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MELLON RESEARCH FELLOWSHIPS FOR CENTRAL AND EASTERN EUROPEAN POST-DOCTORAL SCHOLARS IN TURKEY 2009-2010

Fellowship Program: The American Research Institute in Turkey (ARIT) is pleased to invite applications for Mellon Research Fellowships in Turkey for 2009-2010. ARIT is offering three fellowships to scholars from East European and Baltic countries including the Czech Republic, Hungary, Poland, Bulgaria, Romania, Slovakia, and Estonia, Latvia, and Lithuania. Applicants must have completed all requirements for the doctorate apart from the dissertation, or also may have completed the degree. They may engage in individual research projects in any field the humanities and allied social sciences involving Turkey. The fellowships are for two to three months for research to be carried out in affiliation with the ARIT institutes in Turkey.

Institutes: ARIT maintains two research institutes in Turkey. The ARIT-Istanbul library focuses on Byzantine, Ottoman, and modern studies of Turkey. ARIT-Ankara concentrates on the art, archaeology, ancient and modern history of Turkey in its library. Both institutes offer residential facilities (with advance reservation) and provide general assistance and introductions to colleagues, institutions, and authorities in Turkey.

Purpose and Eligibility: The Andrew W. Mellon Foundation provides the funding to the Council of American Overseas Research Centers to administer for the purpose of bringing East-Central European scholars of the humanities into a broader research community. Czech, Estonian, Hungarian, Latvian, Lithuanian, Polish, Slovak, Bulgarian, and Romanian scholars who are citizens and permanent residents of one of the included countries are eligible to apply. Applicants may hold a PhD. degree or its equivalent or also may be prepared to carry out doctoral research. Applicants may not have held a prior fellowship under this program for five years prior to the current fellowship year. Preference will be given to scholars in the early stages of their careers. Fellows are expected to devote full time to their projects and to participate in the activities of the Institute.

Research Permission: Turkish law requires all foreign scholars to obtain formal permission for any research to be carried out. ARIT Mellon fellows are personally responsible for obtaining their own research permission. Information about procedures may be obtained through the Turkish diplomatic office within each country included in the competition. Since replies for permission may take several months, applicants are urged learn the procedures involved in gaining permission as early as possible. Applicants may contact the ARIT office or overseas directors for advice about research permission.

Stipend: The program offers a stipend up to \$11,500 to cover the costs of conducting the scholar's research project for two to three months, including travel, living expenses, work-related costs.

Application (see attached application format): Applications should consist of 1) a brief project statement (3-5 pages) outlining the project and its significance; 2) a current curriculum vitae; and 3) two letters of reference from scholars in the relevant field including comment on the value and feasibility of the project (may be sent separately). Applications and supporting letters must be submitted to ARIT by March 5, 2009, to the American Research Institute in Turkey, c/o University of Pennsylvania Museum, 3260 South Street, Philadelphia PA 19104-6324, telephone (215) 898-3474, fax (215) 898-0657, e-mail: leinwand@sas.upenn.edu, web: <http://ccat.sas.upenn.edu/ARIT>. A postmark deadline is permitted

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