THE INSTITUTE OF TURKISH STUDIES

2017-2018 ACADEMIC YEAR GRANT PROGRAM

DISSERTATION WRITING GRANTS FOR GRADUATE STUDENTS

The Institute of Turkish Studies (ITS) is a non-profit, private educational institution devoted solely to the advancement of training, research, and teaching in the field of Ottoman and modern Turkish Studies. ITS was established in 1983 and is currently located at the School of Foreign Service of Georgetown University in Washington, DC. The Institute is governed by a twelve-member Board of Governors whose members include prominent US scholars in Ottoman and modern Turkish Studies, and others with a demonstrated interest in Turkey.

ELIGIBILITY:

To be eligible for a dissertation writing grant, applicants should be:

- Graduate students in any field of the social sciences and/or humanities.
- US citizens or permanent residents at the time of application.
- Currently enrolled in a Ph.D. degree program in the United States.
- expecting to complete all Ph.D. requirements except their dissertation by June 2018.

These grants are intended for advanced students who have finished the research stage of their dissertation and they may not be used for dissertation research. The dissertation writing grants will be awarded only to applicants who certify that they will not be involved in teaching beyond the half time level.

TENURE AND TERMS OF GRANTS:

The dissertation writing grants are for the 2017-2018 academic year, and permission to postpone the tenure of the grant beyond this period will normally not be given. Stipends generally range from $5,000 to $15,000.

REVIEW PROCESS:

All grant applications are reviewed by expert panels drawn from the Institute's Associates who are prominent scholars working in the field of Turkish Studies. The Institute's Board of Governors makes the final decisions on awards upon the recommendations of the academic expert panelists. Decisions regarding the outcome of applications is intended to be announced by **May 22, 2017**. ITS cannot provide reviewers' comments or any other information about proposals which do not receive funding.

APPLICATION FORMAT AND PROCEDURES:

A complete application must include the following:

1. The two-page Grant Application Cover Sheet (below), to be completed in full.

2. Project Proposal. (Maximum 6 pages, double-spaced).
   Provide a statement describing the current status of your dissertation project including:

   a) dissertation title,
   b) amount of research and writing that has been carried out so far,
   c) major thesis and its relation to the current literature in the field,
   d) location and duration of your research,
   e) methodology used,
   f) assessment of the originality of your work and the contribution to will make to your field,
   g) a short list of primary and secondary sources.

3. Budget. Clearly state the amount requested from ITS in your budget. Due to limited funds, no university overhead costs may be paid through ITS grants. If you are applying for funds from other sources (ARIT, SSRC, etc.) and/or matching university fellowships, you must provide information about these in your budget statement.

3. Letters of Recommendation. All grant applicants must provide three letters of recommendation from referees familiar with their work. Letters of reference should speak specifically to the applicant's proposed project as well as to the applicant's qualifications for undertaking this particular project. Letters of recommendation MUST be sealed in envelopes by their respective referees and then placed inside the complete application packet by the applicant. Letters mailed separately WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED. One letter of recommendation must be written by the principal thesis advisor of the Ph.D. candidate. You should send a copy of your project description to your referees so that they can comment specifically upon the proposed study and your qualifications for undertaking it.

4. An current c.v. is required from all applicants.

5. Academic Transcripts. Transcripts of all graduate work must be INCLUDED in the applicant's application packet in a sealed envelope. Unofficial transcripts issued to applicants and transcripts mailed separately WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED.

PLEASE TAKE CAREFUL NOTE OF APPLICATION PROCEDURES:

All applications MUST BE RECEIVED as a single, complete package by **5pm** Eastern Standard Time on **March 3, 2017**. Application packages must be sent via **United Parcel Service (UPS)** secure courier to:

Dr. Sinan Ciddi
Institute of Turkish Studies
Georgetown University
3300 Whitehaven St, NW
Suite 3100
Washington, DC 20007

Incomplete and/or late applications WILL NOT be considered.

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Application Cover Sheet for Dissertation Writing Grants for the 2017-2018 Academic Year

PLEASE TYPE

1. Name (Last) (First) (Middle)

2. Date of Birth:	**3. Social Security Number:**

4. Current Mailing Address:

5. Office Tel: **Fax:** **E-mail:**	**Home Tel:** **Fax:** **E-mail:**

6. Period for which grant is desired:

Duration:	**Beginning:**	**Ending:**

7. Amount requested from ITS: $

8. Are you applying elsewhere for financial aid? If so, you are required to identify all funding resources to which you applied and all funding received.

9. If you have received ITS grant(s) in the past, please indicate category, year and amount.

10. Are you a US citizen or permanent resident? [ ] Yes [ ] No

11. Academic Degrees received or expected (indicate institutions, disciplines or departments, dates)

12. Foreign Languages Studied	**Institution**	**Duration**

13. Modern Turkish Language Proficiency	**Fluent**	**Intermediate**	**Elementary**	**None**
Reading				
Writing				

Speaking				
Ottoman Turkish Language Proficiency	**Fluent**	**Intermediate**	**Elementary**	**None**
Reading				
Writing				
Speaking				

14. Please give the names, positions, mailing addresses, etc. of three persons, including your principal faculty advisor (listed first) who can evaluate your project and your ability to carry it out. At least two of the three referees should be in your own field (area and/or discipline).

a) Name:

Position:

Field/Discipline/Area/Department:

Mailing Address:

Phone:	**Fax:**	**E-mail:**

b) Name:

Position:

Field/Discipline/Area/Department:

Mailing Address:

Phone:	**Fax:**	**E-mail:**

c) Name:

Position:

Field/Discipline/Area/Department:

Mailing Address:

Phone:	**Fax:**	**E-mail:**

15. Proposed Project Title:

16. 100-Word Precis of attached project proposal and its significance:

17. Sign or Print:	**Date:**