

TÜBİTAK-NRF Mobility Support Call for Proposals 2025

-CALL TEXT-

IMPORTANT

Project partners in Türkiye should submit their project applications to The Scientific and Technological Research Council of Türkiye (TÜBİTAK) [project application system](#) and Korean project partners submit their project applications to National Research Foundation of Korea (NRF) [via NRF electronic application system](#). Unilateral applications are not accepted.

All applicants are strongly advised that they read carefully the national regulations of their respective funding agency.

For TÜBİTAK:

https://tubitak.gov.tr/sites/default/files/2024-08/1071_arastirma_projeleri_surec_dokumani.pdf

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1. BACKGROUND AND OBJECTIVES OF COOPERATION

Based on the Memorandum of Understanding between The Scientific and Technological Research Council of Türkiye (TÜBİTAK) and National Research Foundation of the Republic of Korea (NRF) signed in 2012, 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 mobility of scientists to promote the integrated joint research between two countries through the synergy between both countries' teams.

As a part of this agreement, each country's agencies evaluate the proposals of their respective national teams on projects selected according to their own priorities.

The purpose of the partnership between TÜBİTAK and NRF is to support mobility of scientists for which there is genuine Turkish-Korean collaboration. **There is no restriction for the research themes.**

2. ELIGIBLE APPLICANTS

For Turkish team, The Principal Investigator (PI), is expected to hold a PhD degree if they are from the academy. If the PI is from the public or private sector, they must have a BA/BSc Degree. Also, if the PI is from the private sector, they should be a full time employee of their company for at least a minimum of 6 months. Proposals may be submitted by public legal RTD (Research and Technology Development) entities, higher education institutions, non-university research establishments from public sector, and private sector. For more information about the eligible applicants, please visit https://tubitak.gov.tr/sites/default/files/2024-08/1071_arastirma_projeleri_surec_dokumani.pdf

For Korean team, please contact NRF.

3. SUBMISSION OF PROPOSALS

Turkish and Korean partners need to prepare a joint proposal. Teams from each country must designate a national principal investigator. Proposals should be submitted in parallel to respective funding agencies by each national principal investigator. **There is no late submission deadline for either Turkish or Korean teams.** Proposals that are not submitted on both sides will not be accepted for evaluation. Hence, Turkish/Korean project leaders should make sure that their counterpart submits a matching application to their funding institution.

Turkish partners:

Application forms can be reached through the <http://uidb-pbs.tubitak.gov.tr/> after log-in.

Online submission has to be completed through <http://uidb-pbs.tubitak.gov.tr/> until **27 June 2025, 23:59 pm**. Applications can be completed with Electronic-signature. Accordingly, members of the Turkish research groups need to have personal e-signatures. Deadline for E-signatures is **4 July 2025, 23:59 pm**.

Please [click](#) for more information about the e-signature process.

4. EVALUATION

Proposals are evaluated by TÜBİTAK and NRF independently by their own evaluation procedures. Only the proposals which are accepted by both sides can be funded. **Maximum 7 projects** will be funded within this call.

Eligibility Check:

Each proposal received within the designated submission deadline shall pass through an administrative/eligibility check by both Managing Authorities. The administrative/eligibility check procedure is defined in the respective National Rules & Regulations set forth by each Managing Authority. For applications to be eligible to move forward to the scientific evaluation stage, applicants will need to satisfy the criteria set forth by both Managing Authorities.

5. FUNDING PROVISIONS

Each project will be funded for a period of 2 years (24 Months). Each agency will cover expenditures for their respective country's teams according to their own rules. Turkish teams will be funded based on TÜBİTAK 1071 Program. Korean researchers will be funded under the Regulation for the National R&D Program Management of Korea.

Post-award:

For successful projects, the PI from each country will sign a Grant Agreement directly with the respective Managing Authority. The National Rules & Regulations will form an integral part of each respective Agreement, which will further define the terms and conditions, including the funding disbursement schedule for both parties. Projects must start and end on the same date for all partners within the project consortium.

Other requirements that are specifically required by each of the Managing Authorities will need to be adhered to by the said counterparts.

6. CALL SNAPSHOT

Call launched	11 April 2025	
Final date for online proposal submission	For TÜBİTAK: 27 June 2025, 23:59 (Turkish local time) Deadline for e-signatures: 4 July 2025, 23:59 (Turkish Local Time) For NRF: 27 June 2025	
Planned Announcement of results	December 2025	
Anticipated start date of projects	January 2026	
Award parameters	<p>As a rule, Turkish partners that are eligible for funding can receive up to 1.750.000 Turkish Liras of <u>mobility support</u> per project. Overhead and Project Incentive Premium will not be paid for projects. <u>No R&D support is given under this call.</u></p> <p>In the framework of this call, these budget items stated below will be funded by TÜBİTAK:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Travel Expenses	<p>Korean researchers will be funded up to 40 Million KRW per project (20 Million KRW per year).</p> <p>NRF also funds only the travel costs of the Korean project groups.</p>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ 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 57.500 Turkish Liras) ● Scholarship Student Expenses 	
Daily Allowance	<p>For the 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 Korea.</p> <p>For each project, the total duration of scientific visits from Türkiye to Korea will not exceed <u>90 days</u> per year for the Turkish team.</p>	