

A quick look back at the highlights, milestones, and moments from the last six months!

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LUTFIA RABBANI FOUNDATION

Summer Newsletter - June 2025



Dear Friends of the Lutfia Rabbani Foundation,

As we move into the summer months, we take this moment to reflect on the first half of an inspiring and eventful year at the Foundation.

In January, we were proud to be present at the Netherlands – MENA Trade Dinner, where we connected with partners committed to strengthening Euro-Arab collaboration. Since then, we've welcomed a new cohort of Travel Grant Scholars, celebrated exciting new partnerships, renewed valued existing ones, and introduced new members to our growing team.

Looking ahead, we are especially excited to welcome our largest cohort of Lutfia Rabbani Foundation scholars to date. These exceptional individuals embody our mission of fostering dialogue, resilience, and positive change through education.

We invite you to stay connected with us as we continue to spotlight our scholars' work, share stories from our community, and build on the legacy of our founder, Mahmoud Rabbani. Your continued support is at the heart of all we do. For that, we thank you.

Wishing you a peaceful and joyful summer,

The Lutfia Rabbani Foundation

ALUMNI TESTIMONIALS



Sabeeh's Reflections

"When I wake up in the morning, I remind myself why I am here – to earn my degree and be able to benefit those in my community, and beyond, who need it the most."

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Christina de Korte in Egypt

"It was an unforgettable experience to be in Egypt while seeing the preparations for Ramadan and the whole month of Ramadan. My enthusiasm for Egypt and *khayamiya* is not finished after this research period in Cairo, and I hope



Marieke Den Ouden in Morocco

to return soon to extend this research by looking at the other usages of the textile that I encountered."

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"A different country, a different continent – I didn't know where I would live for the next seven weeks, which family I'd stay with, what language would be spoken, how I should dress, or what exactly we would be doing.

Thanks to the Lutfia Rabbani Foundation, I had the freedom to fully prepare and embrace the unknown."

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Haroen Reniers in Jordan

"Wadi Rum truly looks like Mars. And you can really float in the Dead Sea. It is not a marketing story."

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Dounia Moussa in Oman

"My six weeks in Oman were a transformative experience... [it] broadened my clinical skills but also enriched my understanding of cultural diversity in healthcare."

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Interested in our Travel Grants?

Find out more important information about the Travel Grant and if you're eligible using the link below!

EVENTS

Netherlands - MENA Trade Dinner



The Lutfia Rabbani Foundation was proud to host two tables at the 15th Netherlands - MENA Trade Dinner in January 2025. The dinner brought together members of the Arab and Dutch business and diplomatic communities, including all Arab Ambassadors to the Netherlands and all Dutch Ambassadors in the MENA region. Among the highly esteemed guests who gave speeches were our very own Chairman Salim Rabbani and our 2024 LRF-LUF scholar, Sabeeh Al-Khayyat, who spoke about his aspirations,

education, and the importance of Euro-Arab dialogue. You can watch his speech by clicking the link below.

[Watch Here](#)

Community Iftar



We held our annual Community Iftar at our offices in March during the final week of Ramadan.

The evening brought together friends, colleagues, and community members for a night filled with warmth and connection.

We shared a delicious meal featuring vibrant dishes from Shakshuka, a Palestinian restaurant in The Hague, complemented by an incredible spread of homemade sides and sweets generously brought by our beloved community.

[Watch our Ramadan Video!](#)



Arab Film Festival Opening Night

We were delighted to have been invited to the opening of the 25th annual Arab Film Festival! It was a wonderful evening and a wonderful weekend showcasing

the Arab world's most talented
filmmakers and storytellers.

[Read more about the Arab Film
Festival](#)

PARTNERSHIPS



The Hague Academy of International Law

We were proud to offer a limited number of fully funded scholarships for Palestinian graduate students to attend the Online International Law Summer Courses at the renowned Hague Academy of International Law.

These scholarships were made available to Palestinian law students and practitioners, providing them the opportunity to deepen their understanding of both public and private international law at one of the most respected legal institutions in the Netherlands.

Read more about our Vreede
Scholarship below.



Leiden University Fund

On February 21, 2025, a formal ceremony marked the renewal of our partnership, reaffirming our shared commitment to supporting talented students from the MENA region.

Through the Leiden University Fund-Lutfia Rabbani Foundation Scholarship, we continue to offer matching scholarships for Arab students pursuing Master's degrees at Leiden University. This year, we are proud to share that the partnership also enabled the awarding of a full-ride scholarship worth €30,000 to a student from Gaza. Read more about our joint

[Vreede Scholarships](#)

scholarship by clicking the button below.

[LUF-LRF Scholarship](#)

ISS - Erasmus Trust Fund

This year, through a joint initiative by the Lutfia Rabbani Foundation, the International Institute of Social Studies, and the Erasmus Trust Fund, we successfully awarded a fully-funded scholarship to a student from the Middle East to attend the ISS in September!

Scholarship Opportunity!

We are proud to share that we have a scholarship opportunity for Palestinian graduate law students or practitioners holding a Master's or PhD! This is a unique chance to join the Online Summer Courses at the esteemed The Hague Academy of International Law.

Course options include:

- Public International Law: 7–25 July 2025
- Private International Law: 28 July–15 August 2025

Format: Fully online, no travel required

For more information, click the button below. **Deadline to apply is the 29th of June, 2025.**

[Online Summer Course](#)



Follow the Red Dot: Tabaria Event Amsterdam

As part of our series, we had the opportunity of spotlighting Fatima Mahmoud, a Palestinian born in Syria living in the Netherlands, also known as the mother of Tabaria! Tabaria stems from Tiberias, Palestine, where Fatima and her family are originally from.

Starting with her coffee machine, she and her co-founder, Danielle Maxwell-Fraser, created a community and space for preserving and sharing Arab culture through food, music, drinks, and art, becoming what is now known as the Tabaria Cafe! We take you through a pop-up event filled with music, art and culture.

[Watch Here](#)



Ramadan Special: Cooking with Anisa Rabbani

Anisa Rabbani, co-founder of the Lutfia Rabbani Foundation, guides us through how to make Fatteh Lahme, an ideal dish to serve at Iftar during the holy month of Ramadan. Fatteh Lahme is a Palestinian dish made from pieces of bread, yogurt, and lamb. It is perfect as a main dish to share with family and friends!

[Watch here!](#)

OUR TEAM

We are pleased to share that in the beginning of this year, we welcomed interns Haya Tarabichi and Anna Manfredini to the team. We also welcomed Yasmina Al Ammari to the team in February as full-time Scholarships Programme Coordinator.



Yasmina Al Ammari

Scholarships Programme
Coordinator



Haya Tarabichi

Scholarships Intern



Anna Manfredini

Digital Marketing and
Communications Intern

We're hiring!

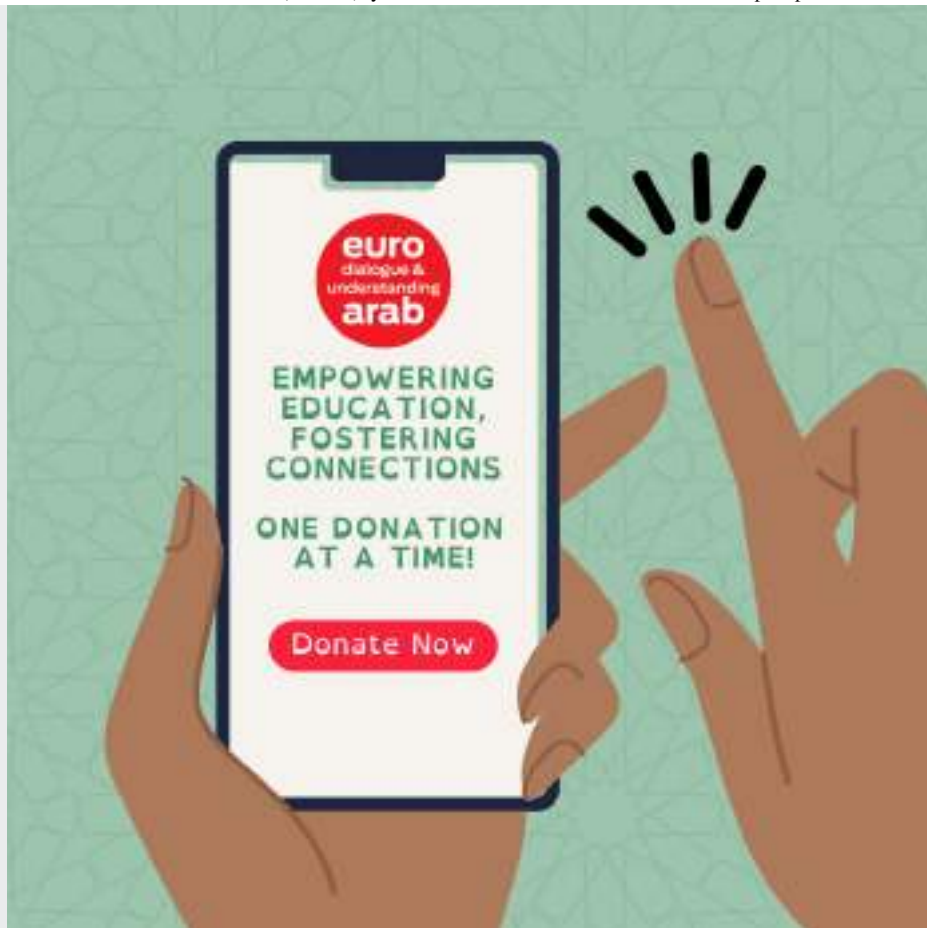
We are hiring for an intern position starting this September! Interested in joining our team? Click the button below!



Digital Marketing and
Communications
Intern

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SUPPORT US



At the Lutfia Rabbani Foundation, we believe that education is the key to building mutual understanding between Europe and the Arab world.

Since 1979, we have supported hundreds of students in pursuing postgraduate studies abroad, creating a generation of bridge-builders committed to dialogue, tolerance, and cooperation.

Your contribution makes this possible. Whether large or small, every donation helps us provide life-changing scholarships and expand access to quality education. Together, we can empower future leaders and foster a more connected, peaceful future. Make a difference - donate today.

Enhancing education, expanding possibilities, one donation at a time.

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Follow us on TikTok!



This year, we were excited to expand our digital presence by increasing on TikTok, where our team has been sharing creative and behind-the-scenes content from the cultural events we've attended.

Follow us on TikTok and catch all the highlights, stories, and celebrations - you don't want to miss the fun!

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