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Research grant for a three-month-stay in Turkey and the Eastern Mediterranean

The board of the SWEDISH RESEARCH INSTITUTE IN ISTANBUL hereby announces one or several fellowship grants of **45 000 SEK** for the year **2026**.

The grant is awarded to scholars in human sciences with research focus on Istanbul, Turkey, the Eastern Mediterranean or culturally, historically or religiously affiliated areas. The grant is open to Nordic applicants, or applicants affiliated to Nordic universities. They should be PhD students (or merit themselves as such) or PhD holders. The application will be evaluated first and foremost on basis of its academic quality, but also based on the need and commitment of the applicant to be present in Istanbul and Turkey during the fellowship period. For those that have already received a grant from the institute, the quality of their previous fellowship report will be considered together with the application. Special attention is given to junior applicants who have not previously received the grant.

Grant holders will be considered fellows at the Swedish research institute in Istanbul. The grant should cover costs for travels to Turkey and a stay for up to **three months** in Turkey during 2026. Grant holders staying in Istanbul are provided with a guest room, free of cost, at the institute, located within the compound of the Swedish consulate general in Istanbul. The grant holder is expected to participate in the activities of the institute, present his or her research at one of the seminars arranged by the institute, and deliver a brief report of the stay, in the form of a personal presentation in the institute bulletin, at the end of the semester. The grant must be used during the specified period of time and will otherwise be refunded.

The application should include a research proposal with description of the planned activity in Turkey (3-5 pages) and a CV including a list of publications. The proposal should specify the intended period of stay and special needs at the institute. If the applicant has also applied for or received funding from other sources for the same proposal, this should be stated. Applications from PhD students should also be provided with a letter of recommendation from a supervisor.

The application should be sent as **ONE pdf-file**, addressed to the board of the Swedish Research Institute in Istanbul, under the e-mail sriiapplication@gmail.com **before October 31, 2025**. Incomplete applications will not be considered for grants.

Decisions on the applications will be taken in the first half of November 2025. Further inquiries should be directed to the secretary of the board, Dr Ragnar Hedlund (ragnar.hedlund@gustavianum.uu.se).