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**Ministry for Culture and
Tourism of the Republic of
Turkey**

**Ministry of National Education
of the Republic of Turkey**

On behalf of the Ministry of Tourism and Cultural Heritage of the Republic of Uzbekistan, allow us to extend our greetings and have the honour to inform on the following:

In 2018, at the Summit of the Shanghai Cooperation Organization (SCO) in Qingdao, China, H.E. Mr. Shavkat Mirziyoyev, the President of the Republic of Uzbekistan, initiated the establishment of "Silk Road" International University of Tourism and Cultural Heritage in the ancient city of Samarkand. The University is a leading institution in Uzbekistan, preparing qualified professionals in the fields of tourism, cultural heritage, museum management and creative industries.

In order to further expand cooperation in education sector and strengthen mutual diplomatic ties between SCO member states, observer states and dialogue partners, the President of the Republic of Uzbekistan awarded **educational grants for graduate programmes** at the "Silk Road" University. As such, five grants are allocated for candidates from Turkey.

The University invites talented students from Turkey to fulfill **five grant positions** for the Academic year of 2022-2023. Considering the fact that the applications are accepted until July 10, 2022, we kindly ask for your assistance in facilitating the selection process and receiving a list of candidates from Turkey willing to study in one of the graduate programs of "Silk Road" International University of Tourism and Cultural Heritage.

(detailed information is attached)

Appendix: 2 lists.

With regards,

Aziz Abdukhakimov
Deputy Prime Minister - Minister of Tourism and
Cultural Heritage of the Republic of Uzbekistan

№	GRADUATE APPLICATION GUIDELINES
I.	<p>“Silk Road” International University of Tourism and Cultural Heritage:</p> <p>The main goal of the University is to train highly qualified personnel in the field of tourism, cultural heritage, museum management, creative industries and archeology;</p> <p>“Silk Road” International Tourism and Cultural Heritage University is the first state university with English as the main language of instruction with top academic staff overseeing an educational process. The University also prides on the first experiential HoReCa academy in the country;</p> <p>The University closely cooperates with leading educational institutions in Asia, Europe, US and other countries in research, innovations, knowledge exchange and implementation of joint projects;</p> <p>Studies are taking place in the state of art “Smart campus” offering all necessary facilities that can be found in the world-leading institutions. Specially designed training complex includes hotel rooms, a restaurant and a bar, a 250 seat fully equipped conference hall in addition to a multifunctional gym and a swimming pool. The University’s digital library functions as a high-tech, integrated knowledge base for tourism, cultural heritage and other relevant disciplines. Find more about the University at https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCOb3RfUv4GPAX890Za7b5Jw;</p> <p>Since 2021, the University has been allocating governmental study grants for international students. This initiative is aimed at attracting diverse student body, cultural exchange, as well as to facilitate close cooperation and collaboration across tourism and cultural heritage fields between the Uzbekistan and partner countries.</p>
II.	<p>Available fields of the University for one year Master’s degree program:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Logistics in tourism; • Tourism (by field of activity); • Museum Studies; • Management of cultural heritage; • Creative industry; • Archeology.
III.	<p>Required documents for application:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Identity document (passport/ID card) 2. Bachelor’s degree diploma; 3. Photo 3x4; 4. CV of the applicant (with active contact details: e-mail, mobile telephone number for further communication);

	<p>5. Language proficiency certificate (IELTS – 6.0 or higher, TOEFL iBM – 72 score or higher);</p> <p>6. Essay on the topic of <i>“Plans for contribution to the development of tourism and cultural heritage sphere between Uzbekistan and the country of applicant”</i> also outlining future plans upon graduation (Length: 1000 words, double spaced, 12pt).</p> <p>Note: Applicants must upload electronic copies of the above-mentioned documents at the website of the admissions office: http://admissions.univ-silkroad.uz</p>
IV.	<p>Application procedure and period:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Application deadline - 10th of July, 2022; 2. Proctored testing - 20th to 30th of July 2022 (please check your email regularly for the test date details); 3. Interview (online) with prospective applicants - 1st to 10th of August 2022 (please check your email regularly for the interview invitation link); 4. Application decisions announcement – 10th to 20th of August 2022 (regularly check e-mail for results and official website of admission commission); 5. Visa preparation period - from 20th of August 2022; 6. Student enrolment starts from 20th of September 2022.
V.	<p>The grant covers the following expenses:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Return airfare (Economy class) to Uzbekistan. 2. 500 USD (equivalent) monthly stipend and 100 USD (equivalent) for dormitory expenses. 3. 100 USD (equivalent) will be allocated for each trip (twice a year) to Uzbekistan’s ancient cities with the purpose to explore the country’s cultural, architectural riches and become acquainted with its’ diverse traditions and history.
VI.	<p>Website and official pages of the university on social media:</p> <p>Website: https://univ-silkroad.uz/ru Telegram channel: https://t.me/univ_silkroad_uz Facebook: https://www.facebook.com/univsilkroad.uz Instagram: https://www.instagram.com/univ_silkroad_uz Twitter: https://twitter.com/univsilkroad</p>
VII.	<p>Additional information and contacts:</p> <p>For further details and questions please contact Nargiza Hakimova, specialist of the Department of education and science development in the field of tourism and cultural heritage of the Ministry of tourism and cultural heritage of the Republic of Uzbekistan.</p> <p>mobile: (+99897) 480-77-76, (+99891) 599-01-22. e-mail: info@motach.uz</p>