



CALL FOR PROPOSALS

by

The Scientific and Technological Research Council of Turkey

and

**The Ministry of Innovative Development of the Republic of
Uzbekistan**

The Call is open between 2nd May 2019 and 2nd August 2019

1. Preamble

The Scientific and Technological Research Council of Turkey (TÜBİTAK) and The Ministry of Innovative Development of the Republic of Uzbekistan (MID Uzbekistan) invite Industrial Enterprises of Turkey and Uzbekistan to submit joint proposals for Research, Development and Innovation (R&D&I) projects.

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 and enable them to translate research and innovation into economic and societal benefit.

The funding will be provided jointly by TÜBİTAK and MID Uzbekistan.

3. Main Thematic Areas:

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

4. Financial Issues

Turkish partner, eligible for funding, can receive **up to 720.000 Turkish Liras (TL)**. In this scope:

- Turkish small and medium sized enterprises can receive **%75 of all eligible project expenses;**
- Turkish large scale enterprises can receive **%60 of all eligible project expenses.**

Also, **Uzbek partner** that is eligible for funding can receive the following budget:

- Uzbek partners can receive **up to 500 000 000 Uzbek Sum (UZS)** per project per year.

TÜBİTAK-funded costs of each grant will be issued and managed by TÜBİTAK in accordance with its funding guidelines and procedures: http://www.tubitak.gov.tr/sites/default/files/256_sayili_bk_islenmis_hali-1071-1_0.pdf

Please, liaise closely with prospective partners to ensure that both TÜBİTAK and MID RU-supported elements of the proposal abide by all regulations for both funders.

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

- The sending Party will meet all related costs connected with travel, lodging and allowances according to their own regulations.
- The sending Party shall be responsible for the emergency health insurance of its scientists.

5. Duration of the Projects

The duration of the projects should not exceed two years and the total duration of international visits should not exceed two months per year, with a total quota of four months a year for the each supported joint research project.

The projects will be monitored by in line with the internal rules and regulations of TÜBİTAK and MID Uzbekistan.

6. Proposal Submission

The Joint Call will be open for applications between 2nd May 2019 and 2nd August 2019 through online application systems of TÜBİTAK and MID RU. Turkish partners will make their joint online application via TUBİTAK's online system, uidb-pbs.tubitak.gov.tr, while Uzbek partners will make their online application through FAN PORTAL of MID Uzbekistan.

- 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 MID RU. **TÜBİTAK and MID Uzbekistan do not match the collaborating partners.**
- The proposals should be prepared in **English**.
- 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 http://www.tubitak.gov.tr/sites/default/files/281/ardeb_e-imza_yardim_dokumani.pdf. Because of that situation there is no need to send any hard copy to TÜBİTAK.
- Turkish partners must take into account the rules and regulations on this [link](#).

- On the other hand, after completion of the online application procedure, **until 16 August 2019, The Uzbek coordinator must submit one hard copy to:**

The Ministry of Innovative Development of the Republic of Uzbekistan

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- Submission of proposals by fax or e-mail will not be accepted.

7. The Evaluation Procedure

7.1. Eligibility Criteria

The **Turkish team** will receive funding through TÜBİTAK 1071 Programme.

All Turkish researchers applying to this Programme should be registered to TÜBİTAK ARBİS (Researcher Information system) through the following link: <https://arbis.tubitak.gov.tr>.

Members of the Group Executive Committee and the Advisory Board, who are in charge of this position at TÜBİTAK, cannot serve as a Principal Investigator or advisor if their duties continue during the time of application but can serve as researchers within up to 2 projects.

Eligibility to Become Lead Principal Investigator (LPI), Principal Investigator (PI), Researcher (except researchers abroad), and Advisors:

Turkish Partners should consider the following issues:

- They must hold at least a BA/BSc Degree.
- Advisors who are working in a university hold at least PhD Degree.
- If there is consortium in Turkish team, the **projects have to be composed of sub-projects** managed at different institutions. The Lead Principal Investigator (LPI) is selected from the principal investigators (PI) of these sub-projects with a Protocol (http://tubitak.gov.tr/tubitak_content_files/1003_files/1003_Protokol.pdf).
- The LPI and PI must be employed as permanent staff of the project proposing institution.
- LPI, PI, researchers (except researchers abroad) and supporting personnels must reside within the borders of the Republic of Turkey. A foreign national can take place in the project provided that he is employed within the borders of Turkey.

- The principle investigator must be working at the relevant private organization for at least six months before the deadline for submission of the program.
- Anyone with a contribution rate below 10% cannot be assigned to the project as a researcher.
- In order to assign an advisor to a project, the project must have specific topics or topics that require special expertise and this should be justified in the project proposal. The number of advisors who will be employed in a project is limited to the number of topics required for that particular project.
- Within the scope of the projects, and under the supervision of the LPI, PI, advisors, researchers or supporting personnels who are not mentioned in the results report and worked for full or partial time in the execution of the project for limited duration of the project like technical staff, technician, laborman, worker and similar auxiliary can be employed.

Uzbek Partners should follow the relevant rules and requirements of MID Uzbekistan:

The **Uzbek team** will receive funding by MID Uzbekistan.

All Uzbek researchers applying to this Programme should be registered to FAN PORTAL of MID Uzbekistan through the following link: <http://fan-portal.uz> .

Members of the Scientific-Technical Committee, who are in charge of this position at MID Uzbekistan, cannot serve as a Principal Investigator or advisor if their duties continue during the time of application but can serve as researchers within up to 2 projects.

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- They must hold at least a BA/BSc Degree.
- Advisors who are working in a university hold at least PhD Degree.
- The LPI and PI must be employed as permanent staff of the project proposing institution.
- LPI, PI, researchers (except researchers abroad)ans supporting personnels must reside within the borders of the Republic of Uzbekistan. A foreign national can take place in the project provided that he is employed within the borders of Uzbekistan.
- The principle investigator must be working at the relevant private organization for at least six months before the deadline for submission of the program.
- Anyone with a contribution rate below 10% cannot be assigned to the project as a researcher.

- In order to assign an advisor to a project, the project must have specific topics or topics that require special expertise and this should be justified in the project proposal. The number of advisors who will be employed in a project is limited to the number of topics required for that particular project.
- Within the scope of the projects, and under the supervision of the LPI, PI, advisors, researchers or supporting personnels who are not mentioned in the results report and worked for full or partial time in the execution of the project for limited duration of the project like technical staff, technician, laborman, worker and similar auxiliary can be employed.

7.2. Evaluation Method

- The proposals that are deemed eligible will be evaluated by TÜBİTAK and MID Uzbekistan in line with their own rules and regulations.
- Following the scientific evaluation, TÜBİTAK and MID Uzbekistan will inform each other the list of accepted and rejected projects.
- Only the project proposals that are jointly approved by TÜBİTAK and MID Uzbekistan will be supported.

7.3. Evaluation Criteria

The project proposals will be evaluated on the basis of the following criteria:

- Scientific and technological excellence
- Project management, team and infrastructure
- Impact of the project
- Importance of bilateral cooperation

8. Key Dates

ACTIONS	PERIODS
Application Announcement	02 nd May 2019
Deadline for Applications	02 nd August 2019
Eligibility Check	16 August 2019 – 30 th August 2019
Sharing of the Project Proposal List that will be evaluated	17 th September 2019
Evaluation Period	17 th September 2019 – 27 th November 2019
Sharing of the Evaluation Results	04 th December 2019
Matching the Evaluation Results	04 th December 2019 – 10 th December 2019
Sharing of the Final Evaluation Results	12 th December 2019
Announcement of the Results	23 rd December 2019

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