Call for Applications for Fellowship at the Gurmani Centre for Languages and Literature at LUMS

The Gurmani Centre for Languages and Literature at the Lahore University of Management Sciences calls for applications:

Fellowship (Gurmani Fellow)
This is a nine-month (negotiable) fully-funded position. Fellows will be eligible for faculty housing subject to availability. The fellowship stipend will be Pak Rs. 500,000 per month (approximately equivalent to USD 5000 per month). In addition, the fellow would be entitled to an economy-class return fare to and from Lahore. With the living cost in Lahore, this amount can provide for quite comfortable living.

Requirements
The candidates must have at least 15 years of relevant experience, through teaching and/or publications/research or creative work, of engaging closely with South Asian languages and literatures (broadly defined).

Description
The Gurmani Centre at LUMS, Lahore aims to support the advancement of knowledge in the field of South Asian languages and literatures. This fellowship is designed with the goal of engaging an academic or practicing writer in teaching, research and/or other activities of the Centre. The Fellow would be expected to teach at least one course in the relevant area of expertise; spark interest in local languages, literatures and the culture of this region, and participate in and contribute to intellectual activity through talks, formal and informal, and through organizing and conducting seminars and discussions in the university.

How to Apply:
The application package must include a cover letter describing your area of expertise and relevance to this fellowship and a curriculum vitae. Please email application files to Kamal A Munir, Dean, Mushtaq Ahmad Gurmani School of Humanities and Social Sciences: kamal.munir@lums.edu.pk

About the Gurmani Centre:
The Gurmani Centre for Languages and Literature (GCLL) at the Lahore University of Management Sciences was initiated by the Gurmani Foundation in April 2010 for the advancement of Arabic, Persian, Urdu and other Pakistani languages. The Centre is part of the Mushtaq Ahmad Gurmani School of Humanities and Social Sciences (MGSHSS) and promotes languages and their literatures through teaching, research/publication, and its outreach programme. The Centre has two publications: one annual research journal titled Buny?d (in Urdu and English), rerecognized by the Higher Education Commission of Pakistan; and one student magazine called Num?d. The Centre also promotes research and translation work by supporting authors, editors, and translators and promotes interest in such works by organizing public talks, literary events, and workshops. The Centre has also organized various academic conferences—such as one on the occasion of Manto’s Centennial as well as on the important modern Urdu poets Majid Amjad and Meeraji—and has published a collection of research articles including those produced for the conferences among others: Nay? Urdu Afsan?, for example, was published in 2012 (Lahore: Sang-e-Meel Publications).
The Gurmani Centre is also home to the revived Berkeley Urdu Language Program in Pakistan administered jointly by the University of California at Berkeley, the American Institute for Pakistan Studies and MGSHSS at LUMS. 

For more detail about the courses, people, and activities of the Centre please visit: http://lums.edu.pk/mgshss/gurmani/

About the Mushtaq Ahmad Gurmani School of Humanities and Social Sciences (MGHSS):
The LUMS Mushtaq Ahmad Gurmani School of Humanities and Social Sciences (MGHSS) is a small liberal-arts school known for having the strongest department of humanities and social Science in Pakistan. (MGHSS also includes a separate Department of Economics with an undergraduate and a Master’s level graduate program). Employing a multidisciplinary approach, the DHSS aims to impart high-quality liberal arts education to its undergraduates. The Department currently offers undergraduate majors in English, History, Anthropology and Sociology, Political Science, and Economics and Politics with additional minors in Psychology and Philosophy. While the school is an undergraduate teaching institution, the faculty at DHSS is committed to academic research, and encourages students in the same vein. Exposure to studies and research at the MGHSS has led many students to join academia and complete PhDs in the Humanities and Social Sciences and many of them hold prominent academic positions worldwide. With forty-eight permanent faculty members, and about fifteen adjuncts, DHSS is a small but vibrant academic community. Given its location in Lahore, Pakistan, most of DHSS faculty—History, English, Anthropology, Sociology, Political Science—focus their research on South Asia and particularly on Pakistan. This provides various opportunities of interdisciplinary academic collaboration and engagement and thus proves to be a unique and strong network for research and teaching of South Asian languages and literatures. For more information on the school please visit the website at: http://lums.edu.pk/mgshss/