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ARIT FELLOWSHIPS IN THE HUMANITIES AND SOCIAL SCIENCES IN TURKEY 2027-2028

THE FELLOWSHIPS: The American Research Institute in Turkey will offer ARIT Fellowships for research in Turkey for 2027-2028. Grants for tenures up to one academic year may be supported; applications for projects of shorter duration are also considered. Stipends cover up to $18,500. ARIT offers research and study facilities as well as connections with colleagues, institutions, and authorities through its centers in Istanbul and Ankara.

ELIGIBILITY: Scholars and advanced graduate students engaged in research on ancient, medieval, or modern times in Turkey, in any field of the humanities and social sciences, are eligible to apply. Student applicants must have fulfilled all requirements for the doctorate except the dissertation by June 2027, and before beginning any ARIT-sponsored research. Non-U.S. applicants who currently reside in the U.S. or Canada are expected to maintain an affiliation with an educational institution in the U.S. or Canada. For questions of eligibility and application procedures, please check with the ARIT office in Philadelphia.

APPLICATION PROCEDURE: To be considered, applicants must provide complete information. Application materials and three letters of recommendation should be submitted by **November 15, 2026**. Please refer to the application form accessible via the ARIT website and submit by email to aritoffice@gmail.com. Letters of reference should support the value of the proposed research and the applicant's capacity to carry out the project. Graduate student applicants must provide a copy or electronic version of their graduate transcript. Supporting documents may be e-mailed to aritoffice@gmail.com or mailed to the address above. For further information email or call ARIT office (215) 898-3474. ARIT expects to notify applicants of the decision of the Committee on Fellowships by late January 2027.

RESEARCH PERMISSION and VISA: ARIT fellows are responsible for obtaining the appropriate research permits and visas. In general, researchers should seek permission to carry out research directly from the director(s) of the institution(s) where they intend to work, including most libraries housed within Turkish museums. For archival and library research with tenures of less than three months, some foreign researchers may enter Turkey on a tourist visa and apply for the research permit and visa from within Turkey; or they may choose to procure a research visa via the Turkish Embassy in advance of their travel. For tenures longer than three months, scholars should apply the research permit and in addition secure a research visa prior to entering the country.

Researchers who wish to work with collections and certain libraries housed in the Turkish museums, however, should make their research permit applications through the Ministry of Culture and Tourism, General Directorate for Cultural Heritage and Museums. If the material they wish to study is part of an excavation, researchers must submit a letter with their permit application that is signed by the excavation director, giving permission to carry out the research. The application regulations and forms are posted on the ARIT research permit webpage. Non-U.S. researchers should consult the Turkish Consulate for specific procedures.

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