# 21st annual Intensive Ottoman and Turkish Summer School in Cunda, Turkey

# 2017 Program Announcement and Application Guidelines

**Program Dates: July 10 to August 18, 2017**

**Deadline for applications: Friday April 14, 2017**

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| The Intensive Ottoman and Turkish Summer School is conducted annually in Cunda, Turkey by the Ottoman Studies Foundation. The program is sponsored by Koç University in Istanbul and the Turkish Cultural Foundation. It is open to everyone interested in continuing their study of Ottoman and Turkish for the purpose of academic research, and priority is given to qualified doctoral students.  The program provides proficiency-based instruction in reading and translating Ottoman Turkish texts in both manuscript and printed forms. The 2017 program runs from July 10 to August 18. |

1. **About the Program**

The Intensive Ottoman and Turkish Summer School in Cunda, Turkey provides proficiency-based instruction in reading and translating Ottoman Turkish texts in both manuscript and printed forms. Students will develop skills in paleography for reading original archival documents written in styles like dîvânî, siyâkat, and rık’a.

The program also provides tuition in Persian (including Persian and Arabic elements in Ottoman), Modern Turkish (conversation, reading and translation, differences between Ottoman and öztürkçe), and Karamanlidhika.

1. **Courses**

The schedule may vary, but daily courses typically include:

* 9–11 AM: Ottoman Turkish
* 11:30–12:30 AM: Persian support for Ottoman Turkish
* 2–3 PM: modern Turkish, or, for native speakers of Turkish and those with near-native ability, translation from Ottoman to English
* Evening tutor sessions

The program also provides tuition in Persian (including Persian and Arabic elements in Ottoman) and in Modern Turkish (conversation, reading and translation, differences between Ottoman and öztürkçe).

1. **Optional Course**

Three-week long seminar on Karamanlidhika in the Ottoman Archives

The Ottoman Studies Foundation is pleased to announce that the three-week long seminar on Karamanlidhika taught by Dr. Evangelia Balta’s is offered again in 2017. Dr. Balta has delivered the seminars as part of the Intensive Ottoman and Turkish Summer School since 2010. This expansion of the curriculum was made possible with the generous support of the [Turkish Cultural Foundation](http://www.turkishculturalfoundation.org/).

Dr. Evangelia Balta is one of the world’s leading experts on karamanlidhika publications and has wide experience in working on and publishing Ottoman defters and other archival documents. Her seminar introduces students to the main issues in the field and focus on research opportunities in the Başbakanlık Arşivi.

In addition to Turkish and Ottoman, familiarity with the Greek alphabet is required for attendance. Karamanlidhika publications were written in the Turkish language but with the Greek alphabet, so an ability to read Turkish in the Greek alphabet is a prerequisite to dealing with archival documents (eg. ruhsatnâmes) regarding these publications.

Depending on the interested students’ level of ability in Persian and Modern Turkish, the seminar runs parallel to the existing courses. Students who are interested in following this course will be expected to attend all other courses.

1. **Levels of Study**

There are two levels of study in the program:

* **Late Ottoman Turkish** – Concentrates on developing the ability to read, transcribe, and translate printed Ottoman texts from the 19th and 20th centuries.
* **Early Ottoman Turkish** – Focuses on manuscripts from the 14th to the 18th centuries. By studying a selection of fermans and sections from mühimme and tahrir defters, chronicles, and biographical works, students are introduced to different grammatical structures and styles in Ottoman Turkish and to various manuscript hands.

1. **Prerequisites**

A solid knowledge of modern Turkish grammar, normally at least two years of academic study or the equivalent, and demonstrable experience in reading printed Ottoman texts are mandatory. Some knowledge of Persian and/or Arabic is highly desirable, and study of these languages will be taken into consideration in the selection process.

Prospective students should note that typically successful applicants have had three or more years of modern Turkish. Those with no academic training in Arabic and/or Persian may not be selected.

1. **Program Fees and Funding**

Program fees for the 2017 Intensive Ottoman and Turkish Summer School are as follows:

* Tuition: $5,000 USD
* Accommodation:$1,900 USD
* Total: $6,900 USD

Please note that airfare and food expenses are not included in the fees.

Checks (in USD) should made payable to the Ottoman Studies Foundation and mailed to:

Ottoman Studies Foundation  
c/o Eastern Bank  
P.O. Box 1716  
Duxbury, Massachusetts 02331, USA

The Intensive Ottoman and Turkish Summer School has been approved by the US Department of Education, Center for International Education, Title 6 of Higher Education so US citizens can apply for [Foreign Language and Area Studies (FLAS)](http://www2.ed.gov/programs/iegpsflasf/index.html) summer scholarships. Students may also apply to various other sources ([The Institute of Turkish Studies](http://turkishstudies.org/grants/grants_competition.shtml), Mellon Foundation, etc.) through their departments or centres of study.

There are a number of partial scholarships administered through the Intensive Ottoman and Turkish Summer School. These funds are available only to those without recourse to other sources of financial assistance such as FLAS. Some funds have restrictions (e.g., restricted to non-Turkish citizens). These scholarships are awarded by merit, and those interested in being considered can indicate this in the application form. Please note that all recipients of scholarships administered through the Intensive Ottoman and Turkish Summer School will be expected to make a significant contribution toward their fees.

1. **Application Procedures**

Students who are enrolled in an M.A. or Ph.D. program, qualified undergraduates and other researchers are welcome to apply. The application form for the 2017 program can be downloaded from the Ottoman Studies Foundation website (<http://ottomanstudiesfoundation.com/iotss/>). Applicants must adhere to the following procedures:

1. The application deadline is Friday April 15, 2017. Late applications will not be accepted.
2. Applications must be typed and submitted by email to [ottomanstudiesfoundation@gmail.com](mailto:ottomanstudiesfoundation@gmail.com). Handwritten applications will not be accepted.
3. Applicants must arrange for one letter of recommendation and a scanned copy of a recent transcript to be submitted by email to [ottomanstudiesfoundation@gmail.com](mailto:ottomanstudiesfoundation@gmail.com) by Friday April 14, 2017. An effort to submit the application form along with the transcript in the same email will be much appreciated.
4. All sections of the application form must be completed in a clear and concise manner. Incomplete applications will be returned.
5. The School will endeavor to send a confirmation of receipt of your application within five days of submission.
6. Applicants will be notified in writing of the results their application. Applicants should be available for correspondence with School coordinators in the months prior to the start of the session.
7. Applicants are responsible for making sure they can travel and stay in Turkey for at least six weeks. The School is unable to provide student visas.

***By submitting an application you are acknowledging that you understand and agree to these application procedures. Kolay gelsin.***

**submit applications to:**

Admissions Coordinator

Intensive Ottoman and Turkish Summer School

Ottoman Studies Foundation

[ottomantudiesfoundation@gmail.com](mailto:ottomantudiesfoundation@gmail.com)

For further questions please contact Prof. Selim Kuru ([selims@u.washington.edu](mailto:selims@u.washington.edu)) or Dr. Yorgos Dedes ([gd5@soas.ac.uk](mailto:gd5@soas.ac.uk)) or write to:

Intensive Ottoman and Turkish Summer School  
c/o Selim S. Kuru  
University of Washington  
NELC 353120  
Seattle, WA 98195  
USA

1. **Locations and Facilities**

The Intensive Ottoman and Turkish Summer School is located on a small Aegean island, Cunda (officially called Alibey Adası), which is connected to the mainland town of Ayvalık by a causeway and a small bridge. It is situated two hours north of İzmir and directly across from Lesvos.

The School is conducted in the Sevgi-Doğan Gönül Ottoman Research Building, a beautiful renovated building in the heart of Cunda. This former Greek village is an interesting historic site and is ideal for concentrating on language learning since it is far removed from large cities and the local population typically knows little English. A small but growing reference library in the school is available for students’ use.

Cunda has many restaurants and coffee shops, a clinic, two pharmacies, and late-night convenience stores. There is regular bus, dolmuş and boat service to Ayvalık, where intercity bus service is available. Students share apart suites provided with cooking and refrigeration facilities at the [Kapya Apart Otel](http://kapya.com/), a stone’s throw from the school.

1. **Additional Activities**

In addition to daily classes, the Intensive Ottoman and Turkish Summer School runs a series of general seminars. These are presentations by leading scholars in the field of Ottoman and Turkish Studies. Students will have a chance to meet prominent scholars and discuss the topics presented. There are normally four presentations during the course. Information about scholars who will be visiting the school will be announced on the Intensive Ottoman Summer School website. Students will also have opportunities to explore Cunda and the surrounding area. Daily yacht tours of the islands are available and there are many landmarks and attractions nearby.

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# Application Form

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| **Application Deadline: Friday April 14, 2017**  **Application must be typed. see application guidelines for additional details. All applications, including letter of recommendation and transcript, must be submitted by email to:** [**ottomanstudiesfoundation@gmail.com**](mailto:ottomanstudiesfoundation@gmail.com) | | | | | | | | |
| **Name:** |  | | | | | | | |
| **Date of Birth:** |  | | **Sex:** | |  | **Citizenship:** | |  |
| **Institution:** |  | | | | **Year of Study:** |  | | |
| **Degree Program:** |  | | | | | | | |
| **Telephone:** |  | **Email:** | |  | | **Skype:** |  | |

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| **2. Correspondence Address:** |
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| **3. Institutional Address:** |
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| **4. Languages and Fluency Level** | | |
| **Language** | **Details of University-Level Courses Attended** | **Number of Years** |
| **Modern Turkish** |  |  |
| **Ottoman Turkish** |  |  |
| **Persian** |  |  |
| **Arabic** |  |  |
| **Please list additional languages** | | |
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| **5. Special Circumstances Regarding Language Learning**  **Please provide a brief explanation about any special circumstances regarding your language learning** |
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| **6. Personal Statement of Interest**  **Please provide a brief statement (max. 200 words) explaining why you would like to attend the program.** |
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| **7a. Funding** | | |
| Have you applied for external funding? If yes, name the funding program. | Yes | No |
| If yes, how much funding are you anticipating? |  |  |
| Have you received your funding? If yes, when. | Yes | No |
| The Ottoman Studies Foundation has limited funds for partial scholarships. Would you like to be considered for one of these scholarships? | Yes | No |

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| **7b. Funding**  **Please provide any additional information about your funding plan and the grants for which you have applied, including the approximate date you expect to hear about the grants. If you have not applied for grants, please explain why.** |
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| **8. Accommodation:**  **Accommodation is provided at the Kapya Apart Otel in Cunda on the basis of double occupancy. You may be asked to share a room with someone of the opposite sex.** | | |
| Do you require accommodation at the Kapya Apart Otel? | Yes | No |
| If yes, are you amenable to sharing a room with someone of the opposite sex? | Yes | No |

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| **9a. First Reference**  **Please provide contact information for two references (at least one for language)** | | | |
| **Name:** |  | | |
| **Institution:** |  | | |
| **Position:** |  | | |
| **Telephone:** |  | **Email:** |  |

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| **9B. Second Reference**  **Please provide contact information for two references (at least one for language)** | | | |
| **Name:** |  | | |
| **Institution:** |  | | |
| **Position:** |  | | |
| **Telephone:** |  | **Email:** |  |

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| **Name of Applicant** |  | **Signature** |  | **Date** |
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