

## **American Research Institute in Turkey seeks financial and program stability through the permanent endowment funds**

The ARIT endowment fund was developed by ARIT president Ken Sams in 2007 with an endowment challenge grant through the National Endowment for the Humanities. The grant aimed to enhance the ARIT libraries in Istanbul and Ankara and provide for their ongoing operations and collections development.

The NEH Endowment Challenge award required a match of three dollars of new ARIT donations to one grant dollar. With several generous major gifts, the endowment fund was established in 2007.

The financial climate became difficult in the wake of the 2007-2009 recession. It took some years for ARIT to finish building the matching fund and receive the full grant amount in 2018, with the help of ARIT president Brian Rose.

Since its establishment, the ARIT NEH Endowment has helped support the ARIT libraries every year.

The ARIT investment fund also holds funds to support ARIT operations and for the special fellowship initiatives including:

- [The John Freely Fellowship](#)
- [The Toni M. Cross Fellowship](#)
- [The Çetin-Cross Fellowship](#)
- [The Evan and Leman Fotos Fellowship](#)

Donors may make an unrestricted gift to the ARIT endowment or specify the ARIT libraries or specific fellowship funds.

