NATIONAL ENDOWMENT FOR THE HUMANITIES ADVANCED FELLOWSHIPS FOR RESEARCH IN TURKEY, 2015-2016

THE FELLOWSHIPS: The American Research Institute in Turkey takes pleasure in inviting applications for one to three advanced fellowships made possible by support from the National Endowment for the Humanities. The fields of study cover all periods of history in the general range of the humanities and include humanistically oriented aspects of the social sciences, prehistory, history, art, archaeology, literature, and linguistics, as well as interdisciplinary aspects of cultural history. The fellowships for research in Turkey may be held for four to twelve continuous months during 2015-2016. Stipends in the range of $16,800 to $50,400 are available on the basis of individual proposals.

ELIGIBILITY: Scholars who have completed their formal training by the application deadline and plan to carry out research in Turkey for four months or longer may apply. They may be U.S. citizens or three-year residents of the U.S. Please consult ARIT headquarters on questions of eligibility. Advanced scholars may also apply for ARIT Fellowships in the Humanities and Social Sciences.

INSTITUTES: ARIT maintains two research institutes in Turkey. The ARIT Istanbul library concentrates on Byzantine and Ottoman Turkey and facilitates archival research in the city. ARIT - Ankara focuses on art, archaeology, and ancient history in its library, and serves Turkish and American archaeologists through its programs. Both centers support research on modern Turkey. Both have residential facilities for fellows and provide general assistance as well as introductions to colleagues, institutions, and authorities in Turkey.

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/NEHFellowships.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 your capacity to carry out the project. Any supporting documents in paper form may be sent to the American Research Institute in Turkey, University of Pennsylvania Museum, 3260 South Street, Philadelphia PA 19104-6324. For further information call (215) 898-3474, fax (215) 898-0657, e-mail 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 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 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 accessible 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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