



**11<sup>th</sup> JOINT CALL FOR PROPOSALS**  
**by**  
**The Scientific and Technological Research Council of Türkiye**  
**and**  
**The Slovak Academy of Sciences**

**The Call is open between 27 April 2026 and 17 July 2026**

### **1. Preamble**

Within the framework of the Agreement on Scientific and Technological Co-operation between the Slovak Academy of Sciences (SAS) the Scientific and Technological Research Council of Türkiye (TÜBİTAK) and followed by the respective Executive Programme, Turkish and Slovak researchers are invited to submit joint proposals for research projects.

Within this Call, the project proposals, which 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.

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

The aim of the Joint Call is to foster bilateral scientific cooperation by enabling partners to access complementary research environments, facilities, knowledge and expertise. Such collaboration is expected to enhance scientific excellence and contribute to the effective translation of research results into economic and societal benefits. Proposals are expected to address basic or applied research.

### **3. Thematic Areas**

Project proposals should address the thematic areas below. Proposals submitted in other research areas will not be considered for evaluation.

<b>Health</b>	Artificial Intelligence in Health Applications; Pharmaceuticals
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<b>Information and Communication Technologies</b>	Sensor Technologies; ICT for Quality of Life
<b>Advanced Materials / Technologies</b>	Biomaterials; Nanomaterials; Functional Materials
<b>Environment / Global Change</b>	Climate Change; Environment; Biodiversity; Societal Transformation

#### **4. Available Funding**

Turkish partners that are eligible for funding can receive up to 3,750,000 Turkish Liras (excl. overhead and project incentive premium (PIP)) per project.

Slovak partners eligible for funding may receive up to 120,000 EUR per project for the 36-month duration. The indicative overall budget amounts to 360,000 EUR, allocated to support three research projects in accordance with the SAS Presidium's Resolution No. 277. C of 12 March 2026.

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 [here](#).

Similarly, SAS-funded costs of each grant will be issued and managed by SAS according to its funding guidelines and procedures.

For the bilateral visits, the Sending Party will cover all related costs of international travel.

Please coordinate closely with prospective partners to ensure that all activities funded by TÜBİTAK and SAS are implemented in full accordance with the rules and requirements of both funding agencies.

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

The duration of the projects is up to 36 months.

International visits for bilateral cooperation from Slovakia to Türkiye carried out within a specific joint project shall be realized in accordance with the Financial Rules for Awarding Grants of the Slovak Academy of Sciences for International Research Projects available [here](#).

For Slovak applicants, the total duration of visits for a specific project should not be more than two months a year (60 calendar days). It is possible to exceed 60 days a year provided that it is justified and deemed appropriate.

Turkish side shall receive daily allowances as indicated below:

- The sending party is obliged to cover all expenses of its investigator in accordance with its rules. In the case of bilateral travel, economic class air tickets and daily allowance shall be paid in accordance with the provisions of the Per diem Law No. 6245.

For Turkish applicants, the total duration of visits in one direction of a specific project should not be more than two months a year.

## 6. Eligibility, Submission and Ethics

### 6.2. Eligibility

It is a prerequisite that projects include the participation of at least one Slovak SAS research institute and one Turkish institution eligible for TÜBİTAK.

Eligibility conditions for the Turkish team are applicable in the National Regulations Document for Research Projects available [here](#).

Only research institutes and centres of the Slovak Academy of Sciences are eligible organisations for funding by the SAS. The main applicant must hold an employment contract with the SAS institute/centre on behalf of which the application is being submitted. If his/her contract is on a part-time basis, it must be for more than 50% of standard working time. All members of the applicant's team except doctoral students must, too, hold employment contracts with the same or another SAS institute/centre.

SAS eligibility conditions and procedures are available [here](#). Financial rules and eligible costs are detailed [here](#). Applicants are strongly encouraged to read these documents carefully and contact their National Contact Point prior to submission to ensure compliance.

### 6.2. Proposal Submission

The partners should agree with each other using their own means of communication and jointly develop and complete their project proposal prior to submission. TÜBİTAK and SAS do not take responsibility for searching or identifying potential partners.

Each project proposal must provide detailed information on the objectives and justification of the planned joint research work, the methodology to be followed, the structure of each research team and the intended time schedule.

Turkish and Slovak team counterparts shall submit one jointly prepared Application Form. The same, identical version of the completed Application Form must be uploaded to the national online submission portal of each funding organisation.

#### **For the Turkish side**

Turkish partner submits the application form to TÜBİTAK via the application system (UIDB-PBS) accessible at <https://uidb-pbs.tubitak.gov.tr/>. The information concerning supporting documents requested from TÜBİTAK applicants is accessible at the application system. Turkish applicants are expected to submit the online application by 17 July 2026 and sign the e-signatures of relevant documents by **24 July 2026**, otherwise they will be rejected from evaluation and could not apply to this Call in the same Call period.

#### **For the Slovak side**

The Slovak research partner submits the Application Form and the required supporting documents via the online platform available in the SAS Intranet **by 17 July 2026 inclusive**.

Each project proposal must be authorised in the submission system by the director of the applicant's institute/centre, who has been granted the appropriate Director access rights. A proposal is

regarded as formally submitted only after this authorisation has been completed. The director's approval must be provided no later than the application deadline.

For further information and instructions, please refer to the document templates and manuals attached to the Call announcement.

### 6.3 Ethics

Should SAS applicants identify any ethical issues in project proposals, institute ethics committee will evaluate the issue(s) respectively. Ethics committee approval should be attached to the project proposal, if applicable.

Turkish applicants should refer to the Ethics Committee Approval Document, Legal Permission Document and Research and Intellectual Property Right Ownership Protocol available [here](#).

## 7. The Evaluation Procedure and Criteria

TÜBİTAK and SAS follow their own parallel evaluation procedures. Only projects eligible on both sides will be evaluated. Projects that are submitted online but do not include the requested supporting documents or e-signature(s) will not be evaluated and thus not considered for funding.

Based on own evaluation outcomes, each funding institution will prepare its own ranking list of proposals with the average score given to each proposal.

At the SAS side, a two-step evaluation procedure is followed. Within Step 1, proposals are assessed by at least 2 external reviewers. Consequently, internal reviewers examine the evaluation reports prepared by the external reviewers, develop their own reasoned assessment of the proposals, and compile a consensual report which is subsequently presented to the Committee for International Projects Evaluation (Step 2). Further information about the procedure is available [here](#).

The project proposals will be evaluated on both sides according to the following criteria:

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

Evaluation scores range from 1.0 to 6.0 for each criterion.

## 8. Selection and Funding Procedures, Feedback to Applicants

The mutual meeting of TÜBİTAK and SAS representatives is organised with the aim to consensually select proposals and prepare final list of the projects recommended for funding on both sides. Final funding decision is made by the Presidency of TÜBİTAK and SAS Presidium respectively.

The reports resulting from the evaluation process will be shared with the applicants by TÜBİTAK and SAS in accordance with their respective rules and procedures. Slovak coordinators, whose projects

are recommended for funding, will be requested to submit the specific form (MVTs Form) ahead of final funding approval, which is subject to decision of SAS Presidium. Further details about process are available [here](#).

## **9. Reporting Requirements, Project Results**

The projects will be monitored by the means of progress and financial reports and the final report by both SAS and TÜBİTAK for its content and progress.

The Slovak Principal Investigator (PI) of a funded project submits an annual progress report consisting of a scientific and a financial part. The final report is sent for a review to the International Projects Evaluation Committee.

The Turkish PI must prepare financial and scientific/technical progress reports at determined dates according to the national regulations of TÜBİTAK.

Continuation of funding will be decided based on this monitoring and is subject to the consent of both research funding organisations.

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 SAS. The signed agreement must be submitted to TÜBİTAK and SAS upon request.

## 10. Indicative Call Schedule

### One-Stage Joint Call

ACTIONS	DATES
Call Announcement	27 April 2026
<b>Deadline for Applications</b>	<b>17 July 2026</b>
<b>Deadline for E-Signature</b> (TÜBİTAK applicants only)	<b>24 July 2026</b>
Proposals evaluation	August to October 2026
<b>TÜBİTAK – SAS Joint Committee meeting (final list of projects recommended for funding)</b>	November 2026
Results announcement	December 2026
<b>Tentative projects start</b>	<b>March 2027</b>

## 11. Contact Points

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