

The Scientific and Technological Research Council of Türkiye (TÜBİTAK)
and
Ministry of Science, Technology and Innovation of Argentina Republic
(MINCYT)

2023- JOINT CALL FOR PROJECT PROPOSALS

In the framework of the scientific and technological cooperation between Türkiye and Argentina, the Scientific and Technological Research Council of Türkiye (TÜBİTAK) and the Ministry of Science, Technology and Innovation of the Argentina Republic (MINCYT) are glad to invite researchers and scientists to submit joint proposals for research projects carried out by scientists from both countries until the deadline stated in the schedule below.

GOAL

The aim is to support the development of scientific and technological cooperation between researchers from Türkiye and Argentina and to strengthen the scientific partnership between research groups from both countries by establishing bilateral research networks, enhancing research cooperation and promoting the exchange of knowledge between scientists of both countries. Projects proposals to be funded under this Call must contribute to the current state of the art by producing new knowledge, making new scientific interpretations or solving technological problems.

1. FORMS OF COOPERATION

Cooperation will consist in conducting joint research projects between research groups from Türkiye and Argentina. The scope of the research groups is defined in the national rules of MINCYT and TÜBİTAK as applicable.

2. AREAS OF COOPERATION

The Scientific and Technological Research Council of Türkiye (TÜBİTAK) and the Ministry of Science, Technology and Innovation of the Argentine Republic (MINCYT) will provide financial support to joint research activities carried out by research groups in both countries. Research groups from both countries are hereby invited to submit joint proposals for research projects in the following topics:

- a) Aviation and Space Technologies
- b) Artificial Intelligence
- c) Biotech Pharmaceuticals

- d) Earthquake Research (regardless of thematic field, all proposals related to earthquake studies will be received)

Proposals not related to these topics will be rejected.

3. ELIGIBILITY:

Collaborative research groups from both countries that submit a joint research project in the above cooperation areas are eligible.

a. For MINCyT:

Each research group must be led by a National Project Manager, who must be a member of an academic or research institution or a professor emeritus who is still conducting research at an academic or research institution. The lead researcher should not be planning to retire for the duration of the said project.

In addition, each research group must be composed of two (2) or more researchers, preferably young researchers.

Those directly involved in the organization of the call or in the evaluation of the projects, or their immediate family members, are not eligible for this call.

Argentine researchers currently participating in an ongoing project funded by the MINCYT under another Call are also not eligible.

b. For TÜBİTAK:

Proposals may be submitted by;

- Higher education institutions within the scope of the Higher Education Law,
- Training and research hospitals,
- Public institutions and organizations,
- Regardless of their sector and size; capital companies (private institutions) resident in Türkiye which create added value at the firm level and own trade registry certificate.

For more information about the eligible applicants, please visit

https://www.tubitak.gov.tr/sites/default/files/3125/1071_arastirma_projeleri_surec_dokumani.pdf

4. PROJECT DURATION

Selected projects will have a duration of up to 3 (THREE) years from the beginning of their execution, according to the schedule of this call.

5. PROJECT EVALUATION

Projects are evaluated by TÜBİTAK and MINCyT independently by their own evaluation procedures. Only the proposals which are accepted by both sides will be funded.

a. For MINCyT:

Proposals will be evaluated by experts at country level based on the following criteria:

- Alignment with the research subjects listed in point 2- Areas of cooperation. Only those projects as fall within those areas will be accepted.

- Project
 - creativity and originality,
 - relevance of proposed goals –
 - consistency between goals, methodology and work plan.
- Research Group
 - Scientific- technological capacity and competence of the Argentine research group.
 - Scientific-technological capacity and competence of the foreigner research group.
 - Joint production of the Argentine and foreigner research group.
 - Human resource training.
 - Appropriateness and relevance of visits and trips.
- Cooperation
 - Desirability of the international cooperation..
 - Cooperation background..

A ranking order will then be prepared on the basis of the above criteria and including federal and national strategic priorities considerations.

b. For TÜBİTAK:

The proposals will be reviewed according to a certain set of evaluation criteria.

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

c. Joint Selection by Türkiye and Argentina

After they are pre-evaluated and ranked by the experts appointed by each Party, proposals will be jointly discussed for final ranking by an *ad hoc* Joint Bilateral Evaluation Committee.

The Joint Bilateral Committee will decide which projects will be funded based on the results of the evaluation, grading and ranking process; and considering any budgetary requirements and other constraints.

Although five (5) projects will be funded, it is NOT MANDATORY that at least one project be selected for each Call topic (point 2 above). The distribution of the selected projects relative to the topics of the Call will be at the full discretion of the Joint Bilateral Committee. A balanced distribution in terms of topics, gender and geographical location is desirable but not mandatory.

The decisions of the Joint Argentine-Turkish Evaluation Committee on the final selection of projects will be non-appealable and will be subsequently reconciled in a joint record.

6. PROJECT FUNDING

Both parties will fund up to (5) FIVE joint research projects.

Both parties will make separate financial arrangements and provide funding to their successful national applicants in accordance with their own relevant regulations.

a. Project Funding by MINCyT:

MINCyT will fund each Argentine research group for up to a maximum amount in PESOS equivalent to USD 20,000 (US dollars) per project per year for up to 3 years, to be disbursed in 2024, 2025 and 2026, subject to the internal funding provisions and subsequent mandatory funding reporting. Such amount will be paid in Argentine pesos, translated at the Banco de la Nación Argentina exchange rate prevailing at the time funding is approved.

Submission and approval of the annual financial reports will be a condition for any further disbursement of funds by the MINCyT.

The Argentine Project Manager of the projects selected for funding will be required to appoint an institution (UVT) that will receive and manage the funds awarded under this Call. This UVT will also keep records of all expenditures in accordance with point 8 – Financial Reporting.

Eligible Items for MINCyT Funding

The funds provided by MINCyT are intended to cover the following costs:

- I. Consumables: spare parts, supplies, educational materials, bibliography.
- II. Project-related travel costs for working team members and invited researchers. Accommodation costs in the Türkiye for project members. As a general rule, trips may last up to 30 days.
- III. Publications.
- IV. Minor equipment, joint seminars, workshops and outreach activities.

The funds provided by MINCyT will not cover the following costs:

- I. Technical assistance.
- II. Fees.

b. Project Funding by TÜBİTAK:

TÜBİTAK will fund each Turkish project up to 2.000.000 Turkish Liras (excl. overhead and Project Incentive Premium (PIP)) per project.

Eligible Items for TÜBİTAK Funding

The funds provided by TÜBİTAK are intended to cover the following costs:

- Personnel Costs (Scholars-Auxiliary Personnel)
- Domestic and International Travel
- Consulting and service procurement expenses
- Equipment, machinery, consumables software and publication purchase expenses
- Project Incentive Premium-PIP and Overhead (To be determined by TÜBİTAK)

c. Visits

Each party will cover the travel expenses of its own national researchers for the scientific visits according to their own rules.

For Argentina, travel expenses will be an item of the project budget, and will be funded from the total amount of the grant and reported accordingly (See section 6.a).

For the Turkish team, the daily allowance will be paid in accordance with the provisions of Law No. 6245 along with the economy class flight tickets for the scientific visits from Türkiye to Argentina. As a general rule, trips may last up to 30 days.

7. **PROJECT SUBMISSION REQUIREMENTS**

a. Submission Process:

The national research groups of both countries should consult with each other prior to making the submission and agree on the project to be formulated.

Projects must be submitted within the Call Period stated below in point 10-Schedule by the respective Managers (PIs) of the research groups to the corresponding office in Türkiye and Argentina in agreement with the corresponding requirements of each national coordination office.

a.1. MINCYT:

For MINCYT; the project must be submitted using the official Argentine application form, that will be available at the Türkiye-Argentina Call page, accessible from the following link: <https://www.argentina.gob.ar/ciencia/financiamiento/convocatorias-abiertas-mincyt>, completed in **Spanish** and submitted to the Argentina Coordination Office as detailed in the MINCYT web page.

Please note that all documents submitted to the Argentine Coordination Office must be in Spanish.

Argentina Coordination Office

National Directorate for the Promotion of Scientific Policy

<https://www.argentina.gob.ar/ciencia/cooperacion-internacional>

Godoy Cruz 2320, Piso 4, Ciudad Autónoma de Buenos Aires

C.P.: C1425FQD

E-mail: convocatoriasinternacionales@mincyt.gob.ar

For enquires, the email subject line must include the following reference “Argentina Türkiye Call for Projects”.

a.2. TÜBİTAK: For TÜBİTAK; the Principal Investigator of Turkish Project team should make the application online through the [TÜBİTAK Project Application System](#).

Turkish partners will use e-signature for their applications. Detailed information can be obtained via [E-Signature Manuel](#). Submission of proposals by fax or e-mail will not be accepted.

b. Submission Requirements:

The two applications submitted to the respective offices should be consistent in terms of participants, project title, research content, work plan and expected research outcomes.

Only applications that have been duly completed, signed and timely submitted to both institutions in accordance with the provisions of this call will be valid and accepted.

The Argentine team will submit the application to the Argentine Coordination Office and the Türkiye team will submit the application to the Türkiye Coordination Office subject in all cases to the national regulations. The Argentine team will not be required to submit any application documents to the Turkish Coordination Office and vice versa the Türkiye team will not be required to submit any application documents to the Argentine Coordination Office.

8. FINANCIAL REPORTING AND FINAL SCIENTIFIC REPORTS

a. Financial Reporting:

The research groups will be required to submit financial reports to TÜBİTAK or MINCyT, as applicable, detailing how the funding was spent, as set out below.

a.1. Reporting to MINCyT by the Argentine group

By the end of each project year, to be computed from the date on which the grant is awarded, the Argentine Project Manager must submit—through the UVT appointed in accordance with 6.a above—a financial report certified by an accountant that meets the requirements set out by THE GENERAL RULES OF THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE, TECHNOLOGY AND INNOVATION FOR FINANCIAL REPORTING OF BUDGETARY FUNDS TRANSFERRED TO PROVINCES, MUNICIPALITIES AND/OR OTHER ORGANIZATIONS (REGLAMENTO GENERAL DEL MINISTERIO DE CIENCIA, TECNOLOGÍA E INNOVACIÓN PARA LA RENDICIÓN DE CUENTAS DE FONDOS PRESUPUESTARIOS TRANSFERIDOS A PROVINCIAS, MUNICIPIOS Y/U OTROS ENTES), currently in force under RESOL-2022-135-APN-MCT of 11 April 2022, and the Reporting System (SISTEMA DE RENDICIONES DE CIENCIA Y TECNOLOGÍA, SIRECYT) of the MINISTRY OF SCIENCE, TECHNOLOGY AND INNOVATION of Argentina currently in force under RESOL-2023-433-APN-MCT of 10 July 2023, as amended.

In addition, together with the annual financial report, the Argentine Project Manager must submit a technical report describing progress of the project actions during the reported period.

Submission of the financial and scientific reports as above mentioned will be a condition for any further disbursement of funds by the MINCyT.

a.2. For more information about TÜBİTAK Reporting and monitoring process Please see [National application rules document](#).

b. Final Scientific Reports

Within two months after project completion, each National Manager will submit a final full scientific report to the MINCyT or TÜBİTAK, as applicable, as described below.

b.1. Reporting to MINCyT by the Argentine group

A Spanish version must be submitted to MINCyT.

b.2. For more information about TÜBİTAK Reporting and monitoring process

Please see [National application rules document](#).

9. COMMUNICATION OF RESULTS

The results will be announced to the winners by a formal communication sent to the Project Managers by e-mail and on the TÜBİTAK and MINCyT web pages.

10. SCHEDULE

ACTIVITY	ESTIMATED PERIOD
Call Period	29 September 2023 - 29 February 2024 For TÜBİTAK, deadline for e-signature is 7 March 2024
Country-Level Evaluation Period	March-May 2024
Final Joint Selection	June 2024
Announcement of Results	June 2024
Project Execution in Argentina - Start Date	July/August 2024
Project Execution in Türkiye - Start Date	July/August 2024

Please note that these deadlines are flexible and may be extended based on the total number of projects submitted.

11. INFORMATION

Additional information can be obtained from the following contact persons:

a. ARGENTINA:

For administrative inquiries: convocatoriasinternacionales@mincyt.gob.ar

The email subject line must include the following reference "Argentina Türkiye Call for Projects".

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https://www.tubitak.gov.tr/sites/default/files/3125/partnersearchform_tubitak-mincyt.docx

DOWNLOAD THE FORM, AND SEND IT TO THE COORDINATION OFFICE OF YOUR COUNTRY.