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Dear Professor Dr. Alper Akinoglu:

On behalf of my colleagues in the Office of International Programs at the State University of New York (SUNY) System Administration, I would like to wish you and your academic staff and students success in the new 2006-2007 academic year. We are looking forward to working with you in continuing to develop collaborative educational links and initiatives as part of the SUNY-YOK educational partnership.

One of our most successful and mutually beneficial initiatives is the Southeastern Anatolia Junior Faculty Development Project – a unique partnership between SUNY System, YOK and a number of universities in the GAP region. It is intended as both a staff development project to prepare assistant professors for remotely located and newly established universities, and as a way to bring faculty members together for joint research and other long-term collaborative projects. Attached to this letter, for your information and background, are two relevant documents describing the project's general outline and July 2006 call for applications for the second intake of candidates.

Currently, we have 12 graduate students doing their required coursework at SUNY's research centers. We hope that the second group will include a larger number of well-qualified students and a wider scope of universities in the GAP region. In that effort and in view of SUNY's partnership with the Turkish Higher Education Council and universities, I would like to elicit your help and support to make the GAP junior faculty development project a well known and available educational opportunity at your university.

You and your colleagues can provide invaluable assistance in recruiting well-qualified applicants by encouraging eligible candidates to apply. This would ensure that all junior faculty at your institutions have knowledge of and access to an excellent professional development opportunity which will benefit them personally and your and our institutions professionally in addition to laying a solid foundation for a strong and long-term university to university linkage.

Please let us know if you have any questions and or comments. You will find attached contact information on how to reach us here at SUNY in Albany and in our office in Ankara should you need additional information.

We all greatly appreciate your support and assistance with this request and we are looking forward to working with you and your university on the GAP junior faculty development project.

Sincerely,



Robert R. Gosende
Associate Vice Chancellor
for International Programs

T.R. YÜKSEKÖĞRETİM KURULU

ACCORDING TO THE 33rd CLAUSE OF THE TURKISH HIGHER EDUCATION LAW NUMBER 2547, SUCCESSFUL CANDIDATES WILL BE APPOINTED TO THE POSITION OF RESEARCH ASSISTANT AND WILL BE SENT TO THE UNITED STATES TO OBTAIN THEIR Ph.D. DEGREE

The candidates who meet the under mentioned conditions, whose applications are approved and who are successful at their oral examination, will be appointed according to academic ranking and availability. These candidates will be appointed to Atatürk, Çukurova, Firat, Gaziantep, Harran, Kafkas, Kahramanmaraş Sütçü İmam, Karadeniz Teknik, Yüzüncü Yıl and Zonguldak Karadeniz Universities in the following degrees; Agricultural Sciences, Veterinary Medicine, Environmental Sciences, Forestry, Computer Sciences, Management Information Systems, Teaching English as a Foreign Language, Management, Electrical-Electronic Engineering, Mechanical Engineering and Physics. The successful candidates will be appointed to complete the coursework required for their degree in the United States and subsequently will complete most of their thesis work in Turkey. Candidates are required to submit their application form and all under mentioned documentation to the following address by 06.06.2006. The date and time of the oral examination will be announced via the internet on a later date.

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1) INDIVIDUAL CONDITIONS

Candidates must:

- Be Turkish citizens.
- Be born on or after 01.01.1979. This date can be one year earlier for those candidates who completed their military service in the extended time period or who studied two years of preparation courses as a result of the foreign language medium of their high school and higher education institution being different. For whatever reason, if a candidate corrected their birth date after their 18th birthday, their birth date prior to the correction will be used.
- Have a master's degree or be eligible to complete their master's degree by July 31, 2006.
- (Male candidates only) Not have any affiliation with their required military service (In other words male candidates need to have completed their military service, have already postponed the start date of their military service or be eligible to postpone the start date of their military service)
- Be in good health. (Candidates who are successful at their oral examination will be asked to provide a health report.)
- Meet all conditions required to be appointed as a federal employee.
- Not have received any disciplinary punishment other than disapproval, during their high school or university education.
- Obtain at least a score of 60 in the related area of study on the Postgraduate Education Entrance Examination (LES) or a total score of 950 on the "Verbal" and "Quantitative" sections in addition to at least a score of 3.5 on the "Analytical Writing" section of the GRE Examination. (Note:2)

2. ACADEMIC CONDITIONS

Candidates must:

- Have completed their bachelor's and master's degrees in related areas.
- Have completed their bachelor's degree on time. (Semesters taken off due to family, health or similar issues are acceptable) If the candidate transferred to another major or pursued a double major and therefore didn't graduate on time, we will evaluate their situation on case by case basis.
- The candidate's academic average for their bachelors degree must be at least 2.3 on a 4.0 scale, 7 on a 10 scale or 70 on a 100 scale or their academic average within the last two years must be at least 3.0 on a 4.0 scale, 8 on a 10 scale or 80 on a 100 scale or they must have completed their bachelors degree as valedictorian, salutatorian or third in class. (In this situation written verification is required). These averages will be evaluated according to the grading system of the candidate's university and will not be compared with each other. The academic average of postgraduate education will not be taken into consideration.

3. FOREIGN LANGUAGE CONDITIONS:

Candidates are required to have a minimum score of 213 on the old TOEFL examination or a minimum score of 74 on the new TOEFL examination. Candidates who have a score of at least 180 points on the old TOEFL or a score of 64 on the new TOEFL can also apply provided that they have at least a score of 60 points on the UDS/KPDS examinations. These candidates will need to fulfill the TOEFL requirement by January 30, 2007. (Note:2)

ALL CANDIDATES ARE REQUIRED TO SUBMIT:

- Application Form
- Two reference letters from faculty members of the candidate institution of higher education
- Transcript
- Postgraduate Education Examination (LES) score (taken on or after May 2004) or GRE score (taken on or after 2004). Those candidates who have not yet taken these examinations or those candidates who will be retaking these examinations can still submit their application as long as they provide proof that they will be taking the GRE or the Postgraduate Education Examination (LES) scheduled on May 21, 2006.
- Foreign Language Certificate (TOEFL, KPDS or UDS taken on or after 2004.)

NOTE: Candidates who are successful at their oral exam will be required:

- To independently apply to the appropriate State University of New York campus. (After their appointment as research assistants)
- To meet the foreign language and GRE conditions set by the institution they apply to. If they do not meet these conditions by January 30, 2007 their appointment will be withdrawn.
- To continue their duties at the institutions they are appointed to, up until the time they leave the country.
- To fulfill compulsory duty. The duration will be the total of twice the length of time spent on Ph.D. coursework in the United States and the equivalent of time spent on the thesis in Turkey.

COSTS COVERED BY THE TURKISH HIGHER EDUCATION COUNCIL:

Applicants have been awarded a scholarship from the Turkish Higher Education Council for graduate study at The State University of New York. The scholarship will cover the candidate's tuition, fees, living expenses (including housing), books, health insurance and travel.

LENGTH OF SCHOLARSHIP:

The scholarship will cover the costs of the MBA/MS degree (if needed), PhD coursework and PhD dissertation defense period. It is expected that students will return to their home university in Turkey for research and dissertation writing, while under the supervision of a joint U.S.-Turkish dissertation committee. Please see details on the next page.

General outline of the collaborative program funded by this scholarship

This outline may be adapted to the specific field of study and graduate program.

Master's degree:	Completed at the SUNY campus
Doctoral coursework:	Completed at the SUNY campus
Admission to Candidacy or Qualifying Examinations:	Administered by the SUNY campus
Dissertation committee*:	Comprised of SUNY faculty and at least one faculty member from the student's university in Turkey
Research:	Conducted at the Turkish university
Dissertation writing:	In Turkey OR in New York, per dissertation committee
Dissertation defense:	Completed at the SUNY campus

DETAILS OF THE SCHOLARSHIP AND COLLABORATIVE PROGRAM:

What it is: The scholarship is part of a collaborative program between The State University of New York and the Turkish Higher Education Council (Turkey's government body that oversees the country's 77 universities). As part of a broad system-to-system partnership between the two institutions, the Southeastern Anatolia Collaboration involves several new universities in the developing Southeastern Anatolia region of Turkey. It is intended as both a staff development project—to prepare assistant professors for these remotely located universities—and a way to bring faculty members together for joint research and other collaborative projects.

Selection: Each scholarship recipient has been selected by the Turkish Higher Education Council on the basis of a nationwide competitive examination, academic record and eligibility. Following selection, each recipient has been assigned to a university in the Southeastern Anatolia region of Turkey to begin work as a research assistant until admission to a State University of New York campus.

Admission: Candidates must meet admission requirements of the State University of New York campus, including English language proficiency.

Program: Upon admission and enrollment, the student will begin his or her coursework at the State University campus. The dissertation committee for the student will be comprised of faculty members from the State University campus and from the student's Turkish university, to jointly supervise the student's work. A coordinator at the Turkish Higher Education Council will assist the students in selecting a faculty member from his or her university in Turkey. After successfully completing all doctoral coursework, each student must pass the appropriate admission to candidacy or qualifying examinations, then return to the home university in Turkey to begin conducting research. When the research phase is completed, the student will return to the State University campus to write (if suitable) and defend his or her dissertation. The student and his or her committee may decide that the dissertation should be written mainly in Turkey.

Note regarding students who have not yet received master's degrees: *These students should complete the necessary master's level coursework and thesis work required to begin PhD studies. This may entail students seeking entry to a master's program and completing a MS/MA degree before admission to a doctoral program. Faculty from both institutions should jointly supervise the master's level students as much as is possible.*

Travel: The student's advisor from Turkey will travel to the State University campus to meet with the other dissertation committee members for program planning and supervision. It is hoped that the faculty members will find mutual areas of interest and begin undertaking joint projects. During the research phase, the student's SUNY advisor should travel to Turkey for supervision and consultation.

Visas:

Students: Upon successful completion of the doctoral degree, each student will return to Turkey to begin teaching in the faculty at the home university. In accordance with the requirements of this scholarship program, for each year that is spent in the U.S., the student must serve two years in Turkey. Because of this condition, J-1 visas should be issued by the State University of New York campuses.

Further details regarding the program, scholarships and the travel grants for faculty members may be obtained from:

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