American Research Institute in Turkey

ARIT Summer Fellowships for
Intensive Advanced Turkish at
Boğaziçi University, Istanbul

Mid-June – Early August 2023

Application Deadline – February 2023

PROGRAM: For summer 2023, the American Research Institute in Turkey plans to offer travel and fellowships for approximately 12 advanced students and scholars to participate in the summer program in advanced Turkish language at Boğaziçi University in Istanbul. This intensive program offers the equivalent of one full academic year of study in Turkish at the college level. The fellowships cover round-trip airfare to Istanbul, application and tuition fees, and a maintenance stipend. Full-time students and scholars affiliated at academic institutions are eligible to apply.

PREDEPARTURE ACTIVITIES: Participation in the program includes 6 hours of preparation prior to departure for Turkey, most of which will be on-line orientation activities, followed by 10 hours of orientation upon arrival in Istanbul.

COURSE OF STUDY: The ARIT fellowship supports study at the advanced level. Class size is limited to ten students. Each class meets twenty hours per week. Classes are held on weekdays from 9 am to 1 pm. They are conducted in Turkish, with informal and formal styles introduced and reviewed through instruction, language laboratory work, and open conversations with teaching assistants. In the afternoon, students meet with teaching assistants on an informal basis for additional instruction and free conversation. Participants also attend extracurricular activities including films, lectures, and cultural events both on- and off-campus.

ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS: Full-time students and scholars affiliated at academic institutions are eligible to apply. To be a fellowship applicant, you must:

1. Be a citizen, national, or permanent resident of the United States
2. Be enrolled in an undergraduate or graduate level academic program, or be faculty
3. Have a minimum B average in current program of study; and
4. Perform at the high-intermediate level on a proficiency-based admissions examination
APPLICATION PROCEDURE:  Download and complete the application form and follow the procedures that are accessible on the web at the ARIT Summer Language Program webpage,

The application includes:

1. Application form and statement of purpose
2. Three letters of reference, including one that addresses your abilities as a language learner
3. Official transcript
4. Application fee in the amount of $25 must be made via PayPal at the program webpage.

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Application deadline will be in early February 2023.

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PLEASE NOTE: Boğaziçi University offers intensive Turkish language courses at all levels independent of the ARIT fellowship program. Students of Turkish language may also apply directly to the Boğaziçi University Summer School and seek outside funding through their university department or other source.

For further information about courses in Turkish language (all levels) and culture offered at Boğaziçi University, contact:

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