

CALL FOR PROPOSALS

by

The Scientific and Technological Research Council of Türkiye

and

**The Ministry of Higher Education, Science and Innovations of the
Republic of Uzbekistan**

The Call is open between 14 September 2026 and 14 December 2026

1. Preamble

In the framework of the Cooperation Protocol in Science and Technology between The Scientific and Technological Research Council of Türkiye (TÜBİTAK) and Ministry of Higher Education, Science and Innovations of the Republic of Uzbekistan (MHESI Uzbekistan) that was signed in 30 April 2018, TÜBİTAK and The Agency for Innovative Development of the Republic of Uzbekistan (AID), on behalf of the MHESI Uzbekistan, invite universities, research entities, research institutes and industrial enterprises of Türkiye and universities, research centers and institutes of Uzbekistan 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** (Internet of Things; Robotics and Mechatronics; Cybersecurity);
- **Food and Agriculture** (Precision Agriculture and Unmanned Farming Technologies; Drought/Stress Resistant Breeding and Biotechnology; Innovative Food Production Technologies);
- **Health** (Artificial Intelligence Applications in Healthcare; Public Health and Intelligent Decision Support Systems);
- **Advanced Materials Technologies** (Ceramics and Composites, Biomaterials);
- **Physics** (Astronomy, Astrophysics and Space Observation Technologies; Condensed Matter Physics).

4. Financial Issues

As a rule, **Turkish partners** that are eligible for funding can receive **up to 3.750.000 Turkish Liras (excl. overhead and Project Incentive Premium (PIP) approximately) per project.**

Also, **Uzbek partners** that are eligible for funding can receive **up to 1.236.000.000 Uzbek Sums (UZS) 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 website address.

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)** and the total duration of **international visits should not exceed two months (60 days) per year** for the each supported joint research project.

Project partners whose project proposals have been selected for funding 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. TÜBİTAK and AID 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 AID. The signed agreement must be submitted to TÜBİTAK and AID upon request.

The projects will be monitored through progress reports and the final report by both TÜBİTAK and AID for its content and progress.

6. Proposal Submission

- The Joint Call will be open between **14 September 2026 and 14 December 2026** through application systems of TÜBİTAK and AID.
- Turkish partners will make their application via TÜBİTAK's online system <http://uidb-pbs.tubitak.gov.tr/>.
- Uzbek partners will make their application via AID's online system <https://loyiha.ilmiy.uz/>.
- 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 AID. **TÜBİTAK and AID do not match the collaborating partners.**
- The proposals should be prepared in **English**.
- Project proposals from the Uzbek side shall be prepared and submitted in Uzbek. A corresponding English version shall also be prepared for submission to TÜBİTAK.

- 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. Because of that situation there is no need to send any hard copy to TÜBİTAK.
- 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.

Uzbek partners should follow the relevant rules and requirements of Cabinet of Ministers of the Republic of Uzbekistan "On measures to further improve the regulatory framework for the development of scientific research and innovative activities" dated March 9, 2020 No. 133.

7.2. Evaluation Method

- The proposals that are deemed eligible will be evaluated by TÜBİTAK and AID in line with their own rules and regulations.
- Following the scientific evaluation, TÜBİTAK and AID 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 AID will be supported.

8. Key Dates

ACTIONS	PERIODS
Application Announcement	14 September 2026
Deadline for Applications	14 December 2026
Deadline for E-Signatures for TÜBİTAK and Submission of Application Documents to AID	28 December 2026
Announcement of the Results	24 June 2027

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