Center of Muslim Experience in the U.S.



# **Coming Together. Building Futures.**

The mission of the Center of Muslim Experience in the United States is to strengthen American values of inclusivity by bringing together a diversity of partners for improving understanding and strengthening the place of Muslims in the United States. The center pursues its mission through research and academic programs, media engagement, public outreach, interfaith dialogue, youth empowerment projects, and cultural events.

Your support of the Center of Muslim Experience in the U.S. will help us to build an inclusive and enduring American future.

A gift of any amount can help us:

- · Advance Islamic and Muslim American studies.
- Support Muslim emigrants and refugee students.
- Build mutually beneficial partnerships with local Muslim communities.

#### Youth and belonging

Your donation allows the center to provide student fellowships to support Muslim students in need, support student-led research projects, and to develop new courses and pedagogies for teaching across cultural worlds.

#### **Building bridges**

Your donation will support engagement between journalists and academic scholars for transforming the image of Muslims, fostering interfaith dialogues, showcasing American Muslim women leaders, and organizing invited lectures and talks by leading scholars on Muslim experience and belonging.

#### Illuminations and expressions

Your donation will provide opportunities to support the creation and performance of new and original cultural expressions by Muslim artists and allies and help build a virtual museum and digital archive of Muslim contributions to American public life.

## **Timeline of center initiatives and events**

Fall 2022	Spring 2023	Fall 2023	Spring 2024	Fall 2024
Commence	National	Annual Memorial	Biennial	Connections
Annual	Board of	Lecture	Muslim	fellows' program
Memorial Lecture	Advisors meeting	Commence	Women and Leadership	monthly seminar
(October/	meeting	Connections	panel	Annual Memorial
November)		faculty and	discussion	Lecture
		journalist seminar		Hold panel
		Annual		discussion with
		Expressive		student researchers
		Humanities event		and refugees

The Center of Muslim Experience in the U.S. is founded on strategic partnerships between ASU and the larger Muslim community locally and nationally. With your individual donations (tax-deductible), we will achieve the mission of the center.



# **Strengthening the place of Muslims in the United States**

The Center of Muslim Experience in the United States established at Arizona State University is a unique and original endeavor aimed at transforming and producing a positive image of Muslims. Drawing on ASU's charter of inclusivity, public values and community impact and the Islamic ethics of justice, equity and respect for difference, the center will accomplish the mission of highlighting and showcasing Muslim contributions and accomplishments in the United States.

## Your donation will support these critical endeavors:

#### **Knowledge Development and Student Success**

Endowed Professorship in Islamic and Muslim American Studies:	\$1,000,000
Endowed Professorship in Muslim Languages and Literature:	\$1,000,000
Memorial Annual Lecture:	\$10,000/year
American Belonging:	\$25,000
Pedagogies of Difference:	\$45,000
Connections: A Transdisciplinary Research Fellows Program:	\$70,000

#### **Community Engagement**

Muslim Illuminations: Virtual Museum and Digital Repository:	\$100,000
Muslim Women and Leadership Workshops:	\$10,000/year
Expressive Humanities: Celebrating Muslim American Culture:	\$50,000/year

# Advancing excellence, access and impact

ASU has developed a new model for the American research university, creating an institution committed to excellence, access and impact – the New American University: A comprehensive public research university, measured not by whom it excludes, but by whom it includes and how they succeed; advancing research and discovery of public value; and assuming fundamental responsibility for the economic, social, cultural and overall health of the communities it serves.

As the foundational core of the New American University, The College fosters educational excellence and interdisciplinary inquiry through a unique blend of programs in the humanities, natural sciences and social sciences. Our diversity and dynamism serve as an incubator for continued growth and development in any field of study.

## Leadership



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# **Philanthropic Development**



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