



AMERICAN RESEARCH CENTER IN SOFIA ACADEMIC PROGRAM FELLOWSHIP COMPETITION

THE PROGRAMS

The American Research Center in Sofia (ARCS), Bulgaria, offers three programs with accompanying fellowships for the academic year 2011-2012: a Fall term program (September-November 2011) focusing on the history and archaeology of Bulgaria and neighboring countries, from prehistory to the present day; a Spring term program (February-April 2012) focusing on the history of religion in Bulgaria and neighboring countries; and a nine-month program (September 2011-May 2012) which incorporates both Fall and Spring term programs. The programs combine a formal academic curriculum with independent research. ARCS hosts the programs' lectures and seminars; organizes related study trips; facilitates opportunities for taking Bulgarian and other Balkan language classes; and provides logistical support and access to local libraries, museums, and other educational institutions. The Center engages the participants with eminent local scholars relevant to the field of their study and makes arrangements for specialized research at local institutions. Further details about these programs are available on the ARCS webpage (www.einaudi.cornell.edu/arcs) and the ARCS facebook group page (www.facebook.com/group.php?gid=106253216070705).

THE FELLOWSHIPS

ARCS plans to offer three fellowships for the Fall term program, three for the Spring term program, and one for the nine-month program. The fellowships include a monthly stipend (\$550/month), housing in Bulgaria, language instruction, travel expenses within the academic program, and up to \$1,000 for travel expenses between North America and Bulgaria.



Frescoes in the Church of St. George, Kjustendil



Elenska Basilica, Pirdop

ELIGIBILITY

Graduate students engaged in research on ancient, medieval, or modern Bulgaria or the Balkan peninsula, in any field of the humanities and social sciences, are eligible for all three programs. The Fall term and Spring term programs are also open to advanced undergraduate students with similar research interests. Non-U.S. applicants are expected to maintain an affiliation with an educational institution in the United States or Canada. School and university faculty may apply to be admitted for the Fall term or Spring term program, but are ineligible for ARCS fellowships. The American Research Center in Sofia does not discriminate on the basis of race, age, sex, sexual orientation, color, religion, ethnic origin, or disability when considering admission to its programs.

APPLICATION PROCEDURE

A complete application consists of: the ARCS application form (available at www.einaudi.cornell.edu/arcs/annualprogram.pdf); a project proposal describing how participation in the ARCS academic program will serve your research interests (not to exceed three double-spaced pages); a current cv; academic transcripts; and two letters of reference from scholars familiar with your work. These materials must be submitted by email to Professor Kevin Clinton (kmc1@cornell.edu), Chair of the ARCS Fellowship Committee, by February 15, 2011. ARCS expects to notify applicants of the decision of the Fellowship Committee by April 1, 2011.

CONTACT

Please direct any questions about ARCS academic programs, fellowships, or application procedures to Professor Denver Graninger (graninger.arcs@gmail.com), Director of ARCS.
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