Program Description for Prospective Faculty

Program: TURKEY

Approximate Program Dates: Three weeks in May (Subject to change – final dates are set in August prior to the fall faculty orientation.)

Program Focus:
This program is designed to provide students with a variety of courses while they experience Turkish culture first hand. Course proposals are welcome from all academic fields, as long as they relate closely to Turkey.

Program Description:
Turkey, an ancient land bridge between Europe and Asia, has been a cultural crossroads for thousands of years. Numerous civilizations have had an impact on and been impacted by Turkey, leaving behind a rich culture, architectural wonders, and an artistic heritage that spans millennia. The program will be based in five beautiful cities (Istanbul, Ankara, Izmir, Mersin, and Antalya).

- Istanbul, previously Constantinople and Byzantium, is the largest city in Turkey and was a focal point along the Silk Road. It is considered the cultural, economic, and financial center of Turkey and the fifth largest in the world. Here, east meets west and the ancient lives side by side with the modern.
- Ankara is the capital of Turkey and the country’s second largest city. Centrally located in Anatolia, Ankara is an important commercial and industrial city. It is the center of the Turkish Government, and houses all foreign embassies. Students will be hosted by a top university in Ankara and partnered with students from the university for authentic cultural experiences.
- Izmir is the third largest city in Turkey and the second biggest port after Istanbul. Once the ancient city of Smyrna, Izmir is now a modern, developed, and busy commercial center, set around a huge bay and surrounded by mountains. While in Izmir, run-out excursions will include sites such as Ephesus, the partially rebuilt Roman city where a letter to an early church became the New Testament book of Ephesians, and a visit to the house where John brought Mary, mother of Jesus, to live out her days following the crucifixion.
- Mersin, a city dating back to 6300 BC, is a port city on the Mediterranean coast of southern Turkey. It is now a modern city with skyscrapers and internationally recognized universities. Partnering with one of these universities, students will be matched with peer students who will be excited to help share their culture and to learn about that of TnCIS students.
- Antalya, founded 150 BC, is a touristic city on the Mediterranean coast of southwestern Turkey. It is Turkey's largest Mediterranean city and is in an area known as the Turkish Riviera.

Responsibilities Prior to Departure:
Attend Faculty and Student Orientations
Recruit
Provide Syllabus

Responsibilities during the Program:
Teach Course
Assist with Excursions
Assist with Program Operations

Benefits:
Taxable two thousand and two hundred dollar honorarium (paid through your institution), individual single seat round trip airline ticket from Nashville, Tennessee, all in country ground transportation, housing, food, excursions including entry fees, and limited health insurance during the program abroad.

Expenses not covered by TnCIS:
Transportation to/from the airport, travel expenses to the faculty/student orientations, passport, full coverage health insurance, non-program sponsored excursions and entry fees, personal spending money.