

## **Evan and Leman Fotos Fellowship**

Dr. Evan Fotos completed a Ph.D. in International Affairs from American University. He became a U.S. career foreign service officer, working in U.S. Embassies around the world and in Washington, D.C.

Dr. Leman Yolaç Fotos had a career in teaching and research. She concentrated on English literature and taught English in the family's foreign service locations and Turkish language at the Department of State's Foreign Service Institute.

In 2018, Evan and Leman Fotos dedicated a generous bequest to ARIT. They aimed to advance ARIT's U.S. research fellowship program. Sadly, both passed away from COVID in November 2020.

Because of their generosity, ARIT will build an endowment fund to support fellowships for advanced research in Turkey. The awards will focus primarily on non-U.S. applicants who are ineligible for U.S. federal program support. Such applicants are often Turkish citizens who are graduate students at U.S. or Canadian institutions. ARIT is fortunate to receive this much-needed support for its fellowships program.

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