

SCIENTIFIC & TECHNOLOGICAL COOPERATION

CALL FOR PROPOSALS

by

The Scientific and Technological Research Council of Turkey (TUBITAK)

and

National Agency for Scientific Research and Innovation of Albania (NASRI)

The Call is open between 9th December 2021 and 9th March 2022

1. Preamble

The programme for Scientific & Technological Cooperation is carried out in the frame of the Protocol on Cooperation in Science and Technology between The Scientific and Technological Research Council of Turkey (TÜBİTAK) and the Ministry of Education and Science of the Republic of Albania, signed in Ankara on 6 April 2010.

Universities, private sector and research centers and institutes can submit joint proposals for scientific and technological research and development (R&D) projects.

The project proposals which will 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 of the Call

The objective 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.

Aims of the Programme are funding researchers' mobility in the frame of joint research projects to stimulate international research cooperation, providing an opportunity for researchers to cooperate in an international setting and to develop their scientific careers.

3. Main Thematic Areas:

This call is for applications in all scientific fields and technological areas.

4. Financial Issues

As a rule, Turkish partners that are eligible for funding can receive up to **150.000 Turkish Liras per project**.

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 15.000 Turkish Liras)

Overhead and Project Incentive Premium will not be paid for projects.

Albanian partners that are eligible for funding can receive up to **10.000 EUR per project**.

Mobility Expenses including tickets, hotels, per diems, transfers and organization expenses for seminars, workshops or info days will be funded by NASRI in the framework of this call.

TÜBİTAK-funded costs of each grant will be issued and managed by TÜBİTAK in accordance with the rules of TÜBİTAK 1071 Programme. Similarly, NASRI (The National Agency for Scientific Research and Innovation) will be issuing the funds according to its funding guidelines and procedures.

Both Parties mutually agree to cover the costs of exchange of experts, scientists and other specialists in the following way:

- The sending Party will meet all related costs connected with travel, lodging and allowances according to their own regulations and allowances.

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 TÜBİTAK and NASRI individually for its content and progress in both countries independently.

6. Proposal Submission

The Joint Call will be open for applications between 9th December 2021 and 9th March 2022 through online application systems of TÜBİTAK, concerning the Turkish counterpart and via hard copy application concerning the Albanian counterpart.

Turkish partners will make their joint online application via TUBITAK's online system, <https://uidb-pbs.tubitak.gov.tr/>.

In regard to the Albanian counterpart the entire application for the research project must be submitted both in Albanian and in English, and will have to be submitted in hardcopy in the premises of The National Agency of Scientific Research and Innovation. Address: Str. "Naim Frasheri" No.37, Tirana, 1049.

- 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 NASRI. TÜBİTAK and NASRI are not responsible to find and/or 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. 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

Turkish team will receive funding through TUBITAK 1071 Program. 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/>

For detailed information on the eligibility for Turkish team, please visit https://www.tubitak.gov.tr/sites/default/files/3125/1071_arastirma_projeleri_surec_dokumani.pdf

The researchers from Albania participating in this Programme, should be Researchers that are part of a research institution; early-stage or mid-career researchers as well as project proposals with involvement of PhD/doctoral students, early stage and/or female researchers.

All of the Albanian researchers should find ground of support based on the Law for Higher Education and Scientific Research in the Albanian Republic, No. 80/2015, specifically Article 24; 26; 93; 95.

Bilateral cooperation projects will be supported within the framework of this Call, unilateral applications will not be accepted.

For Albanian researchers, follow-up proposals with the same research partners will not be eligible for funding if they have already been funded under this programme.

7.2. Evaluation Method

- The proposals that will be considered eligible, will be evaluated by TÜBİTAK and NASRI, in line with their own rules and regulations.
- Following the scientific evaluation, TÜBİTAK and NASRI will inform each other on the result list which will include the information about approved and rejected project proposals.
- Only the project proposals, which will be approved by TÜBİTAK and NASRI will be supported.

7.2.1. Evaluation Criteria

Following the closing date of the call indicated below, applications will be submitted to recognized national experts in the various fields of research represented by the proposals received. These experts will evaluate each proposal based on the national criteria:

On the Albanian Side:

- The importance and scientific value. (max. 32 points)
- The stand of the scientific proposition of the project (max. 15 points)
- The value of the project in terms of originality; innovation and application on both countries (max. 14 points)
- Methodology (max. 10 points)
- Planning and feasibility (max. 4 points)
- Budgeting (max. 9 points)
- Experience and staff specialization in the research field of interest (max. 10 points)
- The evaluation of the documents requested for application (max. 6 points)

On the Turkish Side:

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

8. Key Dates

ACTIONS	PERIODS
Application Announcement	9 December 2021
Deadline for Applications	9 March 2022, 17:00 (IST Time)
Deadline for E-Signatures for TÜBİTAK	16 March 2022, 17:00 (IST Time)
Announcement of the Results	July 2022
Starting Date of Projects	September 2022

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