



*The American Society for Muslim Advancement is looking for an experienced researcher and writer for the Women's Islamic Initiative in Spirituality and Equality Shura Council project.*

1. Shura Council Researcher will work in the ASMA office *at least two days* per week; otherwise, she must be available by phone.
2. Working with WISE Program Director, ASMA Research and Writing Director, and specific Shura Council members, Shura Council Researcher will spend 25-30 hours per week on the “Jihad Against Violence” project.
  - a. Research violent extremism and domestic violence and compose draft chapters
    1. Compose a general overviews of these subjects, both from the perspectives of Islamic jurisprudence and the social sciences
  - b. Research case studies, especially with domestic violence in NYC
    1. Find emotive stories and “best practices” for solutions
  - c. Frame the “connections” between these issues
  - d. Compose “Introduction” and “Conclusion”
    1. *Note:* For items c. and d., Shura Council Researcher will work directly with Shura Council members
  - e. Help brainstorm concrete ways in which the WISE community can utilize this research (i.e. pamphlets, posters, trainings, etc.)
    1. Work on the Shura Council launch at the 2009 WISE Conference
3. Shura Council Researcher will join conference calls with Shura Council members.
4. Shura Council Researcher will attend March 27-28 Shura Council Retreat and take notes.
  - a. Shura Council Researcher may be asked to assist with the planning of this meeting.

*Qualified applicants should send a cover letter and resume to ASMA Research and Writing Director James King at [james@asmasociety.org](mailto:james@asmasociety.org).*

*The WISE Shura Council is generating a space in which Muslim women actively dialogue, debate, and collaborate on pressing issues of social justice, in order to articulate an ethical and egalitarian Islam. It will act as a global and inclusive council of Muslim women scholars, activists, and specialists that will accomplish the following:*

- *critically engage with dominant Islamic interpretations of social issues and practices;*
- *promote religiously grounded arguments that enable women to make dignified choices based on their own religious tradition;*
- *develop a variety of training programs, both short-term intensive and long-term, in order to equip women with expertise in the Islamic legal traditions.*