Global Citizenship
Professional Development Application
Istanbul, Turkey: June 21 – July 4, 2015
Application Deadline (via email submission only): April 1, 2015

Santa Monica College’s commitment to foster Global Citizenship continues with a new initiative for professional development during the Summer of 2015. The program will introduce a team of fifteen SMC faculty and staff to the lands and peoples of Turkey, highlighting present-day issues and trends against the region’s deep historical backdrop. Over the course of two weeks, participants will attend lectures and seminars led by host institution faculty, explore Istanbul and its surroundings, and take a trip to Cappadocia. Upon their return, participants are expected to contribute to the Global Citizenship initiative.

Background – Global Citizenship
Launched in 2007, the Global Citizenship initiative at Santa Monica College develops and promotes activities that prepare students for the 21st Century. Such preparation includes awareness of the social, cultural, and environmental transformations taking place in our world of unprecedented global interconnection, attitudes of tolerance and respect for diversity and of anticipation and adaption toward global change; skillful command of the technologies that revolutionize the way we obtain information and interact with each other, and a commitment to act as responsible global citizens through political engagement, entrepreneurship, and community service. Visit www.smc.edu/globalcitizenship for more information about the initiative. One facet of Santa Monica College’s global identity is its large body of international students. With a population of over 3,400 as of Fall 2014, SMC boasts the second largest total of F-1 students among community colleges nationwide including our students from Turkey which rank in SMC’s top 10 of the overall F-1 populations. This professional development program provides an opportunity to learn first-hand about the diverse cultures, history, and traditions of this segment of our student body. The program also supports infusion of global perspectives into SMC’s curriculum and campus life.

Background – Turkey
A mesmerizing mix of the exotic and the familiar, Turkey is much more than its clichéd image of a “bridge between East and West”. Invaded and settled from every direction since the start of recorded history, it combines influences from the Middle East and the Mediterranean, the Balkans and Central Asia. Mosques coexist with churches, Roman theatres and temples crumble near ancient Hittite cities, and dervish ceremonies and gypsy festivals are as much a part of the social landscape as classical music concerts or football matches.

The friendliness of the Turkish people makes visiting a pleasure; indeed you risk causing offence by declining invitations, and find yourself making friends through the simplest of transactions. At the big resorts and tourist spots, of course, this can merely be an excuse to sell you something, but elsewhere, despite a history in which outsiders have so often brought trouble, the warmth and generosity are genuine.

Politically, modern Turkey was a grand experiment, largely the creation of one man – Kemal Atatürk. With superhuman energy, he salvaged the Turkish state from the wreckage of the Ottoman Empire and defined it as a modern, secular nation. Following 2011’s record-breaking third successive election victory by the AKP (Justice and Development Party), largely supported by conservative Muslims, some secular Turks fear an Iranian-style Islamic theocracy. This seems most unlikely, however, in a
country that has been a multi-party democracy for over sixty years, and successfully blended secularism, parliamentary democracy and global capitalism with Islam.

Despite official efforts to enforce a uniform Turkish identity, the population is remarkably heterogeneous. When the Ottoman Empire imploded, refugees streamed into Anatolia, including Muslim Slavs, Greeks, Albanians, Crimean Tatars, Daghestanlis, Abkhazians and Circassians. There they joined an already mixed population that included a very sizeable minority of Kurds. Thanks to recent arrivals from former Soviet or Eastern Bloc territories, that diversity endures. Another surprise may be Turkey’s sheer youthfulness: more than half the population is under thirty, with legions of young people working in coastal resorts, and shoals of schoolkids surging through the city streets.

A huge part of Turkey’s appeal lies in its archeological sites, a legacy of the bewildering succession of states – Hittite, Urartian, Phrygian, Greek, Hellenistic, Roman, Byzantine, Armeno-Georgian – that held sway here before the twelfth century. From grand Classical cities to hilltop fortresses and remote churches, some still produce exciting new finds today. In addition, Turkey holds a vast number of graceful Islamic monuments, as well as intriguing city bazaars, still hanging on amid the chain stores and shopping malls. Sadly, ugly modern architecture spoils most coastal resorts, where it’s often hard to find a beach that matches the tourist-board hype. Inland Turkey, with its Asiatic expanses of mountain, steppe, lake, and even cloud-forest, may leave a more vivid memory, especially when accented by some crumbling kervansaray, mosque or castle.

This professional development program includes the following:

- All accommodation and most meals (some meals are at the expense of participant) for the duration of the program (June 21 – July 4, 2015)
- Lectures and in-country travel in Turkey during the duration of the program
- Up to $1500 toward the cost of roundtrip economy/coach airfare from LAX to Istanbul. Participants will need to make their own travel arrangements. Only airfare is reimbursable, and any additional costs incurred (hotels, domestic tickets, transportation to/from the airport is NOT a reimbursable expense.) Please note that you will be reimbursed for the airfare (up to $1500) after the completion of the trip. The host institution will coordinate pickups from the airport. Participants arriving outside of those times will be responsible for their own transportation from the airport to the host institution accommodations.
- iNext travel insurance for the duration of the program
- Single entry visa for Turkey

The program does not cover the following expenses:

- Transportation to/from LAX from home residence
- Phone/Internet, excess baggage, laundry, personal/incidental expenses, inoculations, as recommended by your physician
- Additional accommodation or travel prior/post program
- Participants are responsible to secure their own passport and visa. Please note that all passports must be valid for a minimum of 8 months after completion of travel.
Expectations of Participants
Participating in the Turkey Summer Program provides the opportunity for each participant to develop his/her own global citizenship, intercultural knowledge, and expertise. In turn, the College expects each participant to return and put his or her knowledge to use — to become campus leaders in promoting global citizenship, both as an individual and as part of the SMC team going to Turkey.

Group Project
The group selected will work together before departing to Turkey and on the trip itself to develop a project that will enhance global citizenship at SMC. There will be two meetings before departure to begin development of the project and some readings to help prepare for the expedition. While in Turkey the group will continue to work together as they engage in this once-in-a-lifetime global experience. Upon return from the trip, there will a debriefing meeting about the trip. In the Fall 2015 semester the group will begin implementation of the project and present it to the SMC community in a campus wide forum during activity hour.

Individual Project
Each individual's leadership in global citizenship can take various forms — leading projects and events, developing curriculum, or developing new programs. Please see below under “options” for more details.

Eligibility
All full time and part time faculty, permanent classified staff, and administrators are eligible and encouraged to apply for these opportunities. While all faculty members are encouraged to apply for this opportunity, priority will be given to full time faculty. Please inform your Department Chair or direct supervisor that you are applying.
Application
To apply to be a participant in the 2015 Turkey Summer Program, please respond to these questions (no more than 2 pages):

In considering your response, you may want to read the reports of the Global Citizenship Task Force as well as the subsequent activities of the Global Work Group at: www.smc.edu/globalcitizenship

1. Name, position, department, email, phone number, supervisor’s name

2. What is your interest in global citizenship?

3. How will participating in the 2015 Turkey Program support those interests?

4. In addition to serving on the Global Citizenship Council (which usually meets the second Thursday of the month during the Spring/Fall semester), what other activity will you commit upon your return? In your narrative, please rank your choices from the below. Selected administrators and classified staff will participate in one of the below activities. Instructional faculty are encouraged to participate in one of the below activities. Please cite your preferred option in your application.

   a. Option 1: Serve on the annual Research Symposium judging panel (May 2016)
   b. Option 2: Serve on Study Abroad Scholarship selection committee (2015-16 Academic Year)
   c. Option 3: Assist with coordination of SMC’s International Education Week (November 2015)

5. Instructional Faculty - how do you think learning more about global citizenship will enhance your teaching? How will you approach developing modules/lessons based on this experience into your existing curriculum/course? If selected, instructional faculty members will develop a module(s) based on this experience for an existing course he/she teaches to be implemented in the Fall 2015 or Spring 2016 semester. This revised curriculum will also be posted on the www.smc.edu/globalcitizenship website to share with the SMC community.

Please note that there will be two required pre-departure meetings to discuss details and program logistics. The meetings will be held on Friday, April 24th and Friday, May 1st from 12:30 pm – 3:00 pm (lunch will be provided). If you are selected for the program, please make arrangements to be available during these times.

The DEADLINE is WEDNESDAY, APRIL 1, 2015

We anticipate notifying applicants by April 14, 2015 of the status of their application. Please email your document to GlobalCitizenship@smc.edu In the subject line put your name and program.