Columbia University’s Sakıp Sabancı Center for Turkish Studies is pleased to announce its annual Summer Fellowship competition for doctoral students in any area of Turkish Studies, including the study of Turkish-speaking peoples from ancient periods to the modern as well as the study of cultures and civilizations in the former territories of the Ottoman Empire and within the borders of the modern Republic of Turkey. Each fellowship carries a stipend of up to $3,000 and is designed to support library, archival, and collection research in Turkey of no less than one month during the summer of 2021.* Language training in Modern Turkish/Ottoman may be supported if qualified research needs can be demonstrated.**

The fellowship recipients will be known as Sakıp Sabancı Center Summer Fellows. All first through sixth-year PhD students in the Humanities and Social Sciences Division of the School of Arts and Sciences are eligible to apply as long as they are in good academic standing. Students who have received a Sakıp Sabancı Summer Fellowship previously may re-apply, but at equal qualification priority is given to first-time applicants. Fellowship funds may not be used to hire third parties to conduct on-site archival or field research for the fellowship recipient.

Students who wish to apply for a Sakıp Sabancı Center Summer Fellowship should submit to Sharon Kim (sakipsabancicenter@columbia.edu), administrative coordinator for the Sakıp Sabancı Fellowship Program: their CV, a statement (500–1500 words) explaining their research project, and a detailed research schedule describing the library, archival, or collection resources to be consulted and outlining the timetable for the project’s completion. The deadline for the submission of the application is Monday, May 3, 2021. The successful applicants will be notified by mid-May.

* In case the pandemic continues to prohibit travel to and onsite-research in Turkey, applicants are asked to identify alternatives to onsite research or to outline how they would conduct their projects from remote locations.

** Online language programs may be supported if the pandemic continues to prohibit travel and study abroad.