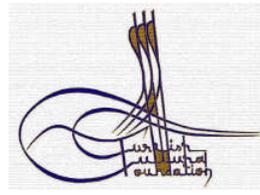




World Affairs Councils of America



**Turkish
Cultural
Foundation**

Dear Applicant:

Thank you for your interest in teaching about Turkey and participating in the Turkey Study Tour for Teachers. The **14-day tour** is sponsored by the Turkish Cultural Foundation, the World Affairs Council of America, and **World Affairs Council of the Mid-Hudson Valley**. It is just one component of a multi-pronged effort to bring information about Turkey to students.

Turkey has played an important role throughout history and remains a pivotal country in shaping our world today. Turkish culture today reflects the richness and diversity shaped by the nation's deep historical roots in the region, as well as Anatolia's unique position as a cradle of civilizations for 12 millennia. Modern Turkey, with all its richness and complexities, as well as Turkey's centuries old cultural traditions, remains little known to Americans. To address this gap, the Turkish Cultural Foundation and the World Affairs Councils of America have developed a three-part program on Turkey, with a special emphasis on Turkish culture, for the American public and, particularly, for American students and teachers.

The first part of the program is a Workshop for Teachers, **Saturday, 31 March 2012** from 8:00am-5:00pm, at **Marist College**, Hancock Center, Room 2023. Teachers **must** attend the workshop in order to participate in the Study Tour, the second part of the program. There will be three Study Tours during the summer of 2012, each of approximately 24-27 teachers selected from participating World Affairs Councils around the United States. The third and final portion of the program consists of programs highlighting Turkish culture and history open to the communities of the participating councils during the fall of 2012. Teachers participating in the Study Tour are expected to take an active role in these programs.

The enclosed packet contains the application for the Study Tour. Please submit all materials by **Monday, 19 March 2012**. Finalists will be notified shortly thereafter. Three teachers will be selected.

Please note that in order to apply, you must meet these ***Eligibility Criteria***:

- Has been for the past 2 years and is currently employed full-time as a classroom teacher, particularly in humanities, art, or literature teacher or media specialist in a 6-12 school in **Dutchess, Ulster or Orange County** (or bordering regions) and will be employed full-time as a classroom teacher or media specialist in a 6-12 school next year;
- Possess a valid U.S. passport and/or ability to acquire a U.S. passport upon notification of acceptance for the trip;
- Willing and able to provide the \$600 registration fee (for double occupancy rooms, single rooms are available for an additional fee) toward the cost of the trip and travel to New York, Chicago, Los Angeles, or Washington, DC (the Turkish Airlines departure cities-participants are designated a city by TCF) on your own expense. In addition to these expenses, teachers are advised by the Turkish Cultural Foundation to budget approx. \$100 for tips to guides and drivers and approx.\$25 for visa fees;
- Has not lived in or travelled to Turkey during the past 10 years.
- Has sound physical health and is able to participate in a physically rigorous program that involves early morning departures, extended bus travel, multiple outdoor site visits and walking in hot weather during the tour.

Complete and send application to:

World Affairs Council of the Mid-Hudson Valley
c/o Sevgin Oktay
2807 Mulberry Court
Poughkeepsie, NY 12603..

Please type or print clearly.

SECTION 1 – Applicant Information

Full Name (AS IT APPEARS ON YOUR PASSPORT)

_____ (Last First M.I.)

Address:

_____ (Street Address, Apt/Unit #, City, State ZIP Code)

E-mail Address: _____

Work Phone: _____ Home/cell phone: _____

Name & Location of School: _____

Courses & Grades Taught: _____

Passport Number: _____

Have you traveled in the past two years through a grant, fellowship, or similar program? If so, tell us about it and how it has impacted your teaching?

SECTION 2 – Essay questions

Instructions: Please type your response to the following questions and attach your responses to this application form.

1. Why do you want to be a part of this Study Tour?
2. Describe your school's access to and use of multicultural resources, and support for instruction that has a worldview beyond the U.S. perspective.

SECTION 3 – Project Concept

Instructions: Please outline the projects that you plan to develop to translate your study tour experiences for classroom use and how you plan to bring Turkish culture to your students.

Please indicate what resources you have available and any concerns or considerations you believe you would need to address in order to insure successful implementation. Be sure to mention specific elements of Turkish culture that are particularly interesting to you.

SECTION 4 – Statement of Support

Instructions: This section is to be completed by your IMMEDIATE SUPERVISOR ONLY.

STATEMENT OF SUPPORT

1. Supervisor's name: _____ (include Prefix Dr./Mr./Ms.)

2. Official title: _____

3. Applicant's name: _____

4. I certify that the applicant is employed full-time as a sixth through twelfth grade teacher. I also certify that as the applicant's supervisor, he/she would have my full support in implementing his/her collaborative project with assistance from **World Affairs Council of the Mid-Hudson Valley** staff upon return.

5. I have read the applicant's Project Concept and support the direction and goals.

Signature _____ Date _____

SECTION 5 – Statement of Commitment

Instructions: This section is to be reviewed and signed by you, the applicant.

STATEMENT OF ELIGIBILITY

I certify that I fulfill the above Eligibility Criteria.

Applicant's Signature: _____ Date: _____

STATEMENT OF COMMITMENT

I certify that I will commit to the following activities following the Study Tour:

1. Assist with the fall 2012 community programs by facilitating a workshop session, providing input for the series, and helping to engage other participants.
2. Administer the projects described in my "Project Concept" or some variation (developed on return from Turkey) agreed to by your administrator and approved by **World Affairs Council of the Mid-Hudson Valley** staff.
3. Allow **World Affairs Council of the Mid-Hudson Valley** staff to assist me as a support/co-facilitator of the above project.

Applicant's Signature: _____ Date: _____

SECTION 6 – References

Instructions: Please give the attached reference forms to two colleagues. You may submit their sealed envelopes with your other application materials.

CONFIDENTIAL REFERENCE FORM - IMPORTANT

Upon completion, please return to the applicant in an envelope signed across the seal.

Name of applicant:

Name of referee:

Title/relationship:

Referee phone number:

1. How long and in what capacity have you known the applicant?

2. Please give your candid opinion of: (1) the applicant's professional qualifications, (2) motivation, and (3) your assessment of his/her capability to work in a very different cultural environment. (Please use additional sheet if necessary):

Signature: _____ Date: _____

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