



## 2535 TÜBİTAK-IRAN MSRT CALL FOR PROPOSALS 2020

Based on the Memorandum of Understanding between the Scientific and Technological Research Council of Turkey (TÜBİTAK) and the Ministry of Science, Research and Technology (MSRT) signed in 2017, joint research projects will be supported under the TUBITAK-Iran MSRT Program.

The purpose of a partnership between TÜBİTAK and MSRT is to support projects for which there is genuine Turkish-Iranian collaboration. Under this call, only the research projects, focusing on producing new knowledge; making new scientific interpretations or solving technological problems based on scientific principles will be funded. The projects will be implemented through the exchange of researcher and knowledge.

Scientists in Turkey who want to propose a joint research project must agree with the researcher(s) working in the research institutions in Iran whom they will carry out the project together as "project partners". Unilateral project applications are not accepted. The Turkish and Iranian partners shall form a project consortium and prepare a joint scientific project. Teams from each country must designate a national scientific coordinator. Projects should be submitted in parallel to respective funding agencies by each national scientific coordinator.

Based on the respective bilateral agreement between TÜBİTAK and MSRT, each party will cover the costs of their own national team. While submitting the project proposal form, the costs which are requested in the scope of the project must be stated in detail and justified. In the case of any exchange of researcher to be made within the scope of the projects, the sending party meets all the travel expenses. TÜBİTAK will fund the Turkish side under the financial principles of TÜBİTAK 1071 Program ([https://www.tubitak.gov.tr/sites/default/files/3125/1071\\_arastirma\\_projeleri\\_surec\\_dokumani.pdf](https://www.tubitak.gov.tr/sites/default/files/3125/1071_arastirma_projeleri_surec_dokumani.pdf)). MSRT will fund the Iranian side within the framework of the agreement with NIMAD (National Institute for Medical Research Development) as representative of Ministry of Health and Medical Education of Iran to support their own researchers who are determined as principle investigator in proposal.

Project submission to **TUBITAK** should be made via <https://uidb-pbs.tubitak.gov>.

Project submission to **MSRT** should be made via the University of Tabriz (as representative of MSRT) submission system: <https://irtu.tabrizu.ac.ir/>, and <http://rms.nimad.ac.ir> (as representative of health and biomedical science).

**Deadline for Submission:** 22<sup>nd</sup> December 2020, 17:30 local times of Turkey & Iran.

A maximum of **300.000 TL** will be provided by TÜBİTAK for the research team in Turkey. The duration of projects is **18** months at maximum. Maximum payment of MSRT has been appended in the table below, Call Snapshot. Detailed information about the call can be found at: <https://www.tubitak.gov.tr/tr/kurumsal/uluslararasi/ikili-isbirligi-destekleri/2535/icerik-2535-iran-bilim-arastirma-ve-teknoloji-bakanligi-msrt-ile-ikili-isbirligi-programi> and <https://cisc.msrt.ir/fa>

### Call Snapshot

<b>SCOPE</b>	Engineering, Information and Communication Technologies, Materials Sciences, Energy, Cognitive Science, Science and Society, Agriculture and Biotechnology, Medical Science.  Only the projects that fit to the call topics can be funded.
<b>Competition opens</b>	22/09/2020
<b>Final date for online proposal submission</b>	For TUBITAK: 22/12/2020, 17:30 (IST time)  For MSRT: 22/12/2020, 17:30 (Iran time)
<b>Final date for electronic signatures' completion</b>	For TUBITAK: 28/12/2020  For MSRT: 28/12/2020 (If needed)
<b>Thematic Fields &amp; subfields</b>	<p>Researchers are strongly requested to provide their joint project proposals according to the suitable topics from below list and make sure that their proposed research project is in correct content.</p> <p><b>Engineering</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Robotics &amp; Mechatronics</li> <li>○ Medical and Bio-Engineering</li> <li>○ Chemical Engineering</li> <li>○ Aerospace, Astronautics &amp; Space</li> <li>○ Optoelectronics</li> <li>○ Civil Engineering</li> </ul> <p><b>Information and Communication Technologies:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Artificial Intelligence</li> <li>○ Software Technologies</li> <li>○ Bio-Informatics</li> <li>○ Cloud Computing</li> <li>○ Big Data Analysis</li> </ul>

	<p><b>Materials Science:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Micro / Nano Materials</li> <li>○ Bio-materials</li> <li>○ Advanced catalytic systems</li> </ul> <p><b>Energy</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Renewable Energy</li> <li>○ Petroleum and Natural Gas</li> <li>○ Energy storage</li> <li>○ Geothermal resources</li> </ul> <p><b>Cognitive Science</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Neuroscience</li> <li>○ Cognitive Information Processing</li> <li>○ Neuro-economics</li> </ul> <p><b>Science and Society</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Social impacts of science and technology</li> <li>○ Smart Specialization Strategies for economic development</li> </ul> <p><b>Agriculture and Biotechnology</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Plant biotechnology &amp; Breeding</li> <li>○ Plant growth and development under extreme environments</li> <li>○ Animal science</li> </ul> <p><b>Medical Science:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Non-communicable diseases</li> <li>○ Emerging infectious diseases (including COVID-19)</li> <li>○ Health System Research</li> </ul>	
<p><b>Eligible applicant</b></p>	<p><b>For the Turkish Team</b></p> <p>Detailed information about eligibility rules can be found at: <a href="https://www.tubitak.gov.tr/sites/default/files/3125/1071_arastirma_projeleri_surec_dokumani.pdf">https://www.tubitak.gov.tr/sites/default/files/3125/1071_arastirma_projeleri_surec_dokumani.pdf</a>)</p>	<p><b>For the Iranian Team</b></p> <p>The Principal Investigator (PI), must hold a PhD and be currently working as the full time academic staff or researcher in universities or institutes under MSRT, Ministry of Health and Medical Education umbrella.</p>

<b>Evaluation Criteria</b>	<p>Funding agencies will evaluate the proposals according to following evaluation criteria.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Scientific/Technological Excellence</li> <li>○ Methodology</li> <li>○ Project Management</li> <li>○ Importance of International Collaboration</li> <li>○ Impact</li> </ul>	
<b>Project Duration</b>	18 Months	
<b>Award parameters</b>	<p><b>For the Turkish Team</b></p> <p>TUBITAK funds up to 300.000 Turkish Liras per project.</p>	<p><b>For the Iranian Team</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Iranian Principal Investigators of selected proposals who are from Ministry of Science, Research &amp; Technology (MSRT) universities and institutes will be funded up to 600.000.000 Iranian Rials,</li> <li>○ Iranian Principal Investigators of selected proposals who are from Ministry of Health and Medical Education Universities and institutes (having active profile in <a href="http://isid.research.ac.ir">isid.research.ac.ir</a>) will be funded up to 1.500.000.000 Iranian Rials,</li> <li>○ Proposals of each group of above mentioned categories will be reviewed and judged by the relevant handling sector reviewing system.</li> </ul>
<b>Daily Allowance:</b>	<p><b>For the Turkish Team</b></p> <p>It will be provided within the scope of the provisions of per diem Law numbered 6245.</p>	<p><b>For the Iranian Team</b></p> <p>This will be checked with MSRT.</p>
<b>Duration of Travel:</b>	<p>For each project, the total duration of scientific visits from one side to another (from Iran to Turkey or from Turkey to Iran) will not exceed 60 days/year.</p>	

<b>Coverage of Expenses:</b>	<p>The funding agency is obliged to cover all expenses (including health insurance) for travel and accommodation of its own researcher in accordance with its own rules. No money crossing borders.</p>	
<b>How to apply</b>	<b>For the Turkish Team</b>  Proposal submission is made through the TÜBİTAK's system: ( <a href="http://uidb-pbs.tubitak.gov.tr">http://uidb-pbs.tubitak.gov.tr</a> ).	<b>For the Iranian Team</b>  Proposal submission is made through the following system:  For MSRT:  <a href="https://irtu.tabrizu.ac.ir/">(https://irtu.tabrizu.ac.ir/)</a>  For NIMAD and medical science members:  <a href="http://rms.nimad.ac.ir">http://rms.nimad.ac.ir</a>
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