



ARIT

Ilse Hanfmann, George Hanfmann and Machteld Mellink Fellowships for 2025



The American Research Institute in Turkey/ARIT is pleased to announce the **Ilse Böhlund Hanfmann, George Maxim Anossov Hanfmann, and Machteld Johanna Mellink Fellowships** for 2025.

The purpose of these fellowships is to enable citizens of the Republic of Türkiye, who are Ph.D. students working on their Ph.D. theses at Turkish universities or who are recent Ph.D. holders and are currently in Türkiye working towards a career in Türkiye, to conduct research in affiliation with universities or research institutions abroad (in North America or elsewhere) for a period ranging from three months to nine months.

Criteria for Fellowship Candidates

Candidates of Ph.D. degrees who have finished all course work and passed all qualifying examinations for the degree before entering the tenure of a Hanfmann/Mellink Fellowship are eligible, as are scholars who have received their Ph.D. and have not yet reached 41 years of age by the date of the application deadline. The archaeological fields that are eligible include Prehistory, Protohistory, Ancient Near Eastern, Anatolian, Greek and Roman, Byzantine, Seljuk, and Ottoman. Also eligible are those who combine archaeology with an additional concentration in Ancient History, Ancient Art History, Languages and Literatures (including Epigraphy), as well as Archaeometry, Geomorphology, or Geophysics, etc.

The selection criteria are excellence in past achievements and future promise. Financial need by itself is not a selection criterion. Candidates need to demonstrate proficiency in the language they will use to conduct research at their host institutions. Eligible host institutions include universities qualified in archaeology or related fields at graduate level, institutions with important research assets (for example, research libraries, collections of antiquities, manuscripts, etc.), museums (for example, *the Metropolitan Museum of Art, the British Museum, State Museums of Berlin*), and archaeological schools (for example, the German Archaeological Institute in Rome, the American School of Classical Studies at Athens). Establishing affiliation with or admission to a host institution and satisfying whatever requirements the institution may have for affiliation or admission will be the responsibility of the individual. Receipt of a Hanfmann or a Mellink Fellowship will be contingent on demonstrating proof of affiliation; such proof is not required at the time of application, but communication already initiated with such organizations will be considered.

Recipients of these fellowships may accept other fellowships or awards. Only for exceptional reasons may an individual hold a Hanfmann/Mellink Fellowship more than once.

Awards

Stipends for the Hanfmann and Mellink Fellowships will be based on the length of stay abroad, ranging from \$15,000 for the minimum allowable period of three months up to \$45,000 for an entire academic year of nine months. Additional expenses, such as travel or visa fees, are not available. The precise amount awarded to the successful applicant will be determined by the Selection Committee.

The Selection Committee

The Selection Committee for the Hanfmann and Mellink Fellowships will be appointed by ARIT and Türk Amerikan İlimi Araştırmalar Derneği in Istanbul and Ankara from specialists in archaeology and other areas of relevant studies.

Application Procedure

A complete application for the Hanfmann and Mellink Fellowship consists of the following in Turkish or in English:

1. Curriculum Vitae and a copy of the identification card.
2. A one-paragraph summary of the project.
3. A statement of purpose (no more than five pages excluding bibliography) which must include:
 - a) title of the project in Turkish and English; a description of the project and its importance,
 - b) a concise survey of the literature on the proposed research topic,
 - c) the contribution of the project to the current scholarship,
 - d) a proposed research calendar for the academic year from the Fall of 2025 to Fall of 2026,
 - e) reasons for wanting to study or to conduct research abroad for a career in Türkiye,
 - f) at what institutions this work would be conducted and, why the specified institutions would be professionally advantageous at this stage for the applicant's academic career and specific research interests,
 - g) a bibliography about the proposed research topic,
 - h) names and affiliations of specialists from whom letters of recommendation are requested.
4. For graduate students: official transcripts of undergraduate and graduate coursework.
5. Demonstration of proficiency in the language or languages necessary for conducting research abroad.
6. Letter of affiliation at host institutions or correspondence leading to affiliation at host institutions,
7. Three letters of recommendation from scholars familiar with the applicant's work. These letters could be written in Turkish or in English and should be sent by the referee directly to the ARIT office or the e-mail address where the application is submitted.

Applications must be submitted via e-mail as a single pdf file by **5 pm on Monday, March 3, 2025** to the American Research Institute in Turkey at one of the e-mail addresses below:

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