



TÜBİTAK-RFBR
JOINT PROJECT PROPOSAL CALL TEXT

2020

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Acronyms

- **R&D:** Research and Development
- **PI:** Principal Investigator
- **IP:** Intellectual Property
- **RT:** Research Team
- **PIP:** Project Incentive Premium

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Definitions

Intellectual Property (IP): All intellectual property rights, of any kind or nature throughout the world, whether existing now or in the future, including without limitation rights with respect to (i) inventions (whether or not patentable and whether or not reduced to practice), designs, patents and patent applications; (ii) trademarks and service marks together with all goodwill associated therewith and worldwide registrations, applications and renewals related thereto; (iii) copyright, copyrightable works (in whatever form or medium), and all registrations, applications and renewals for any of the foregoing; (iv) trade secrets, data, database rights, and confidential information; and (v) all claims, causes of action and remedies of any kind related to the foregoing.

Principal Investigator (PI): The person designated on the research proposal as a principal individual involved in the scientific development and in the execution of a project.

Researcher: The person that carries out scientific research as being a part of the project research team.

Consultant: An experienced individual that is trained to advise the research team in order to help making the best possible choices during execution of the research project. Consultants are generally considered as service providers and offer only advice or propose solutions to problems, but they do not act as principal investigator such as designing, conducting, or reporting on research. A consultant cannot have any claim on intellectual property related to the project. A consultant requires little or no guidance in providing input.

Project Incentive Premium (PIP): Payments made by TÜBİTAK to principal investigators, researchers and consultants of the accepted projects on the basis of given amount as determined by the project contract. These payments can be made only to the permanent staff of public institutions.

Research Team (RT): Composed of project members of each country's project.

Service: Service is a cost category. A service provider is not involved in the design, conduct or reporting of research; a service provider assists the research team for a fee in providing

services needed to carry out the research. Services may be purchased by either the awarded or the collaborative institution, and are auxiliary to the main object of the research project. Services usually cover specialized jobs that cannot be carried out by the research team or are employed because it is more efficient to use the services of a specialized organization (e.g. routine analysis, consultancy, communication/outreaching activities, data purchasing and management, statistical analysis, evaluation, auditing etc.). The purchased services shall be provided by third parties contracted by the awardee or collaborative institutions and have no rights or obligations vis-à-vis TUBITAK and RFBR.

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Call Snapshot

Call opens	15 th June 2020
Final date for online proposal submission	For TUBITAK: 08 th of September 2020, 17:30 (IST time) For RFBR: 08 th of September 2020, 23:59 (Moscow time)
Submission deadline	For TUBITAK: 11 st of September 2020, 17:30 (deadline for electronic signature –Electronic signature is mandatory for each project team member except for students and advisers from abroad) The Turkish and Russian partners shall form a project consortium and prepare a joint scientific project. Teams from each country should designate a national <i>principal investigator</i> (PI). Projects should be submitted in parallel to respective funding agencies by each PI. There is no late submission deadline for Turkish team. Project coordinators must complete all e-signatures requested in the application form and the other forms generated by the online application system (http://uidb-pbs.tubitak.gov.tr) for TÜBİTAK until September 8, 2020, 17:30 (IST time). There is also no late submission deadline for Russian team. Project coordinators must complete all e-signatures requested in the application form and the other forms generated by the online application system (https://kias.rfbr.ru/) for RFBR until September 8, 2020
Announcement of results	January 2021
Anticipated start date of projects	April 2021

Thematic Fields	<p>Within this Call TUBITAK and RFBR are planning to support the Basic Research (*) project proposals in below thematic fields:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mathematics, Mechanics; • Physics (including but not limited to Aerospace and Energy) and Astronomy; • Chemistry and Materials Sciences; • Biology; • Earth Sciences; • Information Communication Technologies and Computing Systems; • Fundamentals of Engineering Sciences; • Fundamentals of Medical Sciences; • Fundamentals of Agricultural Sciences; • History, Archaeology, Anthropology and Ethnology; • Economics; • Philosophy, Political Science, Sociology, Law, History of Science and Technology, Philosophy of Science; • Literature and Linguistics, Study of art; • Psychology, Fundamental Problems in Education, Social Problems of Public Health and Human Ecology; • Global Studies and International Relations. <p>(*)Basic research is experimental or theoretical work undertaken primarily to acquire new knowledge of the underlying foundations of phenomena and observable facts, without any particular application or use in view.</p>	
Eligible applicant	<p>For the Turkish Team</p> <p>The Principal Investigator (PI), must hold a PhD degree if he/she is from the academy. If the PI is from the public sector, he/she must have a BA/BSc Degree.</p> <p>Further details can be found at https://www.tubitak.gov.tr/sites/default/files/3125/2532_tubitak-rfbr-2020-surec_dokumani.pdf</p>	<p>For the Russian Team</p> <p>The Principal Investigator (PI), must not be administratively subordinate to the team members.</p> <p>The Principal Investigator (PI), must not be the person who is the head of the Organization providing the conditions for the project implementation.</p>

Award parameters	TUBITAK funds up to 720.000 Turkish Liras (excl. overhead and Project Incentive Premium (PIP) approximately) per project.	Russian researchers will be funded up to 6M RUR under RFBR International Cooperation Program.
How to apply	For the Turkish Team Proposal submission is made through the TÜBİTAK's system (http://uidb-pbs.tubitak.gov.tr).	For the Russian Team Proposal submission is made through the RFBR's system (https://kias.rfbr.ru/) until 08 of September 2020, 23:59 Moscow time).
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Background

Based on the Memorandum of Understanding between The Scientific and Technological Research Council of Turkey (TÜBİTAK) and the Russian Foundation of Basic Research (RFBR) re-signed in 2018 and the Agreement for Bilateral Cooperation in 2020, this call is launched to enhance the cooperative activities in the field of research between two countries. The main objective of this call is to support basic research projects to promote the integrated joint research between two countries through the synergy between both countries' teams. Basic research is experimental or theoretical work undertaken primarily to acquire new knowledge of the underlying foundations of phenomena and observable facts, without any particular application or use in view.

The purpose of a partnership between TÜBİTAK and RFBR is to support projects for which there is genuine Turkish-Russian collaboration. Partners will ensure that each country provides equitable contributions and scientific inputs; therefore, we would like to invite Turkish and Russian universities, research centers and public institutes to submit joint proposals for scientific and technological research and development projects.

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Thematic Fields

Successful projects prepared in the fields below will be supported within the scope of the program. Proposals submitted in other fields will not be accepted.

- Mathematics, Mechanics;
- Physics (including but not limited to Aerospace and Energy) and Astronomy;
- Chemistry and Materials Sciences;
- Biology;
- Earth Sciences;
- Information Communication Technologies and Computing Systems;
- Fundamentals of Engineering Sciences;
- Fundamentals of Medical Sciences;
- Fundamentals of Agricultural Sciences;
- History, Archaeology, Anthropology and Ethnology;
- Economics;

- Philosophy, Political Science, Sociology, Law, History of Science and Technology, Philosophy of Science;
- Literature and Linguistics, Study of art;
- Psychology, Fundamental Problems in Education, Social Problems of Public Health and Human Ecology;
- Global Studies and International Relations.

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Scope of the Call

Funding Available

As a rule, Turkish team eligible for funding can receive up to 720.000 Turkish Liras (excl. overhead and Project Incentive Premium (PIP) approximately) per proposal in total.

The Russian team either from academy, or public sector, which is eligible for funding can receive up to 6 000 000 Russian Rubles (RuR) of funding per proposal in total.

The size of the grant may vary depending of the needs of each project and must be fully justified.

TÜBİTAK-funded costs of each grant will be issued and managed by TÜBİTAK in accordance with the rules of TÜBİTAK 1071 Program. National application rules for Turkish researchers can be found at https://www.tubitak.gov.tr/sites/default/files/3125/2532_tubitak-rfbr-2020-surec_dokumani.pdf. Similarly, RFBR-funded costs of each grant will be issued and managed by RFBR according to its funding guidelines and procedures.

Applicants need to ensure that supported elements of the proposal abide by all regulations for both funding agencies.

Duration of the projects

The duration of the projects can be maximum 3 years (36 months).

Duration of scientific visits

For each project, the total duration of scientific visits to one side to another (from Russian Federation to Turkey or from Turkey to Russian Federation) must not exceed **60 days** per year.

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Eligibility of Proposal

The proposal must be within one of the thematic fields described in Section 5. The Turkish and Russian partners shall form a project consortium and prepare a joint scientific project.

For RFBR, institutions from private sector not explicitly mentioned as recipients might be included in consortia as a partner if they provide their own funding (non-eligible organizations might join at their own costs). A Letter of Commitment has to be submitted in these cases.

Eligibility for the Turkish Team

Turkish team will receive funding through TUBITAK 1071 Program. Eligibility requirements for Turkish researchers can be found at

https://www.tubitak.gov.tr/sites/default/files/3125/2532_tubitak-rfbr-2020-surec_dokumani.pdf.

Eligibility for the Russian Team

Please contact RFBR.

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Timeline for submission process

The following table shows important dates for the call.

Timeline for TUBITAK-RFBR Call for Proposals

ACTIONS	DATE
Publication of the joint call for proposals	June 15, 2020
Deadline for applications	September 08, 2020, 17:30 (IST time)
Eligibility pre-checks	October 16, 2020
Sharing & discussion of internal evaluation outputs	December 4, 2020
Final announcement of results for funding	December 11, 2020
Beginning of the projects	April 2021

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Budget

Grant and Effort Allocation for the Turkish Team

The total budget excluding overhead and PIP cannot exceed 720.000 TL. Budget items to be funded by TÜBİTAK are as follows:

- Personnel Expenses
- Scholarship Student Expenses
- Consumable Expenses
- Travel Expenses
- Service Procurement Expenses
- Tools and Equipment Expenses
- Indirect cost (overhead)

Grant and Effort Allocation for the Russian Team

Please contact RFBR.

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Online Submission Procedures

For the Turkish Team, Turkish PI will prepare their joint application and submit it via TÜBİTAK's online system at: uidb-pbs.tubitak.gov.tr until **Sept. 08, 2020, 17:30 (IST time)** and e-signatures must be completed until **Sept. 11, 2020, 17:30 (IST time)** via the online system. Applications completed only with e-signature will be accepted. Signed print-out documents will not be accepted.

For the Russian Team, Russian PI will prepare their joint application and submit it via RFBR's online system at: <https://kias.rfbr.ru/> until **Sept. 08, 2020** and e-signatures should be completed until the same date via the online system.

To complete the application process TUBITAK and RFBR might need supporting documents.

The supporting documents for the Turkish applicants:

The supporting documents for the Turkish applicants are listed at
https://www.tubitak.gov.tr/sites/default/files/3125/2532_tubitak-rfbr-2020-surec_dokumani.pdf

The supporting documents for the Russian applicants:

Please contact RFBR.

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Proposal Screening

All submitted proposals are subject to screening by TÜBİTAK and RFBR according to the national regulations.

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Pre-Award

Awarded proposals will go through a pre-award stage, which starts after the announcement of results, and continues for approximately eight weeks. During pre-award period, the awarded institution will be notified about the requirements (possible budget reduction, budget details, timeline changes, etc.).

During the pre-award phase, the PI needs to provide requested information related to the data management plan.

For Russian team, please contact RFBR.

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Post-Award

For the Turkish team,

- The Principal Investigator of each project has to prepare an annual financial and scientific/technical progress report to be submitted TUBITAK.

For the Russian team,

- The Principal Investigator of each project has to prepare an annual financial and scientific/technical progress report to be submitted RFBR. Payments will be allocated following the approval of the progress reports.

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Research Ethics and Regulatory Requirements

For the Turkish team, please refer to

https://www.tubitak.gov.tr/sites/default/files/3125/2532_tubitak-rfbr-2020-surec_dokumani.pdf

For the Russian team, please contact RFBR.

SECTION 15

Intellectual Property Policy

TÜBİTAK will follow the Intellectual Property (IP) policy with reference to the document available at:

http://www.tubitak.gov.tr/tubitak_content_files//mevzuat/esaslar/ESASLAR_XI_3.pdf