

Critical Points to Consider for 1003 Programme Applications

The purpose of this programme is to support R&D projects conducted in Turkey, having focused and trackable objectives in the scope of National Science Technology and Innovation Strategy and compatible with dynamics of science/technology. This programme also aims to provide coordination between such research activities.

R&D projects proposed in the scope of 1003 programme are defined under 3 categories according to their scale:

Small-Scale	Medium-Scale	Large-Scale
Max. Duration: 24 months Max. Budget: 750.000 TL	Max. Duration: 36 months Budget Limits: 750.001 - 1.500.000 TL	Max. Duration: 36 months Budget Limits: 1.500.001 – 3.750.000 TL

Project managers/principal investigators:

-Must have a degree of doctorate / proficiency in art / specialty in medicine.

-Principal investigator (excluding retirees) must be permanent staff of the institution (public/higher education institutions) that, the project is proposed to be carried out in. Principal investigator have to be employed at least for 6 months at the private cooperation where the project will be carried out.

-Retirees can become principal investigator if they get approval on that they can take part in the project from the senior authority of the institution / organization where the project will be carried out.

-Should have an updated record on ARBİS (System for Researcher Info) database.

-Should reside within the boundaries of Türkiye Cumhuriyeti. Non-Turkish citizens can become principal investigator or researcher in a project if they are working in an institution located in Türkiye.

Moreover:

-It is compulsory to complete electronic application procedure with the electronic signatures before the deadline of application.

-The upper limit for the budget claims on machinery and equipment, service procurement and bursaries should not exceed the amount defined in call announcements.

-It should be noted that the scale of the project, project duration and the number of sub-projects, specifications of the major project manager and/or specifications of the sub-project's principal investigator (if present) are appropriate to important points defined in the call documents.

-Researchers employed in private corporations, with trade registry certificate and added value, can apply for projects regardless of the sector and its scale.

-Members of Call Advisory Board (ÇPDK), cannot participate in projects proposed to the call(s) they are attending as ÇPDK. However, they can participate in projects proposed to the call(s) they are not attending as ÇPDK or R&D support programmes other than 1003.

Sub-projects can be defined in a project proposal under these circumstances:

If research activities planned in the scope of project proposal need to be conducted at different institutions / organizations, it is possible to define sub-projects. If the institution / organization has a multidisciplinary structure, it is possible to define different sub-projects for each discipline at different faculties/research institutes. However, within the same institution / organization, it is not allowed to define more than one sub-projects (including the major project) proposed from the same faculty/research institution.

What are the differences between a project proposed with/out sub-projects?

without sub-projects	with sub-projects
There is only one principal investigator among project team members.	Each sub-project has a principal investigator among its own project team members. One of those principal investigators determined to be the “Project Manager” (accountable to TUBITAK for the management of project) and the sub-project in question is determined to be the “Major Project” in the protocol signed by all principal investigators. Middle-scale or large-scale project proposals are composed of a major project and 3 sub-projects most.
It is possible to propose a project without sub-projects at any scale (small, medium, large)	There is limitations on the scale of the project. It is not possible to propose a small-scale project without sub-projects.
If the project proposal is accepted at the end of 2-staged evaluation procedure and started after signatures of the project agreement are completed, project budget is transferred to one bank account only.	Separate bank accounts are opened for each sub-project; and approved budgets for each sub-project is transferred to bank account of each separately.
If the project proposal is accepted at the end of 2-staged evaluation procedure and started after signatures of the project agreement are completed, expenditures can be ordered from one institution / organization where the project in question is conducted. Purchased nonmovable machinery and equipment is recorded among the goods of institution / organization in question.	Each sub-project spends the transferred budget in coordination with the major project. Purchased nonmovable machinery and equipment is recorded among the goods of institution / organization of each sub-project separately.
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principal investigator.	manager.
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It is required to define institution(s)/organization(s)/faculty(ies)/research institute(s) clearly on project application form during stage-1 applications.

Important points to consider for the project proposals accepted at stage-1 applications:

- It is not allowed to change principal investigator(s)/project manager at stage-2 applications.
- At stage-2 application, defined number of sub-projects cannot exceed those defined at stage-1 application.
- At stage-2 application, scale of the project cannot be switched to a higher scale than the one defined at stage-1 application. However, it can be proposed as same scale or as a lower scale than the one defined at stage-1 application. At stage-2 applications, changes in project budget and duration are possible within the limits of the project scale in question.
- It is not allowed to change the project title.
- Project proposals that have defined sub-projects in the application form; but submitted to Project Application System (PBS) as a project without sub-projects are returned without scientific evaluation.

Recommended Documents to Check-up for Application Procedure:

- Relevant call text
- 1003-Primary Subjects R&D Funding Program web page [[click here](#)]
- Principles and codes of practice for 1003-Primary Subjects R&D Funding Program [[click here](#)]
- Limits for participating in projects [[click here](#)]
- Ethics Committee Approval Document Info Sheet [[click here](#)]
- Legal / Private Permits Info Sheet [[click here](#)]
- Regulations on Funding Programs Conducted by Academic Research Support Programs Directorate (ARDEB) [[click here](#)]