Scientific & Technological Research Council of Türkiye (TÜBİTAK)
Science Fellowships and Grant Programmes Department (BIDEB)
2221 – Fellowship Program for Visiting Scientists and Scientists on Sabbatical Leave

LETTER OF COMMITMENT

1. The Visiting/Sabbatical Scientist shall be obliged to comply with the Program regulations, refrain from providing false or misleading information at any stage of the Program, from the application stage to its completion, and to complete the research/study within the designated timeframe.

2. The Visiting/Sabbatical Scientist has to use the fellowship at the university/research institution and in the scientific field approved by TÜBİTAK.

3. The Visiting/Sabbatical Scientist must start his/her research and uses this fellowship within six months from the date of the fellowship notification. Visiting/Sabbatical Scientist who does not start the research and use the fellowship within six months from the date of the fellowship notification relinquishes the fellowship and cannot claim any rights.

4. Any short-term or long-term absence of the Visiting/Sabbatical Scientist from their duties, along with the duration of such absence, shall be reported to BİDEB by the Host Scientist.

5. Should the Visiting/Sabbatical Scientist intend to depart from Türkiye or withdraw from the Program prior to the completion of the support period, the Host Scientist shall be required to formally notify BİDEB of such intent no later than fifteen (15) days before the planned departure date.

6. It is mandatory to report to TÜBİTAK all outputs (such as articles, papers, book chapters and books) produced as a result of the research conducted under the scope of the Program. In all types of announcements, publications, and scientific activities related to the Program, the acknowledgment of TÜBİTAK's support and the use of the TÜBİTAK logo are obligatory (except in cases such as theses or articles where the use of the logo is prohibited by relevant regulations). The TÜBİTAK logo must be used in accordance with the design and standards published on TÜBİTAK's official website.

7. The Visiting/Sabbatical Scientist shall be obliged to comply with universally accepted principles of scientific research and publication ethics during the execution of the proposed study. If required by the nature of the study, obtaining an Ethics Committee Approval Document, as well as all necessary legal and special permits, shall be mandatory. In the event of any violation of the aforementioned rules, relevant actions shall be taken against the parties concerned in accordance with the provisions of the TÜBİTAK Regulation on Research and Publication Ethics Committee.

8. The Visiting/Sabbatical Scientist declares, and undertakes that, in the event that generative artificial intelligence (GenAI) tools are used in relation to any project-specific information during the preparation and submission of the project proposal, he/she shall fully and completely comply with all principles, rules, and obligations set forth in the "Guide on the Responsible and Trustworthy Use of Generative

Artificial Intelligence in Support Processes."

9. The Visiting/Sabbatical Scientist further undertakes that all information provided and to be provided regarding such use of generative artificial intelligence shall be accurate, complete, and truthful. In case of any breach of these obligations, the Visiting/Sabbatical Scientist accepts in advance all legal and administrative consequences that may arise, as well as any audits, investigations, and sanctions to be carried out by the relevant authorities.

10. The Visiting/Sabbatical Scientist shall be required, throughout his/her stay in Türkiye, to observe and comply with the laws, statutes, regulations, administrative decisions, and all other applicable legislation of the Republic of Türkiye, as well as with international conventions and agreements and the provisions of this undertaking.

11. In the event of any breach of the obligations stipulated under this Program, the fellowship may be suspended or officially terminated.

12. The Visiting/Sabbatical Scientist hereby accepts and undertakes that, in the event that the Visiting/Sabbatical Scientist discontinues the study of his/her own accord, changes the place or field of study during the research period without the prior approval of TÜBİTAK, or fails to comply with the applicable laws, statutes, and regulations, the instructions issued to him/her, the provisions of the Program Call Text, or the obligations set forth above, the necessary actions shall be taken in accordance with the applicable legislation and the provisions of this Undertaking, and all payments made on behalf of the said person under the titles of monthly/daily living allowance contribution, salary, fee, scholarship, travel expenses, health insurance support, and similar payments, together with any and all other expenditures incurred on behalf of the said person, whether within or outside the scope of the Program and irrespective of the reason, shall be recovered in accordance with the applicable legislation and the provisions of this Undertaking.

I hereby declare that I have read and understood the Call Text of the 2221 Fellowship Program for Visiting Scientists and Scientists on Sabbatical Leave, along with the aforementioned provisions. I formally acknowledge and undertake to fully comply with all applicable rules and regulations of the Program throughout the duration of the fellowship.

Visiting/Sabbatical Scientist Name	
Date	
Signature	