

# CALL FOR PROPOSALS

by

**The Scientific and Technological Research Council of Türkiye (TÜBİTAK)**

and

**The Ministry of Science, Technological Development and Innovation of the Republic of Serbia  
(NITRA)**

**The Call is open between 24 May 2023 and 4 August 2023**

## **1. Preamble**

In the framework of the Protocol on Cooperation in Science and Technology between The Scientific and Technological Research Council of Türkiye (TÜBİTAK) and The Ministry of Science, Technological Development and Innovation of the Republic of Serbia (NITRA), this call is launched to enhance the cooperative activities in the field of research between two countries.

Within this Call, the project proposals that contribute to the current state of the art by producing new knowledge, making new scientific interpretations or solving technological problems are aimed to be funded.

TÜBİTAK and NITRA will fund project partners as funding institutions of the respective partner countries (Türkiye and Republic of Serbia). The projects will be supported with grants from the national budget in accordance with the respective national funding regulations of each partner country.

## **2. Objectives of this Call**

The aim of this call is to allow partners to collaborate internationally and gain access to new research environments, facilities, knowledge, and expertise in order to enhance the quality of their research.

## **3. Main Thematic Areas:**

This call is for applications in all scientific and technological areas.

#### 4. Financial Issues

TÜBİTAK-funded costs of each grant will be issued and managed by TÜBİTAK in accordance with the rules of [TÜBİTAK 1071 Programme](#).

Similarly, NITRA-funded costs of each grant will be issued and managed by the Ministry of Science, Technological Development and Innovation of the Republic of Serbia according to its funding guidelines and procedures.

The costs of exchange of experts, scientists and other specialists will be covered on the following basis:

The sending Party:

- will meet all related costs connected with travel, lodging and allowances according to their own regulations and allowances

##### 4.1. On Turkish Side:

- As a rule, **Turkish partners** that are eligible for funding can receive **up to 600.000 Turkish Liras per project. Overhead and Project Incentive Premium will not be paid for projects.**
- In the framework of this call, these budget items stated below will be funded by TÜBİTAK:
  - **Travel Expenses**
    - Travel expenses for domestic field work
    - Domestic or foreign travel expenses for non-field activities
    - Travel expenses under bilateral cooperation
  - **Representation and Promotion Expenses** (Maximum 30.000 Turkish Liras)
  - **Scholarship Expenses**
- For Turkish team, the daily allowance will be paid in accordance with the provisions of Law No. 6245 along with the economy class flight tickets for the scientific visits from Türkiye to Republic of Serbia.

**4.2. On Serbian Side:** The planned project budget intended for financing mutual visits of researchers is 4500 Euros (in Serbian Dinars) for one year of project activities.

The Serbian Party will provide financial support on domestic and foreign business trips for the Serbian research team members of the applicant's organization in accordance with the national regulations as follows:

- travel expenses to/from Türkiye for Serbian researchers up to the level of return air ticket price – economy class
- accommodation and daily allowances up to 100 €/night for Serbian researchers in Türkiye and local travel costs, for a short term visits of a maximum of 7 days.
- accommodation and daily allowances up to 1200 € for Serbian researchers in Türkiye for a maximum of 30 days in one year for long term visits.
- travel health insurance for Serbian researchers during their stay in Türkiye
- possible relevant extra costs for Serbian researchers who accompany Turkish researchers in the Republic of Serbia (conference fees, travel, daily allowances, accommodation costs, etc.)

## **5. Duration of the Projects**

The duration of the projects should not exceed 24 months and the total duration of international visits in one direction should not exceed two months (60 days) per year for the each supported joint research project.

The projects will be monitored through progress reports and the final report by both TÜBİTAK and NITRA for its content and progress.

## **6. Proposal Submission**

The Joint Call will be open for applications between 24 May 2023 and 4 August 2023 through online application systems of TÜBİTAK and NITRA. While Turkish partners will make their joint online application via TÜBİTAK's online system, [uidb-pbs.tubitak.gov.tr](http://uidb-pbs.tubitak.gov.tr); Serbian partners will fill in the electronic application located on the website: <https://bilateral-turkey.nitra.gov.rs/> then printed version must be send to NITRA, by post.

- The partners should come to an agreement with each other using their own means of communication and jointly develop and complete their project proposal before submitting it to TÜBİTAK and NITRA. **TÜBİTAK and NITRA do not match the collaborating partners.**

- Project proposals must provide detailed information on the objectives and justification of the planned joint research work, the methodology to be followed, the composition of each research team and the intended time schedule.
- Project proposals must be submitted in parallel to both Partner organizations.

### **6.1. On Turkish Side:**

- Turkish partners will make their joint online application via TÜBİTAK's online system, [uidb-pbs.tubitak.gov.tr](http://uidb-pbs.tubitak.gov.tr)
- Turkish partners will use E-Signature for their applications. Detailed information can be achieved via [http://www.tubitak.gov.tr/sites/default/files/281/ardeb\\_e-imza\\_yardim\\_dokumani.pdf](http://www.tubitak.gov.tr/sites/default/files/281/ardeb_e-imza_yardim_dokumani.pdf).
- **The final deadline to complete e-signature process is 11 August 2023 (17.30 Turkish time).**
- For Turkish side, in case there are two or more institutions within the same project, Turkish institutions should submit a single joint proposal.
- For Turkish side, the submissions of proposals by post, fax or e-mail **will not be accepted**.
- All Turkish researchers who apply for this Program should be registered to TÜBİTAK ARBIS (Researcher Information system) through the following link: <https://arbis.tubitak.gov.tr>.

### **6.2. On Serbian Side:**

First step is to log on the site <https://bilateral-turkey.nitra.gov.rs>

- In order to receive the code for on-line filling in the project application
- During the period when this Call is open, it is possible to upgrade and correct the project proposal/application on-line
- Send the completed project application to the e-mail address: [prijava.turska@nitra.gov.rs](mailto:prijava.turska@nitra.gov.rs)
- Send hard copy of the completed project application (signed and stamped) to the NITRA's postal address:

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- The final deadline for submissions of printed final project applications is 11 August 2023.

## **7. The Evaluation Procedure**

### **7.1. Eligibility Criteria**

#### **7.1.1 For Turkish Team**

- Detailed information about eligibility rules can be found at:  
[https://www.tubitak.gov.tr/sites/default/files/3125/1071\\_arastirma\\_projeleri\\_surec\\_dokumani.pdf](https://www.tubitak.gov.tr/sites/default/files/3125/1071_arastirma_projeleri_surec_dokumani.pdf)

#### **7.1.2 For Serbian Team**

- Serbian research team should follow the national rules and requirements, in accordance with relevant decision of NITRA.

The right to participate have:

- Persons performing scientific research activities (researchers), as well as teachers and associates employed at Higher Education institutions and Scientific research organizations in accordance with the Law on Science and Research ("Official Gazette of the RS, No. 49/19, hereinafter: the Law)
- Serbian research team of the bilateral project should participate in the implementation of the Institutional Financing Program and other programs of general interest in accordance with the Law.

### **7.2. Evaluation Method**

- The final selection shall be based upon the mutual decision by the funding institutions. The applicable awarding institution will base its decision on the national evaluation procedure of proposals and within the scope of the available budget.

- The proposals that are deemed eligible will be evaluated by TÜBİTAK and NITRA in line with their own rules, regulations and decisions.
- At the international level, both partner organizations exchange their ranking lists, merge them, negotiate the final ranking and approve the proposals selected for funding. Total number of projects approved for funding is dependent on the financial possibilities of both partner organizations.
- Only the project proposals, which are approved both by TÜBİTAK and by NITRA, will be supported.

#### **7.2.1 Criteria for evaluation of project proposals for Turkish Team:**

- The proposals will be reviewed according to a certain set of evaluation criteria.
  - Importance of International Collaboration
  - Scientific Excellence
  - Methodology
  - Project Management
  - Impact
- Awarded proposals will go through a pre-award stage, which starts after the announcement of results. During pre-award period, the awarded institution will be notified about the requirements.

#### **7.2.2. Criteria for evaluation of project proposals for Serbian Team:**

- The proposals will be reviewed according to a certain set of evaluation criteria.
  - **Quality of the Project**
    - 1.1 The importance of scientific objectives for the development of scientific cooperation between the two countries
    - 1.2. Complementarity of research groups
    - 1.3. Participation of young researchers
    - 1.4. Actuality of the proposed research (project content)
  - **Innovation**
    - Assess the degree of innovation project (which includes the expected industrial and practical use of project results)

- **Additional objectives pursued in the project**
  - Objectives such as: joint applications for EU projects, broader cooperation and exchange
- **Assessment of scientific biography of the Serbian research group**

## 8. Key Dates

ACTIONS	PERIODS
Application Announcement	24 May 2023
Deadline for Applications	4 August 2023
Deadline for E-Signatures for TÜBİTAK Deadline for delivering hard copy final project application to NITRA by post	11 August 2023
Eligibility Check and Sharing the Proposal List between TÜBİTAK and NITRA	26 September 2023
Scientific evaluation Period	01 October 2023 – 31 January 2024
Sharing of the Evaluation Results between TÜBİTAK and NITRA	February 2024
Joint Committee Meeting	February 2024
Announcement of the Results	March 2024

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