The American Research Institute in Turkey/ARIT and Türk-Amerikan İlimi Araştırmalar Derneği are pleased to announce the Ilse Böhlund Hanfmann, George Maxim Anossov Hanfmann, and Machteld Johanna Mellink Fellowships for 2021.

The purpose of these fellowships is to enable citizens of the Republic of Turkey, who are graduate students at Turkish universities or recent Ph.D.s or currently in Turkey and working towards a career in Turkey, to conduct research in affiliation with a university or research institution abroad (in North America or elsewhere) for a period ranging from three months to nine months.

Candidates of Ph.D. degrees who have finished all course work and passed all qualifying examinations for the degree before entering the tenure of a Hanfmann/Mellink Fellowship are eligible, as are scholars who have received their Ph.D. and have not yet reached 41 years of age by the date of the application deadline. The archaeological fields that are eligible include Prehistory, Protohistory, Ancient Near Eastern, Anatolian, Greek and Roman, Byzantine, Seljuk and Ottoman. Also eligible are those that combine archaeology with an additional concentration in Ancient History, Ancient Art History, Languages and Literatures (including Epigraphy) of the Ancient Near East or of Greece and Rome, Geomorphology, or Geophysics.

Selection criteria are excellence in promise and achievement. Financial need by itself is not a selection criterion. Candidates need to demonstrate proficiency in the language they will need to conduct at their host institution. Eligible host institutions include universities qualified in archaeology or related fields at graduate level, institutions with important research assets (for example, research libraries, collections of antiquities, manuscripts, etc.), museums (for example, the Metropolitan Museum of Art, the British Museum, State Museums of Berlin), and archaeological schools (for example, the German Archaeological Institute in Rome, the American School of Classical Studies at Athens). Establishing affiliation with or admission to a host institution and satisfying whatever requirements the institution may have for affiliation; such proof is not required at the time of application, but communication already initiated with such organizations will be considered.

Recipients of these fellowships may accept other fellowships or awards. Only for exceptional reasons may an individual hold a Hanfmann/Mellink Fellowship more than once.

Awards

Stipends for the Hanfmann and Mellink Fellowships will be based on the length of stay abroad, ranging from $15,000, for the minimum allowable period of three months, up to $45,000 for an entire academic year. Additional expenses such as travel or visa fees are not available. The precise amount awarded to the successful applicant will be determined by the Selection Committee.

The Selection Committee

The Selection Committee for the Hanfmann and Mellink Fellowships will be appointed by ARIT and Türk Amerikan İlimi Araştırmalar Derneği in Istanbul and Ankara from specialists in archaeology and other areas of relevant studies.

Application Procedure

A complete application for the Hanfmann and Mellink Fellowship consists of the following:

1. Curriculum Vitae and a copy of the identification card.
2. A one-paragraph summary of the project.
3. A statement of purpose (no more than five pages excluding bibliography) which must include:
   a) title of the project in Turkish and English; a description of the project and its importance,
   b) a concise survey of the literature on the proposed research topic,
   c) the contribution of the project to the current scholarship,
   d) a proposed research calendar for the academic year from the Fall of 2021 to Fall of 2022,
   e) reasons for wanting to study or conduct research abroad for a career in Turkey,
   f) at what institution this work would be conducted and, why the specified institutions would be professionally advantageous at this stage for the applicant’s academic career and specific research interests,
   g) a bibliography pertaining to the proposed research topic,
   h) names and affiliations of specialists from whom letters of recommendation are requested.
4. For graduate students: official transcripts of undergraduate and graduate course work.
5. Demonstration of proficiency in the language or languages necessary for conducting research abroad.
6. Letter of affiliation at host institutions or correspondence leading to affiliation at host institution,
7. Three letters of recommendation from scholars familiar with the applicant's work. These letters should be sent by the referee directly to the ARIT office or the e-mail address where the application is submitted.

Applications must be submitted via e-mail as a single pdf file by Monday, March 1, 2021 to the American Research Institute in Turkey at one of the e-mail addresses below:

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