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1. AIM OF THE PROGRAMME

The purpose of the programme, which was prepared pursuant to the protocol signed between TÜBİTAK and TÜBA on 27.12.2022, is to promote scientific and technological cooperation during and after doctoral studies between Türkiye and Uzbekistan. This call announcement covers the procedures and obligations for researchers and the research activities supported under this programme.

2. THE SCOPE, AMOUNT, AND DURATION

2.1. The Scope of the Fellowship

Within the scope of the programme, researchers are provided with the following support;

- Monthly Fellowship (stipend) to cover living costs in Türkiye;
- Travel costs for arrival to and departure from Türkiye.
- Annual payment to Academic Advisor in Türkiye.
- Host Institution Contribution for Laboratory Infrastructure Use.

2.2. The Amount and Duration

The support amounts to be provided to the Fellows within the scope of the programme are stated on [the programme website](#).

2.2.1. For doctoral researchers: the duration of the support is a minimum of 6 months and a maximum of 12 months.

2.2.2. For postdoctoral researchers: the duration of the support is a minimum of 12 months and a maximum of 36 months.

3. CALL CALENDAR

Call Terms	Call Opening Date	Call Closing Date
2026/1	01/07/2026	14/08/2026

4. ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA, REQUIRED DOCUMENTS, AND APPLICATION METHOD

Pertaining to this programme, the authority to determine the institution where the researchers will conduct their research and the academic advisor in Türkiye belongs to the TÜBA- TÜBİTAK Uzbekistan Aziz Sancar Fellowship Programme Selection Committee. Applicants must not contact universities and/or academic staff in Türkiye to obtain any letter of acceptance prior to application, as the host institution and academic advisor are determined and assigned solely by the TÜBA–TÜBİTAK

4.1. Eligibility Criteria

- 4.1.1. Being a citizen of Uzbekistan permanently residing in Uzbekistan (the dual citizens, the individuals who have been stripped of Turkish citizenship for any reason, are not eligible for the application);
- 4.1.2. Must not hold any visa for temporary or permanent residency in Türkiye or any other country other than Uzbekistan;
- 4.1.3. Not currently residing in Türkiye;
- 4.1.4. Having a reference letter from the Uzbek Government public institutions, Uzbekistan Universities, or the Uzbekistan Academy of Sciences;
- 4.1.5. Not previously supported under this programme and any 2216 – Research Fellowship Programme for International Researchers;

For Doctoral researchers;

- 4.1.6. By the deadline date of the application, having registered for a doctoral programme in the fields specified in the call text (see “Eligible Fields” section) in a higher education institution in Uzbekistan and having successfully passed the PhD qualifying exam or being in an advanced stage of PhD research;
- 4.1.7. Being 35 years old or younger on 31 December of the application year.

For Postdoctoral researchers;

- 4.1.8. Holding a PhD degree certificate in the fields specified in the call text (see “Eligible Fields” section);
- 4.1.9. Being 45 years old or younger on 31 December of the application year.

4.2. Eligible Fields

- a. Basic Sciences (Biology, Physics, Chemistry, Mathematics, Molecular Biology and Genetics),
- b. Engineering Sciences,
- c. Astronomy, Earth, and Space Sciences,
- d. Information Technologies,
- e. Agricultural Sciences (Agriculture, Food, Animal Science, and Veterinary),
- f. Social Sciences (International Relations, Political History, Educational Sciences, Research on Ali Shir Navai*).

*Priority may be given to researchers working in the field of Ali Shir Nevai at the support decision stage.

4.3. Required Documents

It is mandatory to upload the application documents prepared in the format determined by TÜBA and TÜBİTAK-BİDEB to the online application system during the online application period. Application document templates are available for download. Please ensure that all application documents are complete and in the requested format; any omissions or formatting inconsistencies will result in your application being eliminated during the preliminary evaluation.

- 4.3.1. Scanned copy of the identity and visa sections of the passport;
- 4.3.2. The [Research Proposal Form](#) prepared in the format determined by TÜBA and TÜBİTAK-BİDEB;
- 4.3.3. A reference letter taken from Uzbek Government public institutions, Uzbekistan Universities, or Uzbekistan Academy of Sciences;
- 4.3.4. **Additional documents specific to doctoral researchers:** the official [Registration & No Objection Certificate](#) indicating that the candidate is registered as a PhD student abroad and that he/she is successful in the PhD proficiency exam/being an advanced stage of his/her PhD research is taken in the last three months before the application date.
- 4.3.5. **Additional documents specific to postdoctoral researchers:** the official/notarized copy of the PhD diploma. If the diploma of the applicant is not ready, a temporary graduation certificate or an official letter confirming the applicant's graduation will be provided.

4.4. Application Method

- 4.4.1. To be able to submit the online application form to TÜBİTAK-BİDEB, the researcher must first create a profile on the platform in the TÜBİTAK Researcher Information System ([ARBİS](#)), and the researcher's information must be up-to-date before applying online. Please note that the information given in the ARBİS system will be retrieved and reflected in the application system as a resume form.
- 4.4.2. Applications must be submitted online via the TÜBİTAK online application system through [TYBS](#) within the dates indicated in the call announcement.
- 4.4.3. Documents to be uploaded to the application system must be in English. Documents prepared in other languages must be accompanied by their certified English translations.
- 4.4.4. During the application stage, it is sufficient to upload the documents into the application system, and they are not required to be delivered to TÜBİTAK-BİDEB by email or post.

4.4.5. Within the application period, the application can be withdrawn from the online system. After the application period is over, a signed petition stating the application year and period for withdrawal process in the evaluation stage should be sent to BİDEB. An update will be made after the petition reaches TÜBİTAK-BİDEB.

5. EVALUATION

A maximum of 8 researchers will be supported per year. The applications are evaluated in two phases.

5.1. Preliminary Assessment

Application documents are checked during a preliminary assessment. Applications that do not meet the requirements, lack any requested documents, contain inappropriate documentation in the required format, are not submitted within the application period, or are submitted by fax or e-mail will be returned without being subjected to scientific evaluation.

5.2. Scientific Evaluation

Evaluation is based solely on documents uploaded to the application system. For this reason, the documentation for each requirement must be uploaded to the system in a clear, well-defined context. Documents that only contain links to web pages will not be considered.

A scientific evaluation is carried out by panelists/consultants based on the evaluation criteria.*

5.2.1. The Scientific Competence of the Candidate

5.2.1.1. Academic and Scientific Merits of the Candidate.

5.2.1.2. Relevance of the Candidate's Academic Background and Studies to the Research Topic.

5.2.1.3. The Candidate's Potential for Career Development.

5.2.2. The Scientific Quality of the Research

5.2.2.1. The Quality and Credibility of the Research; Level of Novelty, Inter/Multidisciplinary Aspects.

5.2.2.2. Consistent and Effective Methodology and Work Plan: Work Packages, Success Criteria.

5.2.2.3. Compliance of Project Management Structure and Monitoring Processes, Including Risk Management.

5.2.3. The Rationale for Conducting the Research in Türkiye

5.2.3.1. Scientific Rationale for Conducting the Research in Türkiye.

5.2.3.2. Contribution of the Research to Türkiye's Research Ecosystem.

5.2.3.3. Anticipated Societal and Scientific Impact of the Research.

*Scientific panels are formed by TÜBİTAK-BİDEB with the panelist suggestions provided by TÜBA. The applications to be supported are finalized through a joint decision of the Presidents of TÜBA and TÜBİTAK, provided that the approval and enforcement processes within both institutions have been completed. The selection committee may interview the names on the final and waiting list to measure their language competence in English or Turkish.

6. INITIATION OF THE FELLOWSHIP

Selected candidates will be sent an official award letter jointly signed by TÜBA and TÜBİTAK-BİDEB. Before any visa and travel arrangements can start, Fellows must sign the award letter and return it to TÜBİTAK-BİDEB and TÜBA within the specified period. Researchers are obliged to initiate their research and Fellowship within 12 months of the date of the award letter by duly arriving in Türkiye.

6.1. Required Documents to Initiate the Fellowship

6.1.1. [Official Acceptance Letter](#) taken from the highest authority of the institution in which the research will be carried out in Türkiye.

6.1.2. Letter of Commitment signed by the Fellow and the Academic Advisor(s) in Türkiye.

6.1.3. If the research requires, related legal permission documents and/or the approval certificate obtained from the Ethics Committee of the university in which the research will be conducted or from any relevant Ethics Committee should be submitted to TÜBİTAK-BİDEB.

Upon submission of the above-mentioned documents to TÜBİTAK-BİDEB, support payments for the Fellow will be initiated based on the start date of the research.

7. MONITORING and FINALIZATION

7.1. General Provisions

- 7.1.1.** Notifications are generally made electronically by TÜBİTAK-BİDEB. For this reason, it is necessary to provide an electronic address suitable for notification and to keep the contact information up to date.
- 7.1.2.** The Fellow is obliged to initiate the research and Fellowship within 12 months of the date of the award letter. The status of the Fellows who cannot start their research due to health condition or *force majeure*, which means, under the terms of this Call Text, natural disaster, war (whether declared or not), invasion, revolution, insurrection, or other acts of a similar nature or force, which are beyond the control of the Fellow and the Academic Advisor(s), and other reasons can be evaluated by the Group Executive Committee (GYK), provided the appropriate opinion of the TÜBA Presidency, the Fellowship initiation period can be deferred up to 6 months at the most. A Fellow who does not begin his/her research within 12 months without the decision of the GYK cannot claim any rights to the Fellowship.
- 7.1.3.** The Fellow is obliged to report all kinds of Fellowship or financial support that are received from another institution in Türkiye during the Fellowship period to TÜBİTAK-BİDEB within 15 days from the starting date of the support. If the Fellow has received financial support from another institution, the amount of that support within the scope of this programme may be separately determined by the GYK provided the appropriate opinion of the TÜBA Presidency.
- 7.1.4.** The Fellows have to maintain their research studies in Türkiye full-time during the Fellowship period. The Fellow is obliged to inform TÜBİTAK-BİDEB about any short- or long-term visits away from the host institution either prior to departure or no later than ten (10) days after departure with a signed petition. Absence for a period of 15 days or less per year shall not affect the Fellowship payment. No Fellowship payment shall be made for periods exceeding fifteen (15) days. Any payment made for such periods shall be reimbursed by the Fellow or offset against subsequent Fellowship payments. For any durations longer than 15 days, GYK may consider a temporary suspension, or —subject to the approval of TÜBİTAK Presidency, provided the appropriate opinion of the TÜBA Presidency—the revocation or cancellation of the Fellowship.
- 7.1.5.** Those who receive Fellowship within the scope of this programme cannot receive project incentive bonus (PTI), fees, royalties, and similar financial support from other projects supported by TÜBİTAK at the same time.
- 7.1.6.** In the case of those who receive or are eligible to receive Fellowship from other programmes of TÜBİTAK, this situation should be reported to TÜBİTAK-BİDEB with a signed petition by the Fellow. If otherwise determined, GYK may consider a deduction from the Fellowship, a temporary suspension, or —subject to the approval of TÜBİTAK Presidency, provided the appropriate opinion of the TÜBA Presidency—the revocation or cancellation of the Fellowship.

- 7.1.7.** Fellows are required to successfully complete their research successfully within the Fellowship period assigned by TÜBA and TÜBİTAK-BİDEB.
- 7.1.8.** The Fellow is obliged to carry out the research strictly within the scope of the Research Proposal Form submitted during the application and approved for support, and shall not deviate from the main elements specified therein.
- 7.1.9.** In case of non-compliance with the obligations, action is taken in accordance with the provisions of this Call Announcement and the Letter of Commitment.
- 7.1.10.** Unless otherwise specified by TÜBİTAK-BİDEB, it is sufficient to submit requests and all related information and documents online throughout the Fellowship period, provided that such requests are made by means of an official petition duly signed by both the Fellow and the Academic Advisor(s) in Türkiye. In the case of renewal of the Letter of Commitment, the document must additionally be submitted to TÜBİTAK-BİDEB in hard copy with original wet signatures.
- 7.1.11.** If it is determined that any overpayment or undue payment has been made to the Fellow for any reason, the Fellow shall be obliged to repay such amount to TÜBİTAK-BİDEB and shall remain primarily liable therefor. The Academic Advisor(s) in Türkiye shall be under an obligation to monitor the Fellow's compliance with the Program Call Text, the Award Letter, and the Letter of Commitment, and to notify TÜBİTAK-BİDEB in writing without delay of any circumstance that may affect the Fellow's eligibility, research status, continuation of research, place of study, field of study, or presence in Türkiye. Where any overpayment, undue payment, or related financial loss occurs due to the Academic Advisor(s)' failure to comply with such notification and reporting obligations, the relevant amount may be recovered from the Academic Advisor(s) in Türkiye pursuant to the relevant legislation and the provisions of this undertaking.
- 7.1.12.** The suspension, revocation, and cancellation of the Fellowship shall be carried out in accordance with the [Rules and Procedures with regard to the running of the Department of Science Fellowships and Grant Programmes](#) under the Scientific and Technological Research Council of Türkiye. Fellowship support shall be revoked through termination of the stipend. In the event of cancellation, all disbursed amounts shall be recovered with statutory interest in accordance with the undertaking.

7.2. Progress and Final Reports

- 7.2.1.** In relation to their research, the Fellows should upload progress and final reports to the online monitoring system on the dates specified by TÜBİTAK-BİDEB. It is sufficient to upload the reports to the [online monitoring system](#); they do not need to be delivered to TÜBA or TÜBİTAK-BİDEB by post.
- 7.2.2.** A progress report is not requested from the Fellows whose support periods are less than 10 months, and it is sufficient for them to upload their final reports to the online monitoring system on the dates specified by TÜBİTAK-BİDEB.

- 7.2.3.** Fellows whose support period is determined as 10 months or more are required to upload [progress report\(s\)](#) every 6 months following the start date of their research and a [final report](#) within 2 months of the end date of their research.
- 7.2.4.** Progress reports can be uploaded to the online monitoring system no more than 10 days after the submission dates specified by TÜBİTAK-BİDEB. In case of any delay in the submission of progress reports, the Fellowship payments will not be paid, and the Fellow will be given an additional period of 2 months. The Fellowship payments of the Fellows who submit their progress reports within the given time period will continue where they left off. The support given to the Fellows who do not submit their delayed progress reports to TÜBİTAK-BİDEB within the extended 2 months, without relying on health condition or *force majeure*, which means, under the terms of this Call Text, natural disaster, war (whether declared or not), invasion, revolution, insurrection, or other acts of a similar nature or force, which are beyond the control of the Fellow and the Academic Advisor(s) in Türkiye, may be revoked or cancelled by the decision of the GYK and the approval of the Presidency, provided the appropriate opinion of the TÜBA Presidency.
- 7.2.5.** If the final report is not uploaded to the online monitoring system within 2 months following the research end date, the Fellow can request additional time with a reasoned and signed petition. If the request is considered appropriate by the GYK, provided the appropriate opinion of the TÜBA Presidency, additional time may be given for the completion of the report. The Fellowship support of the Fellow who does not submit their final reports to TÜBİTAK-BİDEB within the additional time given can be revoked or cancelled by the GYK decision and the approval of the Presidency, provided the appropriate opinion of the TÜBA Presidency.
- 7.2.6.** Progress and final reports are evaluated by scientific experts to be assigned by TÜBİTAK-BİDEB. Reports that are not sufficient as a result of the evaluation are requested to be revised within 2 months. The support of the Fellow who does not send the necessary revisions within the given time period or whose revised reports are not accepted can be revoked or cancelled by the decision of the GYK, and with the approval of the Presidency, provided the appropriate opinion of the TÜBA Presidency.
- 7.2.7.** TÜBA and TÜBİTAK support must be stated in the publications within the scope of the programme, and if available, the publication should be uploaded to the online monitoring system in addition to the progress and final reports.

7.2.8. Without prejudice to the internal regulations of the university, research institution, publisher or other entities where the relevant publication is published or disseminated, and to the applicable national or international legislation that may restrict or prohibit the use of logos in certain publication types such as theses and articles, it is mandatory to indicate the TÜBA and the TÜBİTAK logos in all kinds of research-related announcements and publications. The TÜBA and TÜBİTAK logos must be used in accordance with the forms and standards given on the TÜBA website and [the TÜBİTAK website](#).

7.3. Change of Host Institution, Host Advisor, or Research Title

7.3.1. In case of a request to change the host institution, the Fellow should apply to TÜBİTAK-BİDEB, submitting the following documents:

7.3.1.1 [Request Form to Change of Host Institution/Academic Advisor\(s\)](#). The Fellow, the current, and the new Academic Advisor(s) in Türkiye must sign the relevant sections of the form.

7.3.1.2 [The Acceptance Letter](#) from the highest authority of the new host institution in which the research will be conducted.

7.3.1.3 Renewed Letter of Commitment.

If the GYK decision confirms the request and the TÜBA Presidency provides the appropriate opinion, the change can proceed with the Presidency's approval.

7.3.2. In case of a request to change the Academic Advisor(s) in Türkiye, the Fellow should apply to TÜBİTAK-BİDEB, submitting the following documents:

7.3.2.1 [Request Form to Change of Host Institution/Academic Advisor\(s\)](#). The Fellow, the current, and the new Academic Advisor(s) in Türkiye must sign the relevant sections of the form.

7.3.2.2 [The Acceptance Letter](#), including the name of the new Academic Advisor(s) in Türkiye, from the highest authority of the host institution in which the research is conducted.

7.3.2.3 Renewed Letter of Commitment.

If the GYK decision confirms the request and the TÜBA Presidency provides the appropriate opinion, the change can proceed with the Presidency's approval.

7.3.3. In case the Fellow requests to make changes to the research title without making any change on the research, which it is entitled to support, the Fellow must apply to TÜBİTAK-BİDEB along with the [Request Form to Change of Research Title](#) signed by the Fellow and the Academic Advisor(s) in Türkiye. If the GYK decision confirms the request and the TÜBA Presidency provides the appropriate opinion, the change can proceed with the Presidency's approval.

7.4. Extension, Suspension, and Early Cessation

7.4.1. It is essential for the Fellows to complete his/her research successfully within the Fellowship period assigned by TÜBA and TÜBİTAK-BİDEB. If Fellows, who are supported for less than the maximum support period, wish to extend their Fellowship, they should deliver the following documents to TÜBİTAK-BİDEB 2 months before the end date of the Fellowship period:

7.4.1.1 [Request Form for Fellowship Extension](#). This form also includes a summary of the research carried out by the Fellow during the period of support, as well as a reasoned request for the extension of the period, signed by the Fellow and the Academic Advisor(s) in Türkiye.

7.4.1.2 A detailed research report on the studies that will be carried out within the requested period. This report should be prepared in the “Progress Report” format in the “Application Forms” available on the official programme website.

If the GYK decision confirms the request and the TÜBA Presidency provides the appropriate opinion, the change can proceed with the Presidency's approval. The extended period cannot exceed fifty percent of the initially awarded support period of the Fellowship.

7.4.2. In the event of a situation requiring the suspension of Fellowship based on health condition or *force majeure*, which means, under the terms of this Call Text, natural disaster, war (whether declared or not), invasion, revolution, insurrection, or other acts of a similar nature or force, which are beyond the control of the Fellow and the Academic Advisor(s) in Türkiye, the Fellow and the Academic Advisor(s) in Türkiye must apply to TÜBİTAK-BİDEB with a justification within 20 days from the date of the incident. Fellowship support can be suspended if GYK deems appropriate, provided the appropriate opinion of the TÜBA Presidency. The suspension period may be up to 12 months during the support period, and no payment will be made to the Fellow during this period. Upon request of the Fellow and the Academic Advisor(s) in Türkiye regarding the resumption of discontinued support, if the GYK decision confirms the request and the TÜBA Presidency provides the appropriate opinion, the Fellowship support will recommence, and the suspension period will be added to the Fellowship period with the Presidency's approval.

7.4.3. In the event that no request is submitted by the Fellow and the Academic Advisor(s) in Türkiye for the resumption of support within the suspension time, the support of the Fellow can be revoked or cancelled by the decision of the GYK and with the approval of the Presidency, provided the appropriate opinion of the TÜBA Presidency.

7.4.4. If the Fellow wants to leave the programme earlier than the end date of the Fellowship without completing the research, the Fellow and Academic Advisor(s) in Türkiye must apply to TÜBİTAK-BİDEB with a signed petition at least 15 days before the departure date. In the case of abandonment of the Fellowship without successful completion of the programme, the following conditions will apply:

7.4.4.1 The Fellowship stipend will no longer be paid from the date of abandonment. Any stipend paid for the period after abandonment must be refunded.

7.4.4.2 The final report that is prepared for research results and outputs obtained until the date the research was stopped must be uploaded to the online monitoring system within 2 months following the date of abandonment.

7.4.4.3 The Fellowship support will be revoked or cancelled by the decision of the GYK and the approval of the Presidency, provided the appropriate opinion of the TÜBA Presidency based on the evaluation result of the final report, which is the result of the monitoring evaluation conducted by scientific experts.

7.4.5. If the Fellow completes the research earlier than the end date of the Fellowship, the Fellow and Academic Advisor(s) in Türkiye must apply to TÜBİTAK-BİDEB with a signed petition at least 15 days before the departure date. In case of early completion of the research, the following conditions will apply:

7.4.5.1 The monthly Fellowship payments will not be paid from the date of completion. If a payment was already made, the Fellow must refund it.

7.4.5.2 The submission deadline for the final report is updated based on the early completion date, and the report must be uploaded to the online monitoring system within two (2) months following the early completion date.

7.4.5.3 The Fellowship support will be terminated or revoked by the decision of the GYK and the approval of the Presidency, provided the appropriate opinion of the TÜBA Presidency based on the evaluation result of the final report, which is the result of the monitoring evaluation conducted by scientific experts.

8. ETHICAL RULES, OTHER PROVISIONS, AND RELEVANT LEGISLATION

8.1. Ethical Rules

- 8.1.1. The Fellow and the Academic Advisor(s) in Türkiye must comply with universal scientific research and scientific publishing rules during the conduct of the research. Where necessary, it is obligatory to obtain the Ethics Committee Approval document and the legal permission(s) from the relevant institutions for the research to be done.
- 8.1.2. The Fellow accepts, declares, and undertakes that, regarding the use of generative artificial intelligence (GenAI) tools during and after the preparation and submission process of the project proposal and all project-specific information, the Fellow has acted and will act in full and complete compliance with all principles, rules, and obligations set forth in the “[Guide on the Responsible and Trustworthy Use of Generative Artificial Intelligence in Support Processes](#)”, and that all information provided and to be provided regarding the use of generative AI in this process is accurate, complete, and truthful; that otherwise, the Fellow accepts all legal and administrative consequences that may arise from violations in this regard, and that the Fellow accepts in advance the audits, examinations, and sanctions to be carried out by the relevant authorities.
- 8.1.3. The Academic Advisor(s) of the Fellow in Türkiye accept(s), declare(s), and undertake(s) that, regarding the use of generative artificial intelligence (GenAI) tools during and after the preparation and submission process of the project proposal and all project-specific information, the Academic Advisor(s) has (have) acted and will act in full and complete compliance with all principles, rules, and obligations set forth in the “[Guide on the Responsible and Trustworthy Use of Generative Artificial Intelligence in Support Processes](#)”, and that all information provided and to be provided regarding the use of generative AI in this process is accurate, complete, and truthful; that otherwise, the Academic Advisor(s) accepts all legal and administrative consequences that may arise from violations in this regard, and that accepts in advance the audits, examinations, and sanctions to be carried out by the relevant authorities.
- 8.1.4. In case of a violation of the above-mentioned rules, legal actions shall be carried out in accordance with the provisions of [TÜBİTAK Directive in the Research and Publication Ethics Committee \(AYEK\)](#).

8.2. Other Provisions

- 8.2.1. TÜBİTAK-BİDEB will be responsible for a monthly allowance to cover accommodation/living expenses and medical facilities for minor ailments as available in Türkiye at amounts to be specified by TÜBİTAK-BİDEB.
- 8.2.2. Fellowship payments are paid within the first 10 days of the following month to TRY bank accounts in the names of Fellows based on the information given by the Fellow.
- 8.2.3. TÜBA covers the researchers' arrival and departure costs from Türkiye at the beginning of the Fellowship and on completion of the Fellowship. Researchers who are eligible for support under this programme should contact TÜBA for ticketing procedures.
- 8.2.4. TÜBA will also cover annual payment to Academic Advisor in Türkiye and Host Institution Contribution for Laboratory Infrastructure Use in accordance with the applicable provisions of the TÜBA regulations and related financial procedures.
- 8.2.5. The host institution in Türkiye, where the research will be conducted and where the assigned academic advisor is based, will provide accommodation free of charge.
- 8.2.6. There is no retroactive payment to the Fellows who choose to arrive to Türkiye by their own means before the date on the acceptance letter.
- 8.2.7. Candidates are required to obtain, at their own expense, comprehensive medical insurance covering the entire period of their stay, including medical treatment, emergencies, and other unforeseen circumstances, prior to travelling to Türkiye.

8.3. Relevant Legislation

- 8.3.1. Presidential Decree no.4 dated 15/07/2018 and numbered 30479.
- 8.3.2. [Directive on the Programmes to be carried out by the Department of Science Fellowships and Grant Programmes under the Scientific and Technological Research Council of Türkiye.](#)
- 8.3.3. [Rules and Procedures with regard to the running of the Department of Science Fellowships and Grant Programmes under the Scientific and Technological Research Council of Türkiye.](#)
- 8.3.4. [Instruction on Evaluation of Applications and Reports in BİDEB Fellowship and Support Programmes by Panel/Advisor/Advisor Board Method.](#)
- 8.3.5. [Guide on the Responsible and Trustworthy Use of Generative Artificial Intelligence in Support Processes.](#)

8.3.6. [TÜBİTAK Directive in the Research and Publication Ethics Committee \(AYEK\).](#)

8.3.7. All rules and regulations detailed in the Letter of Commitment and TÜBA - TÜBİTAK-BİDEB Award Letter.

8.3.8. In cases not specified in the relevant legislation and in the announcement of this call, the decisions of the GYK are implemented, provided the appropriate opinion of the TÜBA Presidency.

9. DEFINITIONS and ABBREVIATIONS

- **Academic Advisor in Türkiye:** The researchers who have at least a doctoral degree and are working in one of the universities in Türkiye. There is no university affiliation requirement for researchers working at public research centers to be host advisors.
- **AYEK:** TÜBİTAK Research and Publication Ethics Committee.
- **BİDEB:** Department of Science Fellowship and Grant Programmes.
- **Fellow:** The undergraduate or graduate student who receives a Fellowship from TÜBİTAK for the purpose of university undergraduate or graduate studies at home and/or abroad, and the researchers who receive a postdoctoral research Fellowship.
- **Fellowship:** Monthly payments made to the Fellows for the amount and duration determined by The Science Board in order to cover the living expenses of the students and researchers who are undergraduate and/or graduate students at home or abroad and who are determined in accordance with the special rules and principles.
- **Final Report:** The report to be prepared by the Fellows and the Academic Advisor(s) in Türkiye in accordance with the forms and procedures determined by TÜBİTAK-BİDEB, indicating the added value and gains obtained from the research results and outputs at the end of the support period. This report must provide a comprehensive overview of the project's overall outcomes.
- **Group Executive Committee (GYK):** The Executive Committee of the Research Fellowships and Grants Group that form opinions, suggestions, and decisions on issues related to group activities.
- **Institution's Highest Authority:** In the case of universities, the rector or the authorized vice-chancellor, the director of the public research centers and infrastructures in Türkiye.
- **Letter of Commitment:** A signed legal statement that the Fellow benefiting from this Fellowship and his/her Academic Advisor(s) in Türkiye will comply with the rules and obligations set out in the programme legislation.
- **Panelist/Consultant:** Expert persons in the field appointed by TÜBA to evaluate, advise, or assist the boards on Fellowship/support/activity applications.

- **Presidency:** TÜBİTAK Presidency.
- **Programme:** Fellowship, support, and/or competition programmes conducted by TÜBİTAK in order to fulfil the duties stated in (h) and (j) clauses of Article 2 of Law No. 278.
- **Progress Report:** The report prepared by the Fellow and the Academic Advisor(s) in Türkiye in accordance with the forms and procedures determined by TÜBİTAK-BİDEB in order to monitor periodical progress on the dates specified by TÜBİTAK-BİDEB.
- **Scientific Expert:** An expert in the relevant scientific field proposed by TÜBA and agreed by TÜBİTAK-BİDEB to evaluate, advise, or assist for the activities related to supported research, and who makes his/her assessment in accordance with the format determined by TÜBİTAK-BİDEB, and if necessary, by visiting on site.
- **Selection Committee:** The committee consisting of scientists/experts proposed by TÜBA and agreed by TÜBİTAK to work within the scope of this Fellowship programme.
- **TÜBA:** Turkish Academy of Sciences.
- **TÜBİTAK:** The Scientific and Technological Research Council of Türkiye.