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**Study Abroad in Turkey  
Scholarships for  
Minority Students**

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# Experience Turkey Before You Graduate!

*Turkish Coalition of America's partial scholarships offer you a chance for an unforgettable experience in one of the most exciting destinations for studying abroad: Turkey.*

## **The Study Abroad in Turkey Scholarships for American Minority Students**

*The Turkish Coalition of America is pleased to sponsor up to 100 "Study Abroad in Turkey" Scholarships per year for American minority students. 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 (TRNC).*

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

"The need to build bridges between cultures cannot be overstated."

*G. Lincoln McCurdy  
President of the Turkish  
Coalition of America*

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## 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.*

## Why Minority Students?

Studies have shown that American minority students are largely under-represented in study abroad programs. *The Turkish Coalition of America* would like to support study abroad opportunities for American minority students through these scholarships. While helping to broaden the horizons for American minority students, it is TCA's goal to foster a greater understanding in Turkey about diversity in America and the unique experiences, challenges and opportunities of American minorities.

"Studying in Turkey is a once in a lifetime opportunity. I wouldn't have been able to do this on my own. With this scholarship, now I'm here!"

*Salem Tsegaye*  
TCA Scholarship Recipient

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

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## Why Turkey?

Turkey has played a crucial role throughout history and remains a pivotal player in shaping our world. Located at the crossroads of numerous civilizations, Turkey is an exciting fusion of both the traditional and the modern.

Forming the bridge between Europe and Asia, Turkey is home to:

- *Istanbul*, the only city in the world built on two continents
- The site of the *Trojan War*, near the ancient city of *Troy*
- The birthplace of such consequential historic figures as *Homer*, *King Midas* and *St. Nicholas (Santa Claus)*.



A key NATO ally and a predominantly Muslim nation with a secular democracy and vibrant civil society, Turkey plays an integral role in forming U.S. policies in the Balkans, the Middle East, Central Asia and the Caucasus. Located at the crossroads of East and the West, Turkey offers invaluable insights for those who aspire to careers in international affairs. The importance of Turkey to the United States, and indeed the world, has been recently confirmed by *President Barack Obama*'s visit to Turkey, during which he underscored its importance to the West and the United States, while amplifying his Administration's messages toward the Muslim world.

"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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# 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. Nevertheless, the island is at the center of exciting political developments as negotiations between the Greek and Turkish Cypriots continue under UN mandate. English is widely spoken on the TRNC providing for ease of communication.

## Quality Education

The high quality of education offered in Turkish and TRNC universities and colleges is an excellent match to the wealth of opportunities available outside the classroom. Turkish institutes of higher education meet internationally accepted degree requirements and host some of the finest teaching staff in the world.



"I was very impressed by the education I received in Turkey. It was top notch."

*Nathan Lawler*  
Graduate Student

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## Friendly, Safe and Affordable

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. As an added bonus, tuition and cost of living are lower in Turkey than in most European countries and the U.S.

"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

↑ TCA's first Study Abroad in Turkey scholarship recipient  
Joshua Lykes, poses in front of the Blue Mosque in Istanbul.



## 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 or Turkish Republic of Northern Cyprus (TRNC)
- Willing to share about experiences in Turkey with the TCA community and Diversity Abroad

To apply, please visit us at:

[http://www.tc-america.org/scholar\\_abroad.html](http://www.tc-america.org/scholar_abroad.html)

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## What is the Scholarship Amount?

For study in Turkey or the Turkish Republic of Northern Cyprus (TRNC), scholarships range from \$500 to \$2,000 and are as follows:

- \$2,000 for a semester or year
- \$1,000 for studying the Turkish language
- \$1,000 for summer programs lasting for more than 4 weeks
- \$ 500 for summer programs lasting up to 4 weeks sponsored by U.S. educational institutions or Turkish/TRNC universities
- \$500 for participants in university/college-sponsored study tours to Turkey or the TRNC.

Global citizens cannot be made only in a classroom. TCA's generous scholarship helps American minority students – who rank lower in participation in study abroad programs - gain an appreciation for another culture by first-hand experience."

*Andrew Gordon*  
Founder of Diversity Abroad

## How do I apply?

Applications are accepted on a rolling basis.

You can learn more about the application process at [http://www.tc-america.org/scholar\\_abroad.html](http://www.tc-america.org/scholar_abroad.html).

Applications must include:

- Completed Application form (available online)
- Your photo
- Documentation verifying that you will be participating in a study abroad program at a university in Turkey or the Turkish Republic of Northern Cyprus
- Your resume on a single 8.5 x 11' sheet of paper
- Official transcript (please send the original, NOT a copy. Transcript must be included with your application, NOT sent separately.)

"Minority students should apply for this scholarship because Turkey is such a wonderful place to learn about culture."

*Megan McGinnis*  
TCA Scholarship Recipient

■ This scholarship is administered by 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.

■ This scholarship is designed to contribute toward the cost of studying in Turkey. While Turkey is one of the more affordable study abroad locations, please consult with your study abroad program for more information about what to expect for tuition and living expenses.

■ Please note that TCA and Diversity Abroad are not responsible for placing students at universities in Turkey or the Turkish Republic of Northern Cyprus. We also are not responsible for finding housing, internships or other forms of financing.

## What Members of Congress are Saying About TCA's Study Abroad in Turkey Scholarship Program

### ***Hon. Tom Cole***

*(Republican-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. Virginia Foxx***

*(Republican-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."

### ***Hon. Alcee Hastings***

*(Democrat-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. Carolyn Cheeks Kilpatrick***

*(Democrat-Michigan/13th District),* a former chair of the Congressional Black Caucus: "I commend the Turkish Coalition of America for its efforts to build bridges between the United States and Turkey. I support this initiative, which provides African American students with the opportunity to expand their knowledge about our important ally and to experience life in a critical part of the world."

### ***Hon. Solomon Ortiz***

*(Democrat-Texas/27th District),* a member of both the Congressional Hispanic and Turkish Caucuses: "There is a finite amount of knowledge that can be obtained from reading a text book and attending a lecture. Only through unique study abroad programs, like those sponsored by the Turkish Coalition of America, will we be able to educate our Latino and minority students about the vast cultures of the world and prepare them to be part of the global community."

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