

American Research Institute in Turkey

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

11 June – 8 August 2025

Application Deadline –February 28, 2025, 5 pm EST



PROGRAM: For summer 2025, the American Research Institute in Turkey will offer fellowships for approximately 17 advanced students and scholars to participate in the summer program in advanced Turkish language at Boğaziçi University in Istanbul. This intensive program provides the equivalent of one 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. 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: 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 contact information, educational status and history, 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 is likely to be in early February 2025.

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PLEASE NOTE: Boğaziçi University offers intensive Turkish language courses at all levels independent of the ARIT fellowship program. ARIT Turkish language fellows must also apply directly to the **Boğaziçi University Summer School**.

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

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