American Research Institute in Turkey

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

Eight weeks, June – August 2027

Pending funding. Application Deadline TBA

PROGRAM: For summer 2027, the American Research Institute in Turkey will offer fellowships for advanced students and scholars for participation 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: 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, laboratory work, and open conversations. In the afternoon, students meet with teaching assistants on an informal basis for additional instruction and free conversation. Weekly lectures are given on various aspects of Turkish culture ranging from economics, history, literature, fine arts, architecture and others by scholars specialized in their fields as well as weekly Turkish film sessions. Participants also may attend cultural events 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: For further information and access to the application, please see [https://aritweb.org/fellowships/arit-summer-fellowships-turkish/]