

LETTER of UNDERTAKING

The Scientific & Technological Research Council of Turkey (TUBITAK) Science Fellowships & Grant Programs Department (BİDEB) Graduate Scholarship Program for the Least Developed Countries

This agreement concerning the assignment of (MSc/PhD) Scholarship is signed by _____ / hereinafter referred to as the Fellow. The Fellow agrees to accept the following conditions.

1. Fellow should attain full age and be in good health.
2. Fellow is responsible to fulfill the principle of correctitude and academic ethical principle in every stage of the scholarship. If this is not the case, paying of the scholarship is stopped and is applied necessary sanctions according to the Working Principles of the Research and Publication Ethics Council of TÜBİTAK.
3. Fellow should obey the rules of 2235-Graduate Scholarship Program for the Least Developed Countries, and be graduated in 2 years for Master program and 4 years for PhD program (If needed one year more for language learning).
4. The following documents should be regularly submitted to BİDEB:
 - Document certifying that the applicant is registered as a MSc/PhD student in Turkey (at the beginning of each semester),
 - Transcript (at the end of each semester),
 - A progress report by the supervisor on the progress of research project (every 6 months).
5. Only successful fellow can receive the scholarship. Therefore, MSc/MA students should have a GPA above 2.50 (65), PhD students should have a GPA above 3.00 (76,66) during the fellowship.
6. Fellow is required to learn Turkish and provide a certification form to the TÜBİTAK in two years from the beginning of scholarship.
7. Fellow should carry all responsibilities for the residence permit from the Turkish foreigner office and inform TÜBİTAK.
8. The Fellow has to inform TÜBİTAK about the date of completion of the MSc/PhD program and an electronic copy of the MSc/PhD thesis (in a CD or DVD) has to be sent to BİDEB.
9. Fellow obliged to notify BİDEB about any other financial support from an institution (also any other institution for TUBİTAK) within 15 days from the beginning of the support. If

fellow receive any financial support from another institution, amount of the support will be discounted from his/her scholarship.

10. If the fellow decides to leave MSc/PhD program before the end of the scholarship period, the fellow has to notify BİDEB 15 days prior to leaving of the program. No payments will be made after the leaving date. If any payments are made after the leaving date, payback is required.
11. Fellow has to pursue their MSc/PhD studies as full-time students during the scholarship period. If the fellow leaves Turkey during the scholarship period, he/she is obliged to inform TÜBİTAK about the dates and duration of his/her absence. If the absence time does not exceed one month in each year of the scholarship period, the scholarship is continued. In case he/she informs TÜBİTAK about his/her leaving and he/she does not drop courses, he/she could also stay more than one month in a year, but stipend is not paid in this period.
12. Fellow should carry out the obligations. If not, the scholarship would be interrupt for 3 month. It is expected that the fellow complete his/her responsibilities in that time. If the fellow show reaction then the scholarship will be abrogated by BİDEB Evaluation and Support Board.
13. Fellow is obligated turn back to the home country and work inasmuch as total duration of the scholarship. If the fellow do not turn back to home country, it is possible to collaborate with the concerned government body of counties for following and fulfilling of compulsory service obligation of the fellow.
14. The Fellow certainly informs TÜBİTAK about his/her final departure date at least 15 days before leaving Turkey.

TÜBİTAK - The Science Fellowships & Grant Programs Department

I have read the Rules and Regulations of Graduate Scholarship Program for the Least Developed Countries consisting of 14 articles, of which one copy is given to me. I confirm that I fully comply with the regulations during my fellowship period.

Fellow:

Name / Surname : _____

Date : _____

Signature : _____