



## DISCOVER TURKEY: ACADEMIC TRAVEL SUPPLEMENT GRANTS

### 1. Program Objectives

Atlantic Institute (AI) is a non-profit organization with branches in five southeast states, and its goal is to facilitate dialogue and bridge cultures around the globe. For a better world of peace and understanding, Atlantic Institute would like to develop public awareness for diverse cultures, beliefs, traditions, and opinions. To this end, AI has been organizing summer trips to Turkey for promoting research under the umbrella of inter-cultural understanding inline with its mission.

This travel grant by the AI will supplement the travel costs of the faculty who have research and/or teaching interests on US-Turkey relations from the perspective of politics, dialogue, religion, sociology, and history. To apply for the travel supplement grant, submission of a research abstract is required, which is expected to define a specific aim, and could result in a publication, presentation, performance, or exhibition.

### 2. Grant Information

The travel supplement grant covers all travel expenses while traveling within Turkey for up to 10 days including **accommodation, domestic travel and meal expenses**. The grant does not include the round trip fare from Miami to Istanbul (varies from \$800 to \$1400 per person depending on the time of the year). Each attendant is responsible for this cost in addition to a trip fee of \$400 per person.

As part of this grant, universities/institutions in Turkey will host the participating faculty for talks, panels, workshops, luncheons, etc., for creating opportunities for faculty engagement, collaboration, and research. The university and academic event selections are done by the AI based on the research interests of the participants and their early feedback.

The trip will include meals in the local hosts' homes to provide the attendants a unique opportunity to meet and interact with Turkish people and families.

Prior to trip, a half-day orientation/information workshop is held for awardees. This workshop will be open to anyone (in addition to awardees) who would like to get more information about the trip.

For more information about the trip, sample itinerary and sponsors please visit [www.theatlanticinstitute.org/](http://www.theatlanticinstitute.org/)

Up to 12 awards are expected to be given this year.

### **3. Eligibility**

The travel grant program is open to post-docs and faculty at any level in Social Sciences and Humanities. However, priority will be given to junior faculty/post-docs who are within their first 3 years of appointments. Exceptional candidates at the "PhD candidate or ABD" level will also be considered. We seek people whose research/teaching focus on but not limited to the following areas:

- US-Turkey relations
- Middle-East Politics
- Islam
- Turkey and EU
- Intercultural/Interfaith Dialogue, multi-culturalism
- History of Turkey and/or Middle-East
- Social Movements in Turkey and Middle-East
- Democratization in Turkey and Middle-East

### **4. Application**

Please submit a 1000 word abstract along with your current resume. If you have related publications on the interest areas specified in previous section, please also attach these publications to your application. Your abstract should address the followings:

- Why would you like to attend this trip?
- Upon returning from the trip, how will you incorporate the experience in your research or teaching (e.g., developing new interest with regard to Turkey or

Islam in your research, including new topics in your syllabus if teaching any of the topics mentioned in Section 3.)

- Upon returning from the trip, how would you share this unique experience with your community (e.g., giving a talk at the university, church, writing an article in a local newspaper, doing an exhibition)?

## **5. Deadlines & Contact**

Deadline for submission: 3/7/2015

Notification: 3/17/2015

Tentative Trip Dates: End of July 2015, for 10 days

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## **6. Reports**

Each awardee is expected to submit two items upon returning from the trip:

1- A reflection paper (3-7 pages) presenting the reflections of the awardee about the trip within 30 days of returning.

2- A report (2-3 pages) that summarizes the outcomes of the trip and the activities completed (e.g., how did you benefit from this experience in terms of research or teaching) within 3 months of returning.

The papers should be in 11pts font and in pdf format.