The Asia Minor and Pontos Hellenic Research Center (AMPHRC) announces new funds to support original research projects on the study of Hellenism in Asia Minor.

The AMPHRC is pleased to announce the availability of scholarships for original research on the history of Hellenism in Asia Minor, Eastern Thrace, and Pontos (jointly referred to as "Asia Minor"), including its destruction in the early twentieth century by two consecutive Turkish regimes. The availability of these funds is made possible due to a special arrangement between the Ivan Savvidis Foundation Scholarship Fund and the AMPHRC.

According to Dr. Anastasia Giannakidou, Professor at the University of Chicago and chair of the academic committee of the AMPHRC, “The Ivan Savvidis Foundation shares our concern to promote and fund new research on this very important but terribly understudied history. With their support, we will be able to assist scholars to publish new articles and books on the topic, as well as encourage new scholars to undertake this field of study.”

Since its founding, the AMPHRC has been dedicated to expanding the knowledge of contemporary scholars, and informing the public at large about the history and genocide of Greeks in Asia Minor. The AMPHRC has sponsored several international conferences in Chicago and New York, established an office and research library, has created a curriculum for high school use, and published several noteworthy books.

The Ivan Savvidis Foundation is dedicated to supporting Orthodox communities with the reconstruction and building of churches, to supporting educational institutions, and contributing to the development of world-wide Hellenism.

The AMPHRC invites original research proposals from qualified individuals (recent PhDs, PhD students, postdoctoral and senior scholars). The Center is particularly interested in the period approximately between 1821 to 1924, and the topic of the genocide, known also as “The Great Catastrophe”. We are also interested in subjects such as, e.g., the social, political and economic life of Greeks in the Ottoman Empire, the policy of Greece regarding the Greeks of Asia Minor, the genocide, and the Greek Diaspora.

Candidates are encouraged to use our Research Center’s large collection of books and documents on the history and destruction of Hellenism in Asia Minor, Pontos and Eastern Thrace.
Candidates may visit and conduct part or all of their research in our library. Partial reimbursement for traveling and accommodation expenses will be available.

As a condition of the scholarship, the research of the applicants must provide a publishable scholarly article or book or book chapter within the amount of time specified at the beginning of the funding. The Center is interested in seeing original research published, and will work with authors to see the fruits of their efforts published in an academic, peer-reviewed form. The work will also be reported on in select newspapers, so that the research may reach not only other scholars, but also the wider audiences.

Candidates from around the world are eligible to apply. Proposals for research to be published in English will be preferred. Participants will be chosen primarily, but not exclusively, from those specializing in history or social sciences, including political science, sociology, anthropology, linguistics, and philosophy.

Applications must include the following:

1. Cover letter providing a brief introduction of the applicant and how the proposal fits the AMPHRC’s mission and the application criteria.
2. Detailed description of the research proposal and an explanation of what its original contribution to the field will be.
3. Professional CV.
4. Expenses associated with the research project and the amount being sought.
5. A description of how the support of the AMPHRC and the Ivan Savvidis Foundation will be acknowledged.

A qualified selection committee will review all applications and choose the successful candidates by the following criteria. Candidates will be notified within a month regarding acceptance or rejection of their submission.

Criteria for qualification and paper acceptance:

1. Master's or PhD is a requirement.
2. The research and eventual paper must contain an original analysis.
3. Previously published papers or projects are not accepted.
4. The final paper can vary in size depending on publication requirements.

The deadline for applications is May 20, 2017.

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