Professor John Freely, co-author of *Strolling through Istanbul*, and author of more than fifty other guides and histories of Turkey and the Eastern Mediterranean, has opened the eyes of many of us, through his works and in his person, to the richness and variety of the history and culture of Istanbul, of Turkey, and of surrounding regions. The fellowships ARIT has established in his name have encouraged scholars to follow in the paths he has opened, disseminating understanding and appreciation of this region to a wider public.

The American Research Institute in Turkey has supported advanced level research in and about Turkey in the humanities and social sciences for the last 57 years. ARIT has offered fellowships in John Freely’s name since 2001. These fellowships foster research in the areas of Professor Freely’s interests and benefitted young scholars from Turkey, where Freely taught for most his academic career.

Past Freely fellowships have been supported by Joukowsky Family Foundation and ARIT institutional funds. It is the Friends’ wish, and was Prof. Freely’s hope, that the fellowships for Turkish scholars can be supported in the future to perpetuate his legacy of understanding with and about Turkey.

The goal of our campaign is to raise $50,000. This will support a minimum of one $10,000 fellowship every year for the next five years. Efforts to create an endowment for this fellowship are ongoing. Your support can build the fund for current and future Freely fellows.

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