ARIT FELLOWSHIPS IN THE HUMANITIES AND SOCIAL SCIENCES IN TURKEY 2015-2016

THE FELLOWSHIPS: The American Research Institute in Turkey will offer ARIT Fellowships for research in Turkey for the academic year 2015-2016. Grants for tenures up to one academic year will be considered; some preference, however, is given to projects of shorter duration. ARIT operates hostel, research, and study facilities for researchers in Turkey at its branch centers in Istanbul and Ankara.

ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS: 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 preliminary requirements for the doctorate except the dissertation by June 2015, 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. Scholars who have completed their formal training also may apply for ARIT Fellowships sponsored by the National Endowment for the Humanities (described in separate announcement). For questions of eligibility and procedures, please check with the ARIT office in Philadelphia.

APPLICATION PROCEDURE: In order to be considered, applicants must provide complete application information. APPLICATIONS AND THREE LETTERS OF RECOMMENDATION MUST BE SUBMITTED BY NOVEMBER 1, 2014. For full instructions, please refer to the application format and cover page accessible via the ARIT website at http://ccat.sas.upenn.edu/ARIT/ARITFellowships.html. Submit your application by e-mail to aritoffice@gmail.com. Please have letters of reference sent directly to ARIT by mail or e-mail to aritoffice@gmail.com. Letters should support the proposed research and the applicant's capacity to carry out the project. Graduate student applicants must provide a copy of their graduate transcript. Any supporting documents in paper form may be sent to the American Research Institute in Turkey, c/o University of Pennsylvania Museum, 3260 South Street, Philadelphia, PA 19104-6324. For further information call (215) 898-3474, fax (215) 898-0657, or email the ARIT executive director leinwand@sas.upenn.edu. ARIT expects to notify applicants of the decision of the Committee on Fellowships by late January, 2015.

RESEARCH PERMISSION: ARIT fellowship applicants are responsible for obtaining the appropriate research permissions 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; this includes researchers who wish to work in libraries housed in Turkish museums. For short-term research tenures some foreign scholars may enter Turkey on a tourist visa and apply for the research permit and visa from within Turkey; or scholars may choose to procure a research visa via the Turkish Embassy in advance of their arrival. Scholars wishing to carry out research in Turkey for terms longer than three months should apply for the research permit and in addition secure a research visa prior to entering Turkey. Non-U.S. researchers should consult the Turkish Consulate for specific procedures. Researchers who wish to work with collections and some libraries housed in the Turkish museums, however, should make their applications through the Ministry of Culture and Tourism, General Directorate for Cultural Heritage and Museums. If the material they wish to work with is part of an excavation, researchers must submit a letter with their application that is signed by the excavation director giving permission to carry out the research. The research permit application regulations and format are posted on the ARIT website at [http://ccat.sas.upenn.edu/ARIT/ResearchPermit.htm]. ARIT may withhold payment of fellowship stipends if official research permission is not obtained.

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