

2215 – GRADUATE SCHOLARSHIP FOR INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS

Fellowship Description

The Scientific and Technological Research Council of Turkey (TUBITAK) provides scholarships for international graduate students in the fields of Natural Sciences, Engineering and Technological Sciences, Medical Sciences, Agricultural Sciences, Social Sciences and Humanities in universities of TURKEY for improving science and technology cooperation and building scientific and socio-economic bridge between Turkey and their countries.

The Graduate Scholarship Programme covers MSc/MA and PhD studies. All awardees who are successfully graduated from any MSc/MA programme and have a PhD acceptance from universities of Turkey will have a right to get PhD scholar directly.

Who Can Apply

- a) Senior undergraduate students aiming to register a master's program with thesis,
- b) MSc/MA students in Turkish universities, at most in the third term of the program,
- c) MSc/MA students aiming to register a doctoral program in Turkey,
- d) PhD students in Turkish universities, at most in the sixth term of the program,

Eligibility

- Being a non-Turkish citizen (people who have dual citizenship are not eligible)
- Being at most 30-years-old for MSc/MA students and 35-years-old for PhD students at the first date of the application year,
- Accepting to sign the letter of undertaking required to be a TUBITAK scholar.

Duration of Award

Maximum durations of the scholarship are 2 years for MSc/MA students and 4 years for PhD students.

Required Documents for the Application

1. Application form,
2. One passport size picture,
3. Photocopy of identify certificate or passport,
4. A detailed Curriculum Vitae (CV),
5. (If there is) Advisor's CV and publication lists,
6. BSc diploma and transcripts for MSc/MA applicants and BSc and MSc/MA diploma and transcripts for PhD applicants (translated in Turkish or in English and ratified by notary),
7. Two letters of reference,
8. A Letter of Statement of Purpose containing aim and experience.

Application Term

Spring Term: 1 - 29 March

Fall Term : 2 - 27 September

All applicants must complete the online application until the last date of the application terms till 5:30 p.m. (local time). The application web page is <http://ebideb.tubitak.gov.tr>

Transition to PhD Fellowship Directly

If MSc/MA fellows graduate from the program in 2 years with a GPA over 3.20/400 or 81.33/100 and register directly to a PhD program, they can apply for PhD fellowship by the following documents in March or October:

- a) Application Form,
- b) MSc/MA diploma and transcripts or ratified copies,
- c) Motivation letter,
- d) Covenant.

Scope of Award

The amount of the scholarship per-month is 1.500 Turkish Liras (TL) for MSc or MA students and 1.800 TL for PhD students.

Application

Deadline for the application is published in calls in the programme official website. Therefore, applicants are advised to check the deadline on the programme official website.

Programme official web site: www.tubitak.gov.tr/bideb/2215

The application is made electronically via TUBITAK Scholarship application portal. The scanned copies of all required documents must be submitted electronically.

Online application web address: ebideb.tubitak.gov.tr

Application Terms

All applicants can submit their applications two times in a year. The application terms may change for each year. Therefore, applicants should visit official web site of the programme www.tubitak.gov.tr/2215.

Spring term : **1-29 March**

Fall term : **2-27 September**

Obligations

OBLIGATIONS

1. All awardees are responsible to fulfill the principle of correctitude and academic ethical principle in every stage of the scholarship. If this is not the case, paying of the scholarship is stopped and is applied necessary sanctions according to the Working Principles of the Research and Publication Ethics Council of TÜBİTAK.

2. All awardees should refer to apply local Turkish foreigner office in 30 days for residence permit.
3. All awardees should obey the rules of 2215 Scholarship Program, and be graduated in 3 years for master program and 6 years for PhD program.
4. The following documents should be regularly submitted to BİDEB:
 - Document certifying that the applicant is registered as a MSc/PhD student in Turkey in the first two weeks of March and October),
 - Transcript (in the first two weeks of March and July),
 - A report by the supervisor on the progress of research project for the fellows at the thesis level (in the first two weeks of March and July)
5. The minimum GPA requirement is **3.20/4.00 or 81.33/100** during the fellowship. If the GPA decreases below the minimum requirement, the stipend is halted for up to one year until it increases over the minimum requirement.
6. The support received from TÜBİTAK will be clearly acknowledged in all publications concerning the study realized during the fellowship period. A copy of each publication (if any) concerning the work should also be sent to BİDEB.
7. The awardees have to inform TÜBİTAK about the date of completion of the MSc/PhD program and electronic copy of the MSc/PhD thesis (in a CD or DVD) has to be sent to BİDEB.
8. The awardees are obliged to notify BİDEB about any other financial support from an institution (also any other institution for TÜBİTAK) in 15 days from the beginning of the support. If awardees receive any financial support from another institution, amount of the support will be discounted from their awards.
9. If the awardees decide to leave MSc/PhD program before the end of the scholarship period, the scholar has to notify BİDEB 15 days prior to leaving of the program. No payments will be made after the leaving date. If any payments are made after the leaving date, payback is required.
10. Awardees have to pursue their MSc/PhD studies as full-time students during the scholarship period. If the scholar departure from Turkey during the scholarship period, he/she is obliged to inform TÜBİTAK about the dates and duration of his/her departure. If the visit does not exceed one month in each year of the scholarship period, full stipend is continued. When he/she informs TÜBİTAK and does not interrupt courses, he/she could also stay more than one month in a year, but stipend is not paid in this period.

Address for all correspondence

TÜBİTAK-BİDEB

2215 Graduate Scholarship Programme for International Students

Tunus Caddesi No: 80, 06100 Kavaklıdere, Ankara, TURKEY

Programme Coordinator: Duran MEŞE

Web site: www.tubitak.gov.tr/bideb/2215

E-Mail : bideb2215@tubitak.gov.tr