



Turkish  
Cultural  
Foundation

## The World Affairs Councils of America

Dear Applicant:

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

This fascinating part of the world is known as a “bridge between East and West”. Modern Turkey, with all its richness and complexities, as well Turkey’s centuries old history and cultural traditions, are often unknown 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, April 17th 2010 at Marist College at the Dyson Center. 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 2010, each of approximately 30 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 2010. Teachers participating in the Study Tour are expected to participate in developing these programs.

The enclosed packet contains the application for the Study Tour. Please submit all materials by March 19th, 2010. Finalists will be notified shortly thereafter. Four teachers will be selected.

Please note that in order to apply, you must meet these eligibility criteria:

- Currently employed full-time as a classroom humanities teacher or administrator in a 6-12 school in Dutchess, Ulster or Orange County and will be employed full-time as a classroom humanities teacher or administrator 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, toward the cost of the trip and travel to New York or Chicago (the Turkish Airlines departure cities) 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.

Complete and send application to:

**Joe Lombardi, 469 Rossway Road, Pleasant Valley, NY 12569.** Please type or print clearly.

SECTION 1 – Applicant Information

Full Name (AS IT APPEARS OR WILL APPEAR ON YOUR PASSPORT)

\_\_\_\_\_  
Last First M.I.

Address:

\_\_\_\_\_  
Street Address Apt # City State Zip Code

E-mail Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Work Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Ext. \_\_\_\_\_ 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 where?

SECTION 2 – Essay questions

Instructions: Please type your response to the following questions. Blank form sheets are provided at the end of this application. Create extra sheets in a new document and attach to your application

1. Why do you want to be a part of this Turkey 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.

**Project Concept:**

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 the World Affairs Council Mid-Hudson Valley staff upon return.
5. I have read these 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 COMMITMENT**

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

1. Assist with the fall 2010 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 the World Affairs Council of the Hudson Valley staff.
3. Allow the World Affairs Council of the Hudson Valley staff to serve me as a support/co-facilitator of the above project.
4. I consent to take photographs and write accompanying descriptive text during the trip for use in a Traveling Photo Exhibit.

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:

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Name of referee:

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Title/relationship:

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Referee phone number:

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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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Essay Question 1

Why do you want to be a part of this Turkey Study Tour?

Essay Question 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.