



## **CALL FOR PROPOSALS**

by

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

and

**Azerbaijan Science Foundation (ASF)**

**The Call is open between 04 August 2025 and 04 November 2025**

### **1. Preamble**

The Scientific and Technological Research Council of Türkiye (TÜBİTAK) and Azerbaijan Science Foundation (ASF) invite universities, research entities, research institutes and industrial enterprises of Türkiye and universities, research centers and institutes of Azerbaijan to submit joint proposals for Research and Development (R&D) projects.

A R&D project should focus on producing new knowledge; making new scientific interpretations or solving technological problems based on scientific principles.

### **2. Objectives of the Call**

The aim of the 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 and enable them to translate research and innovation into economic and societal benefit.

### 3. Main Thematic Areas:

This call is opened for applications in the following areas. **Proposals submitted in other areas will not be accepted.**

- Information and Communication Technologies (Artificial Intelligence, Internet of Things, Big Data, Information Security);
- Nanotechnology and Sensors (Micro-Nano-Opto-ElectroMechanical Systems/MNOEMS and Sensor Technologies);
- Energy (Hydrogen Energy);
- Physics (Particle and Nuclear Physics, Experimental Physics, Statistical and Nonlinear Physics);
- Petrochemicals;
- Biotechnology.

### 4. Financial Issues

As a rule, **Turkish partners** that are eligible for funding can receive **up to 3.000.000 Turkish Liras (excl. overhead and Project Incentive Premium (PIP) approximately) per project.**

Also, **Azerbaijani partners** that are eligible for funding can receive **up to 200.000 Azerbaijani Manat (AZN) per project.**

TÜBİTAK-funded costs of each grant will be issued and managed by TÜBİTAK in accordance with the rules of TÜBİTAK 1071 Programme. Detailed information can be achieved via [https://tubitak.gov.tr/sites/default/files/2024-08/1071\\_arastirma\\_projeleri\\_surec\\_dokumani.pdf](https://tubitak.gov.tr/sites/default/files/2024-08/1071_arastirma_projeleri_surec_dokumani.pdf) website address.

Similarly, ASF-funded costs of each grant will be issued and managed by ASF according to its funding guidelines and procedures: <https://www.aef.gov.az/az/pages/view/121>

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.
- The sending Party shall be responsible for the emergency health insurance of its scientists.

## 5. Duration of the Projects

The duration of the projects should not exceed two years (24 months).

## 6. Proposal Submission

- The Joint Call will be open between 04 August 2025 and 04 November 2025 through application systems of TÜBİTAK and ASF.
- Turkish partners will make their application via TÜBİTAK's online system <http://uidb-pbs.tubitak.gov.tr/>.
- Azerbaijani partners will make their online application by <http://e-grant.aef.gov.az/Home/Enter/?ReturnUrl=%2fCompetition%2fReview>
- 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 ASF. **TÜBİTAK and ASF do not match the collaborating partners.**
- Applications which are not submitted **on both sides** will not be accepted for evaluation. Therefore, Turkish/Azerbaijani project leaders should make sure that their counterpart submits a matching application.
- Each national applicant shall need to consult with the National Rules & Regulations imposed by the corresponding Managing Authority. Applications which are found to be ineligible by one of the Managing Authorities will automatically render the whole proposal as ineligible.
- Applicants are eligible to submit more than one proposal under this call.
- The proposals should be prepared in **English**. In addition, Azerbaijani partners should submit their project proposal in Azerbaijani Language.
- 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.

- 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). Because of that situation there is no need to send any hard copy to TÜBİTAK.
- **The Azerbaijani coordinator must submit one hard copy to:**  
  
**The Azerbaijan Science Foundation (ASF)**  
Address: AZ 1025, Baku, Yusif Safarov 27, 9<sup>th</sup> Floor  
Phone: +994 12 489 08 94  
E-mail: [info@elmfondu.az](mailto:info@elmfondu.az) or [grant@elmfondu.az](mailto:grant@elmfondu.az)
- **Submission of proposals by fax or e-mail will not be accepted.**

## **7. The Evaluation Procedure**

### **7.1. Eligibility Criteria**

The detailed information for the Turkish team about eligibility rules are available [https://tubitak.gov.tr/sites/default/files/2024-08/1071\\_arastirma\\_projeleri\\_surec\\_dokumani.pdf](https://tubitak.gov.tr/sites/default/files/2024-08/1071_arastirma_projeleri_surec_dokumani.pdf).

Azerbaijani partners should follow the relevant rules and requirements on Azerbaijani partners should follow the relevant rules and requirements of <https://www.aef.gov.az/az/pages/view/121> website address.

### **7.2. Evaluation Method**

- The proposals that are deemed eligible will be evaluated by TÜBİTAK and ASF in line with their own rules and regulations.
- Following the scientific evaluation, TÜBİTAK and ASF will inform each other a result list that will include the information about approved and rejected project proposals.
- Only the project proposals, which will be approved by TÜBİTAK and ASF will be supported.

### 7.3. Evaluation Criteria

The project proposals will be evaluated on the basis of the following criteria:

- Scientific/Technological Excellence;
- Methodology;
- Project Management;
- Structure and Contribution of International Collaboration;
- Impact.

### 8. Key Dates

| ACTIONS   | PERIODS          |
|---|------------------|
| Application Announcement                            | 04 August 2025   |
| Deadline for Applications                           | 04 November 2025 |
| Deadline Submission of Application Documents to ASF | 07 November 2025 |
| Deadline for E-Signatures for TÜBİTAK               | 18 November 2025 |
| Announcement of the Results                         | April 2026       |

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