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Experience Turkey Before You Graduate!

Turkish Coalition of America's Study Abroad Scholarships and Study Tour Grants offer you a chance for an unforgettable experience in one of the most exciting destinations for studying abroad: *Turkey*.



What is TCA?

The *Turkish Coalition of America* (TCA) is a public charitable organization founded to promote goodwill between the United States and Turkey and to enhance a better understanding of Turkish American issues through public education.



TCA's Study Abroad in Turkey scholarship recipient Marbella Macedo poses in front of the Hagia Sofia in Istanbul Sultanahmet Area.

"Thank you for making my experience in Turkey possible. I have never learned so much while having so much fun with students from all over the world! I am really thankful for the "intercultural richness" here and I feel very privileged for the opportunities that are offered to students like me."

Juan Tec
TCA Scholarship Recipient

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■ The Study Abroad in Turkey Scholarships for African American, Hispanic American and Native American Students

The Turkish Coalition of America sponsors up to 100 “Study Abroad in Turkey” Scholarships per year for African American, Hispanic American and Native American students. These scholarships are awarded to eligible undergraduate and graduate level students who have been accepted to a university in Turkey, the Turkish Republic of Northern Cyprus, or Bosnia and Herzegovina.

Scholarships range from \$500 to \$2,000 and are intended to contribute towards the cost of studying abroad.

Why African American, Hispanic American and Native American Students?

Studies have shown that American minority students are largely underrepresented in study abroad programs. The *Turkish Coalition of America* supports African American, Hispanic American and Native American students through these scholarships with a view to making American minority students more competitive in the global marketplace, forge cultural and educational exchanges and foster a greater understanding abroad about diversity in America and the unique experiences, challenges and opportunities of American minorities.

“I want to personally thank you for the scholarship for my study abroad trip to Turkey. It was truly one of the greatest experiences of my life! To have never been out of the country and be given an opportunity like this was completely amazing. Without your scholarship I highly doubt that I would have been able to afford the trip. Thank you for such an amazing gift and opportunity.”

Ashley Ayers
TCA Scholarship Recipient

↑ TCA scholarship recipient Megan McGinnis (right) with a classmate enjoying a cruise on the Bosphorus.

■ Study Abroad in Turkey Scholarships for African American, Hispanic American and Native American Students

Apply Now!

Apply today if you are an undergraduate or graduate student who is:

- A U.S. Citizen of African-American, Hispanic/Latino, or Native American origin.
- Enrolled full-time, in good standing at an accredited U.S. college or university.
- Accepted into a Study Abroad program at a university in Turkey, Turkish Republic of Northern Cyprus or Bosnia and Herzegovina.
- Willing to share about experiences in Turkey with the TCA community and Diversity Abroad.

What is the Scholarship Amount?

For study in Turkey, in the Turkish Republic of Northern Cyprus, or in Bosnia and Herzegovina, scholarships range from \$500 to \$2,000 under the following criteria:

- \$2,000 for a semester or year.
- \$1,000 for studying the destination country's language.

- \$1,000 for university-based summer programs lasting for more than 4 weeks.
- \$ 500 for university-based summer programs lasting up to 4 weeks .
- \$500 for participants in university/college-sponsored study tours.

How do I apply?

Applications are accepted on a rolling basis. You can learn more about the application process under Scholarship on the TCA website, www.tc-america.org Applications must include:

- Completed application form (available online).
- A recent photograph.
- Documentation verifying enrollment in a study abroad program at a university in the qualifying countries.
- Resume.
- Official transcript (please send the original, NOT a copy. Transcript must be included with your application, NOT sent separately.)

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TCA's Study Abroad in Turkey Scholarship Program for African American, Hispanic American and Native American students is administered in conjunction with *Diversity Abroad*, an independent organization dedicated to increasing the participation of minority students in study abroad programs. Scholarship recipients are selected by Diversity Abroad and will receive a check from the *Turkish Coalition of America* prior to departure to Turkey for study abroad.

Please note that TCA and Diversity Abroad are not responsible for placing students at universities or for finding housing, internships or other forms of financing.

"Thank you for such an amazing experience, you have contributed to an everlasting memory that will be cherished for many years. The scholarship money you gave me really helped solidify my chances to go on the trip. Having had the opportunity to visit Turkey has changed my outlook on life and I really appreciate it. Thank you again for everything."

Christopher Hewett
TCA Scholarship Recipient

↑ TCA scholarship recipient Shenetta Payne (right) in Istanbul with other international students.

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■ Study Abroad in Turkey for Armenian American Students

The *Turkish Coalition of America* sponsors up to 100 “Study Abroad in Turkey” Scholarships per year for American students of Armenian descent. These scholarships are awarded to eligible undergraduate and graduate level students who have been accepted to a university in Turkey or in the Turkish Republic of Northern Cyprus.

“TCA’s scholarship enabled me to travel to Turkey, where I studied the language and history, familiarized myself with the culture, and visited the cities and villages of my ancestors.”

Aleksan Giragosian
TCA Scholarship Recipient

Why Armenian American Students?

TCA’s Study Abroad Scholarships for Armenian American students aim to enhance contacts between Turkish Americans and Armenian Americans to facilitate dialogue and build mutual understanding between the two communities.

“Turkey is a country of great diversity and wonderful splashes. It is an endless source of exploration and inspiration. I enjoyed the warm blooded attitude and hospitality of people and delicious deserts from East; contemporary art and urban life from West and the melody of Turkish language, which I tried to grasp as much as possible.”

Armine Avetisyan
TCA Scholarship Recipient

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Apply Now!

Apply today if you are an undergraduate or graduate student who is:

- U.S. citizen of Armenian descent.
- Enrolled full-time, in good standing at an accredited U.S. college or university.
- Accepted into a Study Abroad Program at a university in Turkey or the Turkish Republic of Northern Cyprus.
- Willing to share about experiences in Turkey with the TCA community.

What is the Scholarship Amount?

For study in Turkey or in the Turkish Republic of Northern Cyprus, scholarships range from \$500 to \$2,000 under the following criteria:

- \$2,000 for a semester or year.
- \$1,000 for studying Turkish.
- \$1,000 for university-based summer programs lasting 4 weeks or longer.
- \$500 for university-based summer programs up to 4 weeks.

How do I apply?

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Applications must include:

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Why Turkey?

Turkey has played a crucial role throughout history and remains a pivotal player in shaping our world today. Turkish culture reflects an unparalleled richness and diversity and remains mostly shaped by its deep roots in the Middle East, Anatolia and the Balkans, as well as by the Anatolian peninsula's unique position as a cradle of numerous civilizations across the ages.

With its ability to fuse East and West, Turkey offers invaluable insights for those who aspire to careers in international affairs, political science, humanities and business. As the cradle of civilizations, Turkey is where history comes alive.

"Turkey is by far the best place to study abroad. The people are wonderful. The food is delicious. The language is interesting and learnable. The culture is intense, vibrant and completely different than the U.S."

Alex Ebsary
Student

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Did You Know?

- Forming a bridge between Europe and Asia, Turkey is home to Istanbul - the only city in the world built on two continents.
- The ancient city of Troy is located in Turkey.
- Turkey is the birthplace of such consequential historic figures as *Homer*, *King Midas* and *St. Nicholas (Santa Claus)*.
- Turkey is home also to the ancient *Lycian* civilization, the birthplace of representational democracy that inspired the U.S. Constitution.
- Turkish food, along with Chinese and French, is ranked among the top three cuisines of the world.
- Turkey boasts hundreds of pristine beaches that carry the Blue Flag eco-label for their water quality, cleanliness and environmental management.
- Turkish is listed among the 13 Critical Languages designated by the U.S. State Department.
- With one-third of its population within the age range of 12-24, Turkey combines modernity and tradition in one of the safest countries in the region.
- A key NATO ally and a predominantly Muslim nation with a secular democracy and vibrant civil society,
- Turkey is the 16th largest economy in the world.



Quality Education

Turkey's higher education system, strongly influenced by American academic models, is comprised of universities that utilize the U.S. credit system with many institutions offering curriculums or degree programs entirely in English. Turkey has the second largest English-medium higher education system in Europe, only behind the United Kingdom.

Moreover, tuition and cost of living are lower in Turkey than in most European countries and the United States.

Friendly, Safe and Affordable

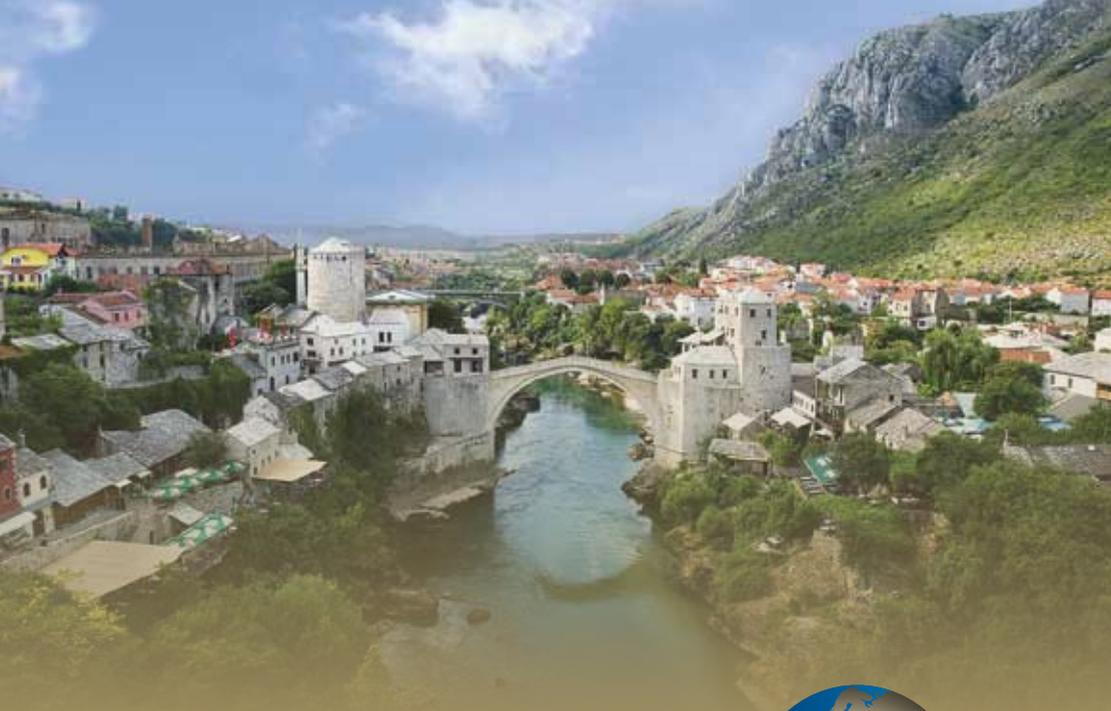
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TCA's first Study Abroad in Turkey scholarship recipient Joshua Lykes, poses in front of the Celsus Library in Ephesus.

"One of my other favorite things was Turkish hospitality – I had many opportunities to eat with Turkish families and made many friends."

Joshua Lykes
TCA Scholarship Recipient

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Why Bosnia and Herzegovina?



Bosnia and Herzegovina (BiH), much like Turkey, is known for its diverse, East-meets-West culture. Slightly smaller than the state of West Virginia, BiH is home to three 'constituents' or nationalities within its borders: Bosniaks (Bosnian Muslims), Bosnian Croats and Bosnian Serbs. Bosnia hosts a rich history from its Ottoman Turkish and Austro-Hungarian past and is located just a short trip away from many of Europe's most coveted destinations. BiH is a rewarding

study abroad destination for students of international affairs and conflict resolution as this Balkan destination grapples with nation building in the wake of the most devastating conflict in Europe since World War II.



Why Turkish Republic of Northern Cyprus?

The third largest island in the Mediterranean, Cyprus is located at the juncture of three continents, just 40 miles from Turkey. Like its neighbor to the North, the Turkish Republic of Northern Cyprus (TRNC) offers astonishingly beautiful sites and a rich cultural history. Praised for its picturesque settings and low cost of living, TRNC offers a wealth of experience in an intimate atmosphere. The island is also at the center of exciting political developments as negotiations between the Greek and Turkish Cypriot communities continue under UN mandate. English is widely spoken in TRNC providing for ease of communication.



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Turkey Study Tour Grant

In January 2011, the *Turkish Coalition of America* announced the TCA Turkey Study Tour Grant designed to support educational travel programs to Turkey by American universities and educational institutions.

TCA's grant subsidizes participation cost for students and provides a general incentive to American educational institutions to choose Turkey as a study tour destination.

To apply, interested institutions are advised to submit a letter of intent a minimum of four months prior to their planned travel date. Only institutions can apply and all applications must follow the proposed letter of intent format which can be found on the TCA website at www.tc-america.org. Minority students who participate in a Study Tour sponsored by a TCA Grant are not eligible for additional funding under the TCA Study Abroad Scholarship Program for minority students.



TCA's Study in Turkey Grant program is a great resource for making a study abroad opportunity in Turkey more affordable for students. The TCA knows what awaits visitors in Turkey and they are happy to assist the efforts of others toward a most enriching experience of discovery!

Chris Briddick

South Dakota State University

The grant made our students' experience in Turkey much richer. Every single participant has recommended the study tour to others. There is already a lot of interest for another Study Tour to Turkey.

Nasrin Shahinpoor

Hanover College

↑ South Dakota State University students making Turkish food "manti".

What Members of Congress Say About TCA's Study Abroad in Turkey Scholarship Program

Hon. Tom Cole

(Oklahoma/4th District)

the sole tribal enrolled Native American member of the US House of Representatives: "The Turkish Coalition of America is taking the lead in building understanding between the cultures of minority students in the US and their counterparts abroad. I am proud of the strong commitment of this organization to bridge the gap between Native American, African American and Latino students and the nation of Turkey."

Hon. Alcee Hastings

(Florida/23rd District)

Chairman of the Commission on Security and Cooperation in Europe (Helsinki Commission): "I laud TCA for reaching out to the African American community in establishing this scholarship program. I have always been very fond of Turkey and her people and have continued to support Turkish initiatives in Congress through my tenure. I look forward to working with TCA on such an important scholarship program."

Hon. Virginia Foxx

(North Carolina/5th District)

whose district has a Historically Black College and University institution, Winston-Salem State University: "I have enjoyed working with TCA in promoting U.S.-Turkish relations, and I am excited that TCA is providing the opportunity for more African American college students to study in Turkey. Students are going to love the beauty, history of Turkey and her people and will find an inspiring environment in pursuing their studies."

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