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NATIONAL ENDOWMENT FOR THE HUMANITIES FELLOWSHIPS FOR RESEARCH IN TURKEY, 2025-2026

THE FELLOWSHIPS: The [American Research Institute in Turkey](#) is pleased to invite applications for one to three long-term advanced fellowships for research in Turkey made possible by support from the [National Endowment for the Humanities](#). The fields of study cover all periods of history in the humanities, including prehistory, history, art, archaeology, literature, and linguistics, as well as interdisciplinary aspects of cultural history. The fellowships support research tenures of four to twelve continuous months during 2025-2026. Stipends of \$5,000 per month are awarded based on individual proposals.

ELIGIBILITY: Scholars who have completed their formal training by the application deadline and plan to carry out research in Turkey for four months or longer may apply. They may be citizens or three-year residents of the U.S. Please consult the ARIT U.S. office concerning eligibility. Advanced scholars may also apply for [ARIT Fellowships in the Humanities and Social Sciences](#).

INSTITUTES: ARIT maintains two research institutes in Turkey. The [ARIT Istanbul](#) library concentrates on Byzantine and Ottoman Turkey and facilitates archival research in the city. [ARIT Ankara](#) focuses on art, archaeology, and ancient history in its library, and serves Turkish and American archaeologists through its programs. Both centers support research on modern Turkey. The centers offer research and study facilities, as well as connections with colleagues, institutions, and authorities in Turkey.

APPLICATION PROCEDURE: To be considered, applicants should provide complete information. Application materials and three letters of recommendation should be submitted by **November 1, 2024**. For full instructions, please download, save, and complete the application format and cover page accessible via the [ARIT-NEH Fellowship](#) webpage. Submit your application by email to aritoffice@gmail.com. Letters of reference should support the value of the proposed research and the applicant's capacity to carry out the project. Supporting documents may be emailed or mailed to the address above. For further information email aritoffice@gmail.com or call (215) 898-3474. ARIT expects to notify applicants of the decision of the Committee on Fellowships by late January 2025.

RESEARCH PERMISSION and VISA: ARIT fellows are responsible for obtaining the appropriate research permits and visas. In general, researchers should seek permission to carry out research directly from the director(s) of the institution(s) where they intend to work, including most libraries housed within Turkish museums. For research tenures longer than three months, scholars should apply for a research permit and in addition secure a research visa prior to entering the country.

Researchers who wish to work in collections and certain libraries housed in the Turkish museums, however, should make their research permit applications through the Ministry of Culture and Tourism, General Directorate for Cultural Heritage and Museums. If the material they wish to study is part of an excavation, researchers must submit a letter with their permit application that is signed by the excavation director giving permission to carry out the research. The application regulations and format are accessible on the [ARIT Research Permit](#) webpage. Non-U.S. researchers should consult the Turkish Consulate for specific procedures.



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