

CALL FOR PROPOSALS

**Slovenian Research and Innovation Agency (ARIS)
and
The Scientific and Technological Research Council of Türkiye (TÜBİTAK)**

The Call is open between 9 November 2026 and 21 December 2026

1. Preamble

In the framework of the Agreement on co-operation in Science and Technology between the Government of the Republic of Slovenia and the Government of the Republic of Türkiye and the Amending Protocol between the Government of the Republic of Slovenia and the Government of the Republic of Türkiye, both Parties invite universities, private sector and research centers and institutes to submit joint proposals for scientific and technological research projects.

Slovenian Research and Innovation Agency (ARIS) will publish the call on behalf of the Slovenian Ministry of Education, Science and Youth (MESY). Scientific and Technological Research Council of Türkiye (TÜBİTAK) is assigned as the implementing agency on behalf of the Turkish side.

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. 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.

3. Main Thematic Areas

Project proposals outside the thematic areas listed below will be deemed ineligible. Project proposals should address the following thematic areas:

- **Health:**
 - Personalized medicine and advanced therapies,
 - Cancer treatment,
 - Digital health and artificial intelligence,
 - Preventive medicine and active healthy ageing – silver economy,
 - Sustainable biopharmaceutical products and natural products.
- **Information and Communication Technologies**
 - Internet of Things,
 - Robotics and Mechatronics,
 - Cybersecurity,
 - HPC – high-performance computing, Data Centers
- **Food and Agriculture**
 - Food Production Technologies and Logistics processes,
 - Personalized foods,
 - Food Supplements,
 - Novel Foods
- **Advanced Materials and Technologies in Construction**
 - Ceramics and Composites,
 - Biomaterials with forest-based resources, wood, and wood composites

- **Basic Sciences**
 - Physics,
 - Astronomy
 - Astrophysics,
 - Chemistry,
 - Biology

4. Financial Issues

Slovenian partners that are eligible for funding can receive up to 12.000 Euro per project, total funding for the bilateral call on the Slovenian side is 96.000 Euro.

Slovenian-funded costs of each grant will be issued and managed by ARIS according to its funding guidelines and procedures. Turkish-funded costs of each grant will be issued and managed by TÜBİTAK, according to its funding guidelines and procedures.

The costs of exchange of experts, scientists and other specialists will be covered on the following basis:

- The sending Party shall meet all costs relating to travel to the place where the joint work will be carried out, as well as lodging and allowances according to its own regulations.
- The costs of health insurance covering the payment of any treatment costs of participants on exchange visits shall be covered on the Slovenian and the Turkish side by the participants themselves.
- For the 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 Slovenia.

Turkish partners that are eligible for funding can receive up to 2.000.000 Turkish Liras per project. Overhead and Project Incentive Premium will not be paid for projects. TÜBİTAK funded costs of each grant will be issued and managed by TÜBİTAK in accordance with the rules of [TÜBİTAK 1071 Programme](#).

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 85.000 Turkish Liras)
- **Scholarship Expenses**

5. Duration of the Projects

The duration of the projects should not exceed **24 months** and the total duration of international visits in one direction should not exceed two months (60 days) per year for the each supported joint research project.

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

6. Proposal Submission

The Joint Call will be open for applications between **9 November and 21 December 2026** through online application systems of ARIS and TÜBİTAK.

Slovenian partners should submit the project according to the requirements of the call. The application form will be published on the ARIS website when the call is published: <http://www.aris-rs.si/sl/>

Turkish partners will make their online application via TÜBİTAK: <https://uidb-pbs.tubitak.gov.tr/>

- 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 ARIS and TÜBİTAK. **MESY, ARIS and TÜBİTAK do not match the collaborating partners.**
- 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 https://www.tubitak.gov.tr/sites/default/files/281/ardeb_e-imza_yardim_dokumani.pdf
- For Turkish side submission of proposals by fax or e-mail will not be accepted and there is no need to send any hard copy to TÜBİTAK.
- For Turkish side, in case there are two or more institutions within the same project, Turkish institutions should submit a single joint proposal.
- All Turkish researchers who apply for this Program should be registered to TUBITAK ARBIS (Researcher Information system) through the following link: <https://arbis.tubitak.gov.tr>

7. Eligibility Criteria

Slovenian partners should follow the relevant rules and requirements of ARIS, Turkish partners to the relevant rules and requirements of TÜBİTAK ([TÜBİTAK 1071 Programme](#)).

Projects must be submitted to both ARIS and TÜBİTAK. Any project that is not submitted to both organizations within the call period will not be eligible for evaluation.

7.1. Evaluation Method

- The proposals that are deemed eligible will be evaluated by ARIS and TÜBİTAK in line with their own rules and regulations.
- Following the scientific evaluation, MESY and TÜBİTAK 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 both Slovenian and Turkish side will be supported.
- The priority will be given to project proposals submitted by project leaders that had not received funding in the last joint call for proposals for the period 2025-2026 on the Slovenian side.

8. Key Dates

ACTIONS	PERIODS
Application Announcement	9 November 2026
Deadline for Applications	21 December 2026
Announcement of the Results	June 2027
Duration of projects	1 July 2027 – 30 June 2029

9. Other Conditions

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

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