The Ottoman Archives

Description

Since its foundation, the Ottoman Empire had given great importance to registering records. The first attempt to create a modern archive was made by Grand Vizier Mustafa Reşad Pasha in 1846. The main purpose of this organization is to gather all three state archives under the same establishment. (The Ottoman Archives, the Republican Archives (Ankara) and Documentation.) Application and research processes are the same for three institutions.

From the website of General Directorate of State Archives of the Prime Ministry of the Republic of Turkey.

How to apply

Scholars may apply directly, by filling out the "Application Form" (see translated application 1.1) both at the archives and at Turkish foreign embassies & consulates in their countries. (The result of the application through the Embassies and Consulates will be finalized within two weeks.) In order to reach the application Form, you can visit this site: https://www.devotatenvikli.gov.tr/icveyi/c2931/ osmanharc Tasarimara-muracaati

You could print out the document or request it in person from the authorities.

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IRSAM

Research Center for Islamic History, Art and Culture

Description

IRSAM is one of the most important libraries focusing on Islamic & Ottoman Studies as well as in the social sciences in Turkey. The library has a vast collection in a great variety of social science areas, including Islamic culture, history and societies as well as Turkish history, culture and literature.

How to apply

To be able to get a membership, researchers must be post-graduate students or PhD students and teaching staff at a university. For application researchers need:

• One passport-size photograph

• Updated student document stating that the applicant is continuing in post-graduate or PhD studies.

• If the post-graduate or PhD studies have been completed, then a photocopy of the diploma or graduation document must be provided.

• Photocopy of teaching stall identification

• The "Readers" Application Form, can be obtained from the Library front desk, which must be filled out.

From Taksim - The quickest way will be using M2 Takırov Garı station. Get off at Gayrettepe Station and get in the bus 50A in Köprülio Kaşığı. Three stations later, you have to get off in Büyük Happy. By walking five minutes, you will finally reach IRSAM.

The SRII

Center for Islamic Studies Library

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ISAM

Library: Working Hours: Weekdays: 09:00-16:00 • Saturdays: 09:00-18:00

Museum: Working Hours: Weekdays: 09:00-18:00 • Saturdays: 09:00-18:00

Topkapı Palace Museum Collections

Description

In the Ottoman era, the heart of the government was Topkapı Palace. To this respect, all the significant documents were kept and registered in the Topkapı archives. Recently, the majority of the collection was transferred to the Ottoman Archives. Yet, the museum's collections still preserves the most important records. Today, Topkapı Palace Museum Collections is able to provide an online catalogue system to its researchers.

How to apply

Museum Collections are divided into two parts – the manuscript library which can be visited during the working hours. The other part is the archive, which foreign researchers have to send a letter which explains the reason for requesting the document. The letter should be sent via e-mail, after the admission of the application, researchers are required to get an appointment to have the documents.

From Taksim, you can use the bus 468 and get off in the Beyazıt station or you can use the Tunel subway line and get off in Karaköy. T1 (Istanbul Ferry) take the Karatay-Beşiktaş line which goes to “Sultanahmet station”.

IRCICA

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How to apply

The application process is the same for both of the foreigners and Turkish researchers. Foreigners can take a membership card in the registration and make their studies for free.

The application process is valid for all the four libraries. Owing to the fact that all the manuscripts were digitized, research sources can be provided either digital or physical copies. In order to get those copies from the Süleymaniye Library and the other libraries that are connected to the Directorate of Manuscripts, you have to fill out the “CD Request Form”.

The easiest way to reach the library is using tramline. If you take the tramline, get off the “Beyazıt stop” and then walk Beyazıt square. Take the street that is to the left of the...