TURKISH FLAGSHIP LANGUAGE INITIATIVE
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INTRODUCTION

The Turkish Flagship Language Initiative (TURFLI), an initiative of The Language Flagship, is a program designed to increase the number of Boren Scholars and Fellows engaged in the study of Turkish. Its purpose is to meet the critical need for specialists in a range of professional fields who are able to operate at the advanced proficiency level in Turkish.

NSEP currently operates the Regional Flagship Language Initiative model for African languages (French, Portuguese, and Swahili), South Asian languages (Hindi and Urdu), and Indonesian.
THE BOREN AWARDS OVERVIEW

• Scholarships (undergraduate) and Fellowships (graduate) funded by NSEP and administered by IIE

• Focus on:
  ➢ Long-term study abroad
  ➢ Serious language study
  ➢ US national security and public service

• Federal service opportunity
THE BOREN AWARDS AND TURFLI

• TURFLI student program expenses are fully funded and will be awarded directly to Boren Scholars and Fellows by IIE

• TURFLI participants will be determined through the standard Boren selection panel process (March – April), conducted by IIE. Only Boren recipients of Boren funding may participate in the TURFLI program

• There is no minimum proficiency requirement for TURFLI

• High levels of coordination with Boren Awards staff at IIE
2020 PROGRAM CYCLE

- **Fall, 2019**: Students apply for Boren Awards
- **Spring, 2020**: IIE selects TURFLI Boren Awardees
- **June, 2020**: Pre-program Boren Convocation
- **Summer, 2020**: TURFLI Boren Awardees attend summer domestic program
- **Fall, 2020**: TURFLI Boren Awardees attend fall overseas program
DOMESTIC SUMMER INTENSIVE COMPONENT

• Minimum of 8 weeks in length

• Curricular design:
  ➢ Accommodates a variety of language levels
  ➢ Maximizes exposure to and significant use of the target language
  ➢ Shared housing
  ➢ Additional interventions

• Assessment
OVERSEAS FALL COMPONENT

• Location outside of Turkey rated at Level 1 or Level 2 on the State Department Travel Advisory system. Students must be able to obtain a study visa issued by a country officially recognized by the US.

• The Overseas Partner

• Curricular Design:
  ➢ Articulation with the intensive summer program
  ➢ Accommodates a variety of language levels
  ➢ Enhancements that develop linguistic, regional and cultural expertise

• Housing:
  ➢ Maximum language usage
  ➢ Safety and security

• Assessment

• Risk Management and Student Support
ELIGIBILITY

• U.S. Institutions of Higher Education

• Ability to demonstrate capacity to provide domestic intensive summer language instruction, followed by fall overseas language instruction, in Turkish at a variety of levels
EVALUATION CRITERIA

- Plan of Operation
- Maximum Exposure to Language
- Experience in Turkish Language Programming
- Assessment
- Risk Management and Student Support
- Coordination and Articulation
- Budget and Cost Effectiveness
FUNDING DETAILS

• Anticipate funding one cost-reimbursable award

• Up to $300,000 per Project Year, covering administrative costs associated with the development and implementation of the domestic summer intensive and fall overseas programs

• All student costs will be provided to participants through individual Boren Scholarships and Fellowships, and should not be included in the proposal budget
PROJECT TIMELINE

• Initial funding period: January 1, 2020 – December 31, 2020

• Potential to renew three additional years, contingent upon success of the program and the future availability of funds:
  ➢ January 1, 2021 – December 31, 2021
  ➢ January 1, 2022 – December 31, 2022
  ➢ January 1, 2023 – December 31, 2023
FUNDING TIMELINE

- August 15, 2019: Proposal Deadline
- August - September 2019: Selection Panel
- Mid September, 2019: Notification of Finalist
- October – November, 2019: Project Order Negotiation
- January 1, 2020: Awards Begin
- Summer 2020: Domestic Intensive Program
- Fall 2020: Overseas Semester
Questions?
Please submit additional questions to: flagship@iie.org

Submission Deadline: August 15, 2019