



## CALL FOR PROPOSALS

by

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

and

**National Council for Scientific and Technological Development (CNPq)**

**The Call is open between 30 December 2025 and 4 May 2026**

### 1. Preamble

The Call for Scientific & Technological Cooperation is carried out in the frame of the Memorandum of Understanding between the Scientific and Technological Research Council of Türkiye (TÜBİTAK) and the National Council for Scientific and Technological Development (CNPq) signed on 12 February 2025.

### 2. Objectives and Aims of the Call

Research projects are supported within the scope of this call. The project proposals which will 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.

The aim of this Call is to strengthen the collaboration between Türkiye and Brazil in order to further step-up the bilateral cooperation in scientific and technological areas of strategic relevance to both countries. The cooperation is based on the principles of shared interests, scientific excellence and bilateral funding (matching funds).

### 3. Main Thematic Areas:

Successful projects prepared in the fields below will be supported within the scope of the program.

**Proposals submitted in other research areas will not be considered for evaluation.**

#### Environment

- Decarbonisation in Energy Intensive Sectors (especially cement and steel sectors);
- Climate Change, Environment and Biodiversity
- Polar Studies



### **Food and Agriculture**

- Green and Sustainable Agriculture
- Plant Protection
- Animal Nutrition, Animal Breeding and Breeding Diseases (Animal Biotechnology is covered under this field)

### **Health**

- Epidemiology and Public Health
- Medical Diagnostic Kits

### **ICT**

- MEMS/NEMS and Semiconductor Technologies
- Artificial Intelligence

### **Physics**

- Surfaces and interfaces
- Statistical and Nonlinear Physics
- Acoustics and Ultrasonics
- Instrumentation
- Nuclear and High Energy Physics

Not all of the above listed research areas may be funded, depending on the scientific quality of submitted proposals.

## **4. Who Can Apply**

The applicants must fulfill national eligibility funder rules for research grant application.

### **Turkish Party**

The call is open to:

- Higher education institutions (universities) within the scope of the Higher Education Law,
- Training and research hospitals,
- Public institutions and organizations,
- Private companies, regardless of the sector and size, located in Türkiye, which create added-value at the company level and have trade registry certificate.

For Turkish team, the Principal Investigator (PI) is expected to hold a PhD degree if he/she is 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 that company for at least 6 months.

TÜBİTAK-funded costs of each grant will be issued and managed by TÜBİTAK in accordance with the rules of TÜBİTAK 1071 Programme. For detailed information on the eligibility for Turkish team, please visit [here](#).



## **Brazilian Party**

The applicants must fulfill national eligibility funder rules for research grant application. Researchers from the private industry may participate in the joint collaboration, but only as members of projects, not receiving direct financial support from CNPq.

**As a precondition, the main infrastructure needed for research activities has to be already ensured by each research group.**

## **5. Financial Issues**

Both Parties mutually agree to cover the costs of exchange of experts, scientists and other specialists in the following way:

The expenses for research activities are funded separately by both Parties. TÜBİTAK will provide funds for the Turkish team, CNPq will provide funds for the Brazilian team.

## **Turkish Party**

As a rule, **Turkish partners** that are eligible for funding can receive up to **2.400.000 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 57.500 Turkish Liras)**
- **Scholarship Student Expenses**
- **Consumables**

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 Brazil. The total duration of international visits in one direction should not exceed 60 days per year. TÜBİTAK-funded costs of each grant will be issued and managed by TÜBİTAK in accordance with the rules of [TÜBİTAK 1071 Programme](#).

### **Brazilian Party**

The approved proposals will receive a total of R\$ 3,000,000.00 (three million reais) in fellowships and R\$ 1,000,000.00 (one million reais) in funding, totaling R\$ 4,000,000.00 (four million reais). Funds will be released according to the budgetary and financial availability of CNPq. Each proposal can request up to R\$ 300,000.00 (three hundred thousand reais) in fellowships under the categories of Technological Development and Innovation Abroad (Junior – DEJ and Senior – DES), and up to R\$ 100,000.00 (one hundred thousand reais) in consumables funding. The total amount per project cannot exceed R\$ 400,000.00 (four hundred thousand reais). **In the framework of this call, these budget items stated below will be funded by CNPq:**

- a) Fellowships to support Brazilian researchers abroad (with PhD or even doing PhD). Duration 1 to 12 months (the visit) (one or more than one visit) (within the budget) in a 24-36 project length). The support includes living allowance, health insurance and air tickets.
- b) Consumables;
- c) Travel and visiting costs and travel insurance for Brazilian researchers for trips of up to 10 days to Türkiye.

The items “b” and “c” may represent a maximum of 30% of the budget of the proposal.

### **6. Duration of the Projects**

The duration of the projects should not exceed **24 months**.

### **7. Proposal Submission**

Joint proposals must be submitted to both Parties separately. Unilateral applications are not accepted. The proposals must be written in English. Teams from each country must designate a national principal investigator. Projects should be submitted in parallel to respective funding agencies by each national principal investigator. There is no late submission deadline for either Turkish or Brazilian teams. In addition, projects which are not submitted on both sides will not be accepted for evaluation. Hence, Turkish/Brazilian project leaders have the responsibility to make sure that their counterpart submits a matching application according to the rules of each national funding agency.

The proposals must be submitted to both respective national funding organizations electronically, containing an identical research plan.

### **Turkish Party:**

- Turkish partners will make their application via TÜBİTAK’s electronic application system at <https://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). There is no need to send any hard copy to TÜBİTAK.
- Submission of proposals by fax or e-mail will not be accepted.
- The content application shall include:

**Research Plan**

- a. Scientific/Technological Excellence,
- b. Methodology,
- c. Project Management,
- d. Structure and Contribution of International Collaboration
- e. Impact

**Brazilian Party:**

- Brazilian applicants shall submit their proposals through CNPq online system **Plataforma Integrada Carlos Chagas**, filling the CNPq Online Proposal Form, attaching the file of the detailed joint project.

**Note:** All Brazilian research team members of projects must fill in their curriculum data in the Lattes Platform (<http://lattes.cnpq.br/>) at the time of sending their application to CNPq.

- The content application shall include:

**Research Plan**

- a. Summary of the research plan
- b. Research plan
- c. Current state of research in the field
- d. Current state of own research and partnership aspect
- e. Work division, schedule and milestones
- f. Importance, impact and results
- g. Ethical, safety and regulatory issues
- h. List of ongoing and recent research projects between Brazilian and Turkish applicants
- i. Budget

## **8. Evaluation Method**

Projects are evaluated by TÜBİTAK and CNPq independently by their own evaluation procedures. Only the proposals which are jointly selected by the two sides will be funded. Provided that there are sufficient number of successful projects from each field, a balanced distribution of the projects to be supported will be observed.

After the call closure, all submitted proposals will undergo formal eligibility checks before moving to the two-step evaluation process. Each proposal received within the designated submission deadline shall pass through an administrative/eligibility check by both Managing Authorities. For



applications to be eligible to move forward to the scientific evaluation stage, applicants shall need to satisfy the criteria set forth by both Managing Authorities.

The first step is performed at the national level to identify a shortlist of proposals to be considered for funding. The second step of the evaluation process is performed at the bilateral level: the two Parties will reach consensus on the final list of projects eligible for funding during the meeting of the Joint Commission, which includes representatives from both countries

## **9. Follow-up of the Project Execution**

Brazilian and Turkish corresponding partners will report separately to the TÜBİTAK and the CNPq.

### **Turkish Party:**

For Türkiye, corresponding partner will be responsible for reporting to the TÜBİTAK. TÜBİTAK regulations apply both for financial and scientific reports through TÜBİTAK ARDEB Project Monitoring System. The latter include a qualitative and a quantitative part (output data).

### **Brazilian Party:**

At the end of the period of execution of the project, the research leaders must present a report on the research activities and its results to CNPq in their languages. A financial report must also be submitted to the agencies corresponding sector in accordance with their respective internal rules and deadlines.

## **10. Intellectual Property**

Project partners are required to establish and sign an agreement on the ownership and management of intellectual property rights arising from the joint research and development activities. This agreement must specify the distribution of rights, rules for exploitation, IP management procedures, and the competent court and applicable law for dispute resolution.

The drafting, negotiation, and finalization of this agreement are the sole responsibility of the project partners. The participating funding agencies do not provide or endorse any model agreement. Funding for awarded projects must only be requested and initiated after the agreement has entered into force.

The terms agreed by the partners must not conflict with national laws, regulations, terms and conditions of TÜBİTAK and CNPq. The signed agreement must be submitted to TÜBİTAK and CNPq upon request.



## 11. Key Dates

<b>Application Announcement</b>	30 December 2025
<b>Deadline for Applications</b>	4 May 2026, 23:59 (IST Time)
<b>Deadline for E-Signatures for TÜBİTAK</b>	11 May 2026, 23:59 (IST Time)

## 12. Contact Persons

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