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Subject: **Review of Applications for Archaeological Excavations and Surveys in Turkey, 2027**

At the request of the General Director of Cultural Heritage and Museums, of the Ministry of Culture and Tourism, ARIT will review applications for archaeological excavations and surveys in Turkey for the 2027 season. The policy is part of an effort to aid the General Directorate in making informed decisions on applications coming from abroad. The General Director is particularly concerned with evaluating the credentials of scholars who have not previously worked in Turkey, the scholarly integrity of the project, and the financial prospects of seeing the project to completion.

When applying for an excavation or survey permit, a summary description of the proposed work should be sent first to ARIT. A committee appointed by the ARIT President in consultation with ARIT Officers and Directors will review the applications. Details are as follows:

The deadline for submitting project descriptions to ARIT is **November 1, 2026**. The project description should include the information listed on the attached "Information for Review..." Lengthy statements or copies of detailed grant proposals are not needed.

Applications for survey need to include a clear copy of a map indicating the area to be surveyed, in order to avoid overlaps with other survey projects. The maps should be as large- scale as is available.

For permit information from the Turkish Ministry of Foreign Affairs, please see the page at [<http://www.mfa.gov.tr/yabanci-uyruklu-kisilerin-ulkemizdeki-kulturel-ve-bilimsel-faaliyetlerine-iliskin-izinler.tr.mfa>].

Some Ministry of Culture and Tourism permit and excavation regulations are posted on the ARIT website at [<https://aritweb.org/resources/archaeological-excavation-and-survey-permits/>].

Based on the committee review, ARIT will make its recommendations to the General Directorate for Monuments and Museums in Ankara. Project directors will be informed of ARIT's recommendations as soon as possible.

Applicants do not need to wait for ARIT's determination but should submit complete applications directly to the Turkish Consulate closest to their location, by **December 1, 2026**. Clearance by ARIT does not carry the guarantee that applications will be approved by the Turkish authorities.

The ARIT review is a positive process, an opportunity to give Turkish officials assurance that projects coming from the U.S. are scholarly and will secure adequate funding.

If you have questions please contact James Osborne, jamesosborne@uchicago.edu.

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Information for Review of Proposed Archaeological Excavations and Surveys for 2027

The application format is also accessible via ARIT website at [<https://aritweb.org/resources/archaeological-excavation-and-survey-permits/>].

1. Name and institutional affiliation of applicant.
2. Addresses, telephone and fax numbers, e-mail address.
3. Curriculum vitae, including fieldwork experience and relevant bibliography.
4. Site for excavation or area for survey; include, as appropriate, province (il), sub-district (ilce), and village. For surveys, please append a clear copy of a map showing the area(s) proposed for survey.
5. Inclusive dates of work.
6. Narrative statement on proposed work, up to two single-spaced pages in length.
7. Planned staffing (e.g., excavators, surveyors, architects, conservators, etc.).
8. One or both of the following: a letter of guarantee of support from the applicant's institution, including the amount of funding; a statement of funds applied for (or to be applied for), including the granting organization(s) and amount(s) requested.

Please send the information to ARIT by **November 1, 2026**: by email or file transfer to leinwand@sas.upenn.edu, or by mail to ARIT, The University of Pennsylvania Museum, 3260 South Street, Philadelphia PA 19104. Telephone (215) 898-3474.

Applications should be submitted through your local Turkish Consulate by **December 1, 2026**. Please see the drop-down list of regional Consulates at [<https://www.konsolosluk.gov.tr/>].

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