



Women living under muslim laws  
النساء في ظل قوانين المسلمين  
Femmes sous lois musulmanes  
Transnational Feminist Solidarity Network

## Fellowship Announcement

### Islamic Studies Research and Publications Fellows

#### **About WLUML**

Women Living Under Muslim Laws (WLUML) is a transnational feminist solidarity network that promotes human rights, gender justice, and equality for people whose lives are shaped, conditioned or governed by patriarchal and/or authoritarian interpretations of Islam. For over thirty-five years, WLUML has worked with feminist movements to break isolation, build our collective power, and promote gender equality and human rights.

Our work aims to bridge the gap between scholarly advancement and discourses on women; human rights and gender equality; and the promotion of plural democracy. Working with WLUML, the research fellows will develop research and collaboration skills, gain practical experience as a member of a passionate and engaged team, and support rights movements in Muslim societies and around the world.

#### **Research and Publication Division:**

WLUML produces regular research-based and scholarly publications in the form of books, articles, reports, videos, and more (<https://www.wluml.org/books/> <https://www.wluml.org/dossiers/>) that are geared toward reaching a wide audience. This includes researchers, practitioners, activists in Muslim countries, and those working towards gender equality, human rights, and social justice. We are committed to mobilizing the feminist scholarly advancement in service of activists and advocates who are working to promote gender equality. As a feminist think tank, we believe sound research should be the basis of advocacy.

#### **Research and Publications Intern/Fellowship**

WLUML is organizing a series of webinars and publications on various aspects of women-centred writings and interpretations of Islamic texts, with the goal of promoting women's rights and human rights. We invite interested young scholars in Islamic studies committed to promoting women's rights to join us to assist with this project. The goal is to map the various innovative ways that women have challenged patriarchal and authoritarian understandings of Islam and Muslim cultures. To identify and invite various scholars who have worked in areas closely relevant to promoting gender equality and women's human rights from the Islamic perspective.

#### **Responsibilities include:**

- Working with the WLUML research team to identify appropriate literature and scholars focusing on the specified fields of research relevant to WLUML goals ( write to education, employment, public and political participation and more).
- to Participate in the organization's webinar or in-person talks for the scholars and promote their work and public discussion (possibly organizing focus group discussion on issues related to the webinar)
- collaborate closely with the research and publication and help to build to, create and gather knowledge and actively participate in disseminating and promoting discussion around them.

- Foster mutual learning and strategize to achieve the specified project goals

**Required Qualifications & Skills:**

- Good knowledge of Islamic Studies and familiarity with the work of feminist/progressive scholars of Islam
- Completed at least an undergraduate degree in relevant fields, graduate students are encouraged to apply
- Knowledge of / experience undertaking literature reviews and ability to conduct internet searches
- Experience with digital production is highly desirable
- Strong oral and written communication skills in English. Knowledge of Arabic, French, Dari/Farsi and other South Asian languages is desirable
- Proactive and self-motivated
- Ability to work independently as well as collaboratively with team members
- Commitment to gender justice and women's rights

**Duration:** Six months with the possibility to extend

**Location:** Remote

**Number of hours:** Approximately 10 hours per week

**Remuneration:** Currently, we do not provide remuneration for interns and fellows; however, we are open to supporting their application for sponsorship to other institutions for funding possibility.

**Supervision:** The Intern/Fellow will be supervised by Prof. Homa Hoodfar, Concordia University, Montreal, Canada, Prof. Mona Tajali (Director of Human Rights and Middle East Studies Program, Agnes Scott College, Atlanta, USA), and/or Prof. Vrinda Narain, Faculty of Law, McGill University, Montreal, Canada.

**Deadline:** Applications will be reviewed on a **rolling basis starting 1 December 2022**

**To Apply:** please send your CV and cover letter to [wluml.networking@gmail.com](mailto:wluml.networking@gmail.com). For any further inquiries, please email us, at [hoday.wluml@gmail.com](mailto:hoday.wluml@gmail.com). Please make sure to put "Islamic Studies Research Fellow" in the subject heading.