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Announcing

Okumus/T.A.F.S.U.S. (Turkish American Friendship
Society of the U.S.) **Fellowships** and new
Okumus/T.A.F.S.U.S. **Grants** for 2008



Dear Colleague:

The World Affairs Council of Philadelphia is pleased to announce the **tenth** annual Okumus/T.A.F.S.U.S. Fellowships for educators for the summer of 2008. Made possible through a generous grant from the Mehmet Dogan Okumus Charitable Trust, these fellowships will enable **six** 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 13-28, 2008**.

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, New York, the few meals that are not covered, **tips to the local guide and drivers** and their incidental expenses (for example, laundry). Each fellowship recipient will be expected to contribute \$750.00 toward the total cost. This increase is due to fuel surcharges, new security fees and higher airline rates.

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. An application form follows this letter; please print it out, complete it and return it by mail 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.

These fellowships are very competitive. The quality of our applications has been equivalent to national competitions like NEH and Fulbright programs. 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.

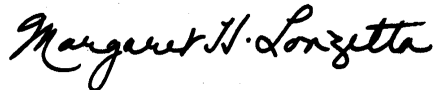
The deadline for submitting applications is **Friday, March 7, 2008**. The applications should be sent to the Education and Public Programs Department, World Affairs Council of Philadelphia, One South Broad Street, 2M, Philadelphia PA 19107. We will do our best to notify fellowship winners by mid-April. There will be an informal pre-trip orientation in late spring.

Cultural Grants Program

We are also pleased to announce the continuation of the Okumus/ T.A.F.S.U.S. grants program for teachers to organize culture days on Turkey. Two grants, for up to \$500, will be awarded during the next year – now through January 2009. Also organized through the Council, these grants will help to support special programs in schools devoted to such areas as the history, art, foods and music of Turkey. To qualify, please briefly describe your plan (one to two pages), submit a budget for your program and let us know the date of your program and when you need the funds to support it. These grants are available to all teachers, regardless of whether or not you have traveled to Turkey on the Okumus/T.A.F.S.U.S. Fellowship. Proposals will be accepted throughout the year.

These are two wonderful opportunities that we are extremely pleased to make available 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 208. My e-mail address is mlonzetta@wacphila.org

Sincerely,



Margaret H. Lonzetta
Vice President
January 25, 2008

APPLICATION FOR OKUMUS/T.A.F.S.U.S. FELLOWSHIP
16 Day Tour of Turkey – July 13-28, 2008

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

Please respond 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 the 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 make a difference to your curriculum? What are some of the things you expect to achieve, 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 we are unable to return it to you.

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