

## Call for Applications

Researcher/Project Coordinator “Tafahum”

### VACANCY

As of October 2019, CARPO – Center for Applied Research in Partnership with the Orient is seeking a Researcher/Project Coordinator for its project “Tafahum – Security Roadmap for West Asia and the Arabian Peninsula”.

“Tafahum” was launched in September 2018 in cooperation with the Gulf Research Center Foundation. It pursues the overall objective of developing an “understanding” (or *tafahum*) among regional stakeholders for a roadmap towards regional security in West Asia and the Arabian Peninsula (WAAP) – a region that includes the states of the Gulf Cooperation Council (GCC), Iran, Iraq and Yemen. The activities of this project entail a series of multilateral workshops, numerous working papers, publications and policy briefings. For more information about the project visit <https://carpo-bonn.org/en/tafahum/>. The project is funded by the German Federal Foreign Office.

### WHO WE ARE

CARPO was founded in 2014 by Germany-based academics trained in the fields of Near and Middle Eastern Studies, Political Science and Social Anthropology. Our work as Germany’s Middle East think tank is situated at the nexus of research, consultancy and exchange with a focus on implementing projects in close cooperation and partnership with stakeholders in the Orient.

### TASKS AND RESPONSIBILITIES

- Managing up to three Tafahum working groups in the fields of a) trade and energy, b) media and public discourse, as well as c) reconstruction and reconciliation. This entails conceptualizing the agenda of the workshops, acquiring participants, managing logistics, and developing workshop summaries;
- Participating in the overall coordination and administration of the project;
- Networking with actual and potential participants of “Tafahum” activities – both from the region, as well as from the international expert community;
- Proactively contributing research and expertise to CARPO beyond the “Tafahum” project;
- Participating in CARPO project development.

### REQUIREMENTS

- Diploma/Master degree – or equivalent – in International Relations, Middle Eastern Studies, Peace and Conflict Studies, or other disciplines relevant to this position;
- 3 to 4 years of experience in research and/or project work focusing on Middle Eastern Affairs;
- Strong and deep knowledge about dynamics and developments in the WAAP region;
- Strong experience in preparing and running workshops with international participants;
- Broad network of academics, experts and intellectuals from the WAAP region;
- Proficiency in English, Arabic language skills would be an asset, basic knowledge of German preferred.



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#### **SOFT SKILLS**

- Strong organizational talent and communication skills;
- Willingness to undertake business and research travels;
- Self-reliance in defining milestones and working packages;
- Team spirit;
- Willingness to participate in CARPO's institutional life at the Bonn headquarters.

#### **CONTRACT PERIOD & REMUNERATION**

Starting 15<sup>th</sup> October / 1<sup>st</sup> November 2019, this appointment will be for a 24 months period with prospects for an extension of the contract beyond this period. This is a 70% part-time position remunerated according to German public salaries (TVÖD 13) with prospects of increasing the position to 100%, subject to further funding. The applicant is expected to reside in or close to Bonn.

#### **HOW TO APPLY**

- A 1-page cover in English, outlining your qualification and interests in the "Tafahum" project;
- A full CV in English with information about your professional background and education as well as a list of your publications.

Please submit your application via email to [hanrath@carpo-bonn.org](mailto:hanrath@carpo-bonn.org) by **12 September 2019**.

Please note that this position is subject to the condition of continued project funding.