



WORLD AFFAIRS COUNCIL
of Philadelphia

Okumus/T.A.F.S.U.S. (Turkish American Friendship Society of the U.S.) 2010 Fellowships



Dear Colleague:

The World Affairs Council of Philadelphia is pleased to announce the twelfth annual Okumus/T.A.F.S.U.S. Fellowships for educators for the summer of 2010. Made possible through a generous grant from the Mehmet Dogan Okumus Charitable Trust, these fellowships will enable **three** teachers, principals, curriculum directors or other school administrators at the pre-collegiate level to participate in a 16-day study tour of Turkey from **July 12-27, 2010**.

The itinerary will include highlights from Anatolia's civilizations: Istanbul, Ankara, Cappadocia, Antalya, Konya, Pamukkale, Aphrodisias, Kusadasi, Pergamum, Ephesus, Gallipoli and Troy. The tour includes first class or best available hotels, at least two meals a day, sightseeing, transportation and admission fees, group transfers and baggage handling, taxes, service charges and round trip airfare from New York. Participants will be responsible for their own transportation to and from JFK Airport in New York, as well as the few meals that are not covered, tips to the local guide and drivers and other incidental expenses (i.e. laundry). Each fellowship recipient will be expected to contribute \$500.00 toward the total cost. Also, a limited number of recipients' family members and friends will be able to attend the tour at an additional cost (to be determined).

We are currently seeking educators (classroom teachers, principals, curriculum directors and other administrators) at the elementary, middle and high school levels to apply for these fellowships. Please print the application form following this letter; complete it and return it by mail to the Council with the required information. Please read the application form carefully and be sure to provide all the information that is requested. Preference will be given to those who can demonstrate their commitment to education about Turkey and who provide specific examples about how they will use the fellowship experience to

enrich their curriculum. Please note that all fellowship recipients will be responsible for submitting a lesson plan to the World Affairs Council following the tour.

Please note that these fellowships are very competitive. We ask applicants to take the time to prepare a quality and compelling proposal that includes a **strong professional reference** that speaks directly to your qualifications to participate in such a program.

The deadline for submitting applications is **Friday, March 12, 2010**. The applications should be sent to the World Affairs Council of Philadelphia, Attention: Alison Reis, One South Broad Street, 2M, Philadelphia, PA 19107. The application can also be sent via email to areis@wacphila.org. We will do our best to notify fellowship winners by mid-April and will hold a pre-trip orientation in late spring.

We are extremely pleased to offer this wonderful opportunity to educators in southeastern Pennsylvania, southern New Jersey and Delaware. We look forward to receiving your applications. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to call me at 215-561-4700, ext 207. My e-mail address is areis@wacphila.org

Sincerely,

Alison Reis
Director of Student Programs
January 18, 2010

APPLICATION FOR OKUMUS/T.A.F.S.U.S. FELLOWSHIP
16 Day Tour of Turkey: July 12 - 27, 2010

Name:	
Address:	
Phone Number:	E-Mail:
School:	
School Address:	
School Phone:	
Subjects Taught:	
Grades Taught:	

Please respond thoroughly to the following questions in narrative form:

1. Why are you interested in learning and teaching about Turkey?
2. Briefly describe your other educational travel experiences, what you have gained and how these experiences have affected your teaching.
3. Describe any professional experiences that have prepared you to apply for this fellowship.
4. Describe how you plan to utilize this visit to incorporate teaching about Turkey in your own classroom instruction. How will this experience impact your curriculum? What are some of the things you expect to achieve and programs you might implement as a result of your visit to Turkey? How will you share the experience with colleagues?
5. Please include one **professional** reference (e.g., your principal, a teaching colleague). This reference can be submitted in the form of a letter but should speak to your strengths as an applicant for this particular program. Please also include a copy of your **resume**. You are welcome to submit any supporting information that you feel will strengthen your case, but please do not send originals as we are unable to return them to you.

Please note that all fellowship recipients will be required to submit a lesson plan following the tour of Turkey.

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