MDDLE EAST & AFRICA SHARED HISTORY RESEARCH PROGRAM

Middle East & Africa Shared History Research Program aims to increase historical researches regarding common historical, cultural, social, political and economic life in the Middle East and Africa, to enhance the common historical perception, to encourage the utilization of Ottoman archives, and to increase the number of academicians and researchers who can carry out these studies in Turkish and Ottoman Turkish languages.

Middle East & Africa Shared History Research Program consists of two phases. It offers, in the first phase, online Turkish courses from A1 to C1 level (10 months) and Ottoman Turkish courses (6 months). In the second phase, it is planned to organize a program including a short term Ottoman Turkish specialization training at certain font types regarding participants' research topics and the promotion of Turkish archives, for those who complete Turkish language education successfully.

The program that will carry out with the cooperation of Presidency for Turks Abroad and Related Communities (YTB) and Ankara Yıldırım Beyazıt University Language Education Application and Research Center (DILMER) supposed to contribute to the future studies by conducting researches of Turkish archives, visiting related Turkish public institutions and making joint academic studies with Turkish academic partners as well as Turkish and Ottoman Turkish language education.

Middle East & Africa Shared History Research Program also covers social and cultural activies and city tours in Turkey beside language education and academic studies

PROGRAM DETAILS

Deadline For Application: 27th January 2021 – 27th February 2021

Program Start Date: 19th March 2021

Program Length

- 10 months online Turkish language course + 6 months Ottoman Turkish language course

  The total duration of Turkish language education is 10 months. Each level (A1, A2, B1, B2) takes 8 weeks and C1 level takes 11 weeks. There are 15 hour lessons in each week, each lesson is 40 minutes.

  6 months concurrent Ottoman Turkish language course. (4 days a week, 3 hour lessons in each day.)

Location

- Turkish and Ottoman Turkish language education will be held online.
- The specialization stage of Ottoman Turkish language, Ottoman archives researh, related public institutions visits and socail-cultural activities will be implemented in Turkey. (Ankara and İstanbul)

APPLICATION CRITERIA

Eligible Countries: Applications are open to all Middle Eastern and African Countries.

Eligible Groups: Applicants must have the following criterias;

•Must be a citizen of one of the eligible target countries

•Must be an academician in the field of history or a public official or a historian-researcher serves in institutions in charge of archive studies

•Must be working in a university / research center and having at least a master's degree in history or Ottoman History departments

• For public employees working in institutions responsible for archive studies, must have worked at the relevant institutions for at least 3 years and preferably have a master's / doctoral degree

•Must have preferably at least one academic study in the field of Ottoman History / Archives

•Must have no obstacle to travel (For the specialization stage of the Ottoman Turkish education that will be held in Turkey in the second phase of the program)

•Must be under the age of 45

REQUIRED DOCUMENTS FOR APPLICATION

•Application form (which will be filled out through **basvuru.ytb.gov.tr**)

•Joint declaration, in the field of determinated research topic, taken from a Turkish academician (optional)

•Detailed curriculum vitae including previous academic studies

•A working paper taken from their universities for academics and their institutions for public officials. (only approved English translation)

P.S: Before Turkey phase of the program, applicants will be demanded to submit official permission document approved by their institutions to attend the program.

HOW TO APPLY?

➢ Applications will be received online through **basvuru.ytb.gov.tr**
➢ All applicants are supposed to submit required documents during the application
➢ Short-listed applicants will be informed via e-mail at the end of evaluation
➢ For further information and questions, please contact us via ortaktarih@ytb.gov.tr

WHAT THE PROGRAM COVERS?

• 10 months online Turkish language education free of charge

• 6 months online Ottoman Turkish language education free of charge (after completing B1 level in Turkish language)

• Round trip travel expenses (in the Turkey phase)

• Accommodation (in the Turkey phase)

• Archives and public institutions visits (in the Turkey phase)

• Social and cultural activities (in the Turkey phase)

***Visa fees must be paid by applicants