



**Please Join us for the
MESAAS OPEN HOUSE
&
INFORMATION
SESSION**

**For Prospective *Middle Eastern,
South Asian, & African
Studies (MESAAS)* Students
&
Students interested in our
Senior Thesis Program &
SUMMER FUNDING**

**Come meet our faculty and hear from
our current students!**

**Thursday, March 7th
4-6pm 403 Knox Hall**

Refreshments will be served

MESAAS Summer Research Opportunity for Juniors

The MESAAS department announces a new summer research program for rising seniors who are committed to doing an Honors Thesis during 2013-14. Up to three travel awards will be made for the purpose of undertaking thesis-related research in a MESAAS region during the summer of 2013. Awards will be in the range of \$1000-\$2000.*

Application Requirements and Procedures

Applicants must be declared MESAAS majors with a GPA of 3.5 or higher in their MESAAS coursework. Their research should be demonstrably related to their thesis topic. Preference will be given to students who make a compelling case for how they will put their MESAAS language skills to good use.

The application consists of four parts.

- 1) Students submit a 500-750 word statement that outlines their research project and relevant details about their academic background. Be as clear as possible about your objectives and your means of achieving them.
- 2) A budget/justification for the grant.
- 3) A copy of their Columbia transcript (unofficial is fine).
Email these 3 documents to MESAAS DUS Allison Busch at ab2544@columbia.edu.
- 4) One letter of recommendation from a Columbia faculty member should be emailed separately to ab2544@columbia.edu. Make sure that your letter writer comments on the feasibility of the research as well as your qualifications for undertaking it.

Application Deadline: March 20

Decisions will be announced the week of April 1

* Columbia College students may be eligible for an additional \$500 in senior thesis funds.