

AMERICAN RESEARCH CENTER IN EGYPT

The American Research Center in Egypt (ARCE) is a nonprofit consortium of 36 North American educational institutions and museums with a membership in excess of 1,000 and includes seven regional chapters and two interest groups. ARCE is dedicated to an understanding of all aspects of Egyptian history and culture. ARCE promotes scholarly research and the dissemination of its results; encourages cultural and academic ties among its members and their Egyptian counterparts; and fosters broader knowledge and appreciation among the general public. ARCE's activities include, but are not limited to:

- ❖ Facilitation of scholarly research in Egypt
- ❖ A program of fellowships awarded for study and research in Egypt
- ❖ Scholarly publications
- ❖ Educational activities for the public and general membership
- ❖ Academic exchanges
- ❖ Preservation of Egypt's cultural heritage

Since the mid-1960's, ARCE has awarded over 600 fellowships to post-graduate and Ph.D. students. The program is supported by grants from the United States Information Agency, the National Endowment for the Humanities, and the Samuel H. Kress Foundation. ARCE assists in the development of knowledge, international study, resources, and trained personnel, and the creation of a pool of international experts through the following programs: Fellowships, Public Programs in Cairo and the United States, and Egyptian based Field School to train Egyptian antiquities inspectors, a program to send Egyptian scholars working in the social sciences to New York University for advanced training, a publication program that includes *The Journal of the American Research Center in Egypt*, and the newly created *ARCE Bulletin*. Postgraduate research and exchanges are also enhanced by the use of a growing library with over 26,000 volumes at the Cairo center and the designation of a special room in the Cairo facilities with computers and Internet connection for Fellows. ARCE also provides facilitation and liaison support to the Egyptian Antiquities Project, which administers grants from the US AID for the conservation and preservation of Egyptian antiquities including Islamic and Coptic monuments.