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Dear Friend of ARIT:

In the course of the U.S. budget process for 2011 and 2012, ARIT lost a large part of its federal funding for administration and operations in Turkey that had long been provided through the U.S. Department of Education, American Overseas Research Centers program. This is a hard loss because no other private or federal funders offer support the routine expenses associated with running the Institute – rent and utilities, staff salaries, and supplies.

For the current year, funding through the U.S. Department of State for ARIT fellowships and research support programs remains intact. We believe, however, that for the next year, the administration will reduce the State Department's component of funding for ARIT and the other overseas research centers as well.

What is at stake: In light of the current circumstances and prospects for funding in the next year or two, ARIT must curtail its commitments for fellowships and language programming in Turkey. In addition, ARIT centers will reduce their operations, including the center staffing and library development. Without additional funding, we will need to take more severe actions.



support library operations.

The loss of revenue has stalled ARIT's plan to relocate the ARIT Istanbul center to a larger more suitable facility. Crowding in the Istanbul center is extreme, and ARIT Istanbul has exciting new projects that require an upgraded facility.

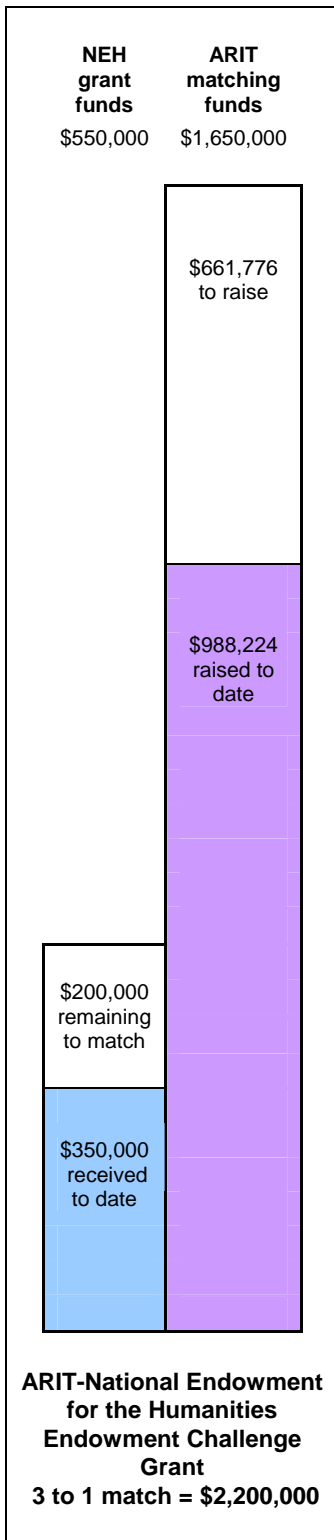


Current status: The good news is that ARIT centers and programs remain active in Turkey and will continue to thrive. In spite of the



changing permit regulations, ARIT researchers and affiliated field projects in archaeology continue to make exciting discoveries every season. Digital library projects are showcasing the newly acquired library of the American Board of Missions in Istanbul. Scholars supported by ARIT fellowships are developing new knowledge and approaches in fields of history, art history, political science, and anthropology. For more information about ARIT and its work, please visit the ARIT webpages at <http://ccat.sas.upenn.edu/ARIT>.

How do we meet the challenge:



- ARIT needs general support for ARIT operations to make up for lost federal grant funds for operations.
- We need to raise contributions to complete the matching component of the ARIT NEH Endowment Challenge grant fund and sustain the endowment fund for library operations.
- We must develop funding and/or in-kind support to provide a larger and more adequate facility for the ARIT Istanbul Center.
- We are seeking new sources of funds for our research fellowship programs, both U.S.-based and in Turkey.

As you can see here, ARIT has made good progress toward building the matching funds to meet the target of the National Endowment for the Humanities endowment challenge grant, but we still have a significant amount to raise over the next year and a half.

We ask that you make a generous donation to ARIT to help support operations as we adapt to the new funding landscape and develop our endowment fund. In addition, please consider approaching a philanthropic acquaintance or friend who may have interest in the history, culture, and politics of Turkey. Finally, please raise your voice in support of federal funding for the ARIT's operations and programs that have built U.S. scholarship in many fields of the humanities and social sciences in Turkey for the past 47 years.

If the North American Friends of ARIT has become a part of your annual giving, I hope that you will be able to continue your generous and much-appreciated support of the Institute. If you have not yet become a North American Friend of ARIT, I ask that you consider adding your contribution to those of our friends and colleagues who view ARIT as an institution worthy of their support.

With all good wishes,

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