also interested in candidates who have had non-traditional career paths or who have taken time off for family reasons, or who have achieved excellence in careers outside academia. For information about potential relocation to Berkeley, or career needs of accompanying partners and spouses, please visit: http://ofew.berkeley.edu/new-faculty

**Department**: https://melc.berkeley.edu/

## Qualifications
**Basic qualifications** (required at time of application)
PhD (or equivalent international degree), or enrolled in PhD or equivalent international degree-granting program at the time of application or current assistant professor.

**Additional qualifications** (required at time of start)

- Advanced training and competence in Arabic literature, with the proven ability to conduct primary research using Classical and/or Modern Standard Arabic sources.
- Literacy and proficiency in Modern Standard Arabic sufficient to contribute to undergraduate and graduate teaching of Arabic sources.
- Demonstrated teaching ability at all levels from lower-division to graduate seminars in both Arabic and English; potential to develop new courses and ability to contribute to Department of Middle Eastern Languages & Cultures teaching needs.

**Preferred qualifications**

- Advanced literacy and proficiency in Arabic.
- Native or near-native fluency in Arabic and English
- Demonstrated excellence in teaching and research
- Ability to support the success of all students through inclusive curriculum, classroom environment, and pedagogy

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**Application Requirements**

**Document requirements**

- Curriculum Vitae - Your most recently updated C.V.
  The CV should include list of publications, including forthcoming ones.
- Cover Letter - The cover letter should describe the candidate's current and upcoming research plans, their teaching and service experience and plans, and their interest in UC Berkeley.
- Writing sample - 1 sample for all candidates: A representative piece of writing, such as an article, book chapter, or dissertation chapter.
  - Additional sample will be requested for longlisted candidates
- Authorization to Release Information Form - A reference check will be completed only if you are selected as the candidate to whom the hiring unit would like to extend a formal offer. Download, complete, sign, and upload the Authorization to Release Information form.

**Reference requirements**

- 3 required (contact information only)

References will only be contacted for those candidates under serious consideration

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**Help contact:** e_anaya26@berkeley.edu

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- UC Sexual Violence and Sexual Harassment Policy
- UC Anti-Discrimination Policy
- APM - 035: Affirmative Action and Nondiscrimination in Employment

**Job location**

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