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## TUBITAK-MCID Joint Call for Proposals

### CALL TEXT

2024

**IMPORTANT:** This Call Text is published for both Turkish and Romanian researchers to present and explain the objective, scope and course of the “TUBITAK-MCID Call” that aims partnerships between two countries.

Before preparing an application, applicants are responsible to carefully read the national regulations documents to submit a complete application.

## CALL SNAPSHOT

<b>Scope</b>	<p>The aim of the call is to intensify cooperation between Turkish and Romanian researchers.</p> <p>For the Turkish side, applications can be submitted <u>either</u> by universities, public institutions or organizations, research institutions, training and research hospitals <b>OR</b> by Turkish industry/private sector.</p> <p>For the Romanian side, applications can be submitted by public and private research entities (Universities, Research centres and institutes). In Romania enterprises are not eligible for this call.</p>	
<b>Competition opens</b>	<p>Monday 11<sup>th</sup> March 2024</p>	
<b>Final date for proposal submission</b>	<p>For TÜBİTAK (Online Submission): Friday 31<sup>st</sup> of May 2024, 23.59 (IST Time) using TÜBİTAK's electronic application system <a href="http://uidb-pbs.tubitak.gov.tr">http://uidb-pbs.tubitak.gov.tr</a></p> <p>For MCID (Online Submission): Friday 31<sup>st</sup> of May 2024, 23.59 (Romanian Time). The submission of project proposals is done using the online submission platform <a href="https://uefiscdi-direct.ro">https://uefiscdi-direct.ro</a></p>	
<b>Deadline for e-signatures for TÜBİTAK</b>	<p>For TÜBİTAK: Friday 7<sup>th</sup> of June 2024, 23.59 (IST Time)</p> <p><b>Important Note:</b> National applications to TÜBİTAK can only be made by using electronic signature. The persons who are included in the project team and all executive / participant institutions should have qualified electronic certificate (e-signature).</p>	
<b>Announcement of results</b>	<p>December 2024</p>	
<b>Eligible applicant</b>	<p><b>For Turkish Team</b></p> <p>Applications can be submitted <u>either</u> by universities, public institutions or organizations, research institutions,</p>	<p><b>For Romanian Team</b></p> <p>For the Romanian side, applications can be submitted by public and private research entities (Universities, Research centres</p>

	<p>training and research hospitals <b>OR</b> by Turkish industry/private sector.</p> <p>The Principal Investigator (PI) must hold a PhD degree if he/she is from the academy <b>OR</b> must hold a BA/BASc Degree if he/she is from public/private sector.</p> <p>If the PI is from the private sector, he/she must be working there full-time for at least minimum 6 months.</p>	<p>and institutes). In Romania enterprises are not eligible for this call.</p> <p>The Principal Investigator (PI) must hold a PhD degree in Sciences.</p> <p>One person, as Principal Investigator, may submit only one project proposal.</p>
<b>Award parameters</b>	TÜBİTAK funds up to 2.000.000 Turkish Liras (excl. overhead and project incentive premium (PIP)) per project.	MCID funds up to 20.000 USD (2 years in total) per project for travel, lodging and daily allowances
<b>How to apply</b>	<p><b>For Turkish Team</b></p> <p>Proposal submission is made through the TÜBİTAK's electronic application system</p> <p><a href="http://uidb-pbs.tubitak.gov.tr">http://uidb-pbs.tubitak.gov.tr</a></p>	<p><b>For Romanina Team</b></p> <p>Proposal submission is made using the online submission platform</p> <p><a href="https://uefiscdi-direct.ro">https://uefiscdi-direct.ro</a></p>

## 1. Objectives

In accordance with the provisions of the Memorandum of Understanding on Cooperation in Science, Technology and Innovation, signed in December 2023, the Ministry of Research, Innovation and Digitalization of Romania (MCID) and the Scientific and Technological Research Council of Türkiye (TÜBİTAK) announces the first Call for proposals.

This call is launched to enhance cooperative activities between two countries via research projects on the topics of this call.

A research project should focus on producing new knowledge; making new scientific interpretations or solving technological problems based on scientific principles.

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 timetable.

Proposals should have an obvious advantage and added value resulting from the cooperation between the participants from the two countries (e.g. increased knowledge base, commercial leads, access to R&D infrastructure etc.) and should demonstrate the contribution of both participants.

## 2. Thematic Fields

Research projects are supported within the scope of this call. Successful projects prepared in the fields below will be supported within the scope of the program. Proposals submitted in other fields will not be accepted.

- Health: Pharma, Biomaterials, Artificial Intelligence in Healthcare
- ICT: Artificial Intelligence, Autonomous Vehicles, Robotics
- Technological Processes: Factory Automation, Sustainable Production Technologies
- Environment: Treatment Technologies, Cleaner Production Technologies

## 3. Eligibility criteria

- Maximum project duration is **2 years (24 months)**.
- It is prerequisite that proposals include the participation of the below as submitting and collaborative institutions:
  - Turkish side: Applications can be submitted either by universities, public institutions or organizations, research institutions, training and research hospitals **OR** by Turkish industry/private sector.
  - Romanian side: Applications can be submitted by public and private research entities (Universities, Research centres and institutes). In Romania enterprises are not eligible for this call. And one person, as Principal Investigator, may submit only one project proposal.
- The proposal must be within the scope of fields described in **Section 2**.
- Turkish and Romanian-based teams must each be led by a Principal Investigator (PI).
- Turkish and Romanian partners shall prepare a joint scientific project and projects should be submitted respective funding agencies.
- All applicants must adhere to national eligibility rules for research proposals and any queries concerning eligibility should be addressed to the contact persons of the respective funding agencies.

- Applications involving any ineligible applicants (from Türkiye or Romania) will result in the whole application being rejected.

### **3.1 On Turkish side:**

- For detailed information on the eligibility for Turkish team, please visit [National Rules Document](#)
- Turkish team will receive funding through TÜBİTAK 1071 Program. All Turkish researchers who apply for this Program should be registered to TÜBİTAK ARBIS (Researcher Information system) through the following link: <https://arbis.tubitak.gov.tr>

### **3.2 On Romanian Side:**

- Project proposals will be submitted according to the Project forms demanded by MCID and the Principal Investigator must hold the Doctorate in Sciences. One person, as Principal Investigator, may submit only one project proposal.
- The submission of project proposals is done in one step, using the online submission platform <https://uefiscdi-direct.ro>

## **4. Financial conditions**

Financial contributions must be calculated and provided in compliance with the valid national legislation and internal regulations of the partner organisations.

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

- The Sending Party will cover all related costs connected with travel, accommodation and daily allowances according to their own regulations and allowances.
- The Sending Party shall be responsible for the emergency health insurance of its scientists, including medical care.
- The total duration of international visits in one direction should not exceed 45 days per year both Turkish and Romanian research team of the each supported joint project.
  - For the Romanian side: For Romanian researchers, MCID covers the cost of 5 plane tickets within a period of 12 months.

### **4.1 On Turkish side:**

- TÜBİTAK-funded costs of each grant shall be issued and managed by TÜBİTAK in accordance with the rules of TÜBİTAK 1071 Program. TÜBİTAK-funded costs of

each grant will be issued and managed by TÜBİTAK according to its funding guidelines and procedures (For detailed information please visit [National Rules Document](#))

- TÜBİTAK funds up to 2.000.000 Turkish Liras (excl. overhead and project incentive premium (PIP)) per project.

#### **4.2 On Romanian side:**

- The Romanian team which is eligible for funding can receive up to 20.000 USD of funding per proposal in total.
- For detailed information please visit national rules document <https://uefiscdi.gov.ro/proiecte-de-mobilitate>

### **5. Project proposal submission**

- Project proposals must be submitted to both partner organisations on time.
- The partners should jointly develop and complete their project proposals before submitting it to TÜBİTAK and MCID.
- TÜBİTAK and MCID do not match 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.
- Because projects are bilateral, they must demonstrate equivalence in effort from Turkish and Romanian partners. The project must have a work plan with contribution of the Romanian and Turkish partners having main roles and responsibilities, equating to the equivalent time and costs accrued in both countries.
- The size of the grant may vary depending on the needs of each project and must be fully justified. Applicants need to ensure that supported elements of the proposal abide by all regulations for both funding agencies.

#### **5.1 On Turkish side**

- Turkish partners will make their online application via TÜBİTAK's online application system: <http://uidb-pbs.tubitak.gov.tr>
- 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](http://www.tubitak.gov.tr/sites/default/files/281/ardeb_e-imza_yardim_dokumani.pdf).
- Submission of proposals by fax or e-mail will not be accepted.

- To complete the application process TÜBİTAK may need supporting documents. For those, please check [National Rules Document](#)

## 5.2 On Romanian side:

- Romanian partners will make their online application via using the online submission platform <https://uefiscdi-direct.ro>
- Submission of proposals by fax or e-mail will not be accepted.

## 6. Evaluation and Selection

Projects are evaluated by TÜBİTAK and MCID independently by their own evaluation procedures. Upon the conclusion of its evaluation process, each Party will notify its counterpart of the ranking assigned to the proposals. The final score for each proposal will be an average of points received in both evaluation procedures of TÜBİTAK and MCID. The common ranking list will be established based on these final scores.

For the Turkish side: The proposals will be reviewed according to a certain set of evaluation criteria.

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

For the Romanian side:

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

- Scientific relevance/ Rationale of the proposed project;
- Elements of novelty and originality;
- The proposed work plan;
- Estimated added value resulting from bilateral cooperation;
- The future potential of continued international cooperation (especially in EC research programmes);
- Publication and dissemination of results.

**Info for the Turkish Side:** Awarded proposals will go through a pre-award stage, which starts after the announcement of results, and continues for approximately eight weeks. During pre-award period,

the awarded institution will be notified about the requirements (possible budget reduction, budget details, timeline changes, etc.).

### **Evaluation of the progress and final reports**

- **For Turkish team,** The Principal Investigator of each project has to prepare financial and scientific/technical progress reports at determined dates in the project contract to be submitted to TÜBİTAK.
- **For Romanian team,** at the completion of the execution period of a joint research project, a final report presenting the work carried out and the results obtained, will be prepared by the Romanian research teams and submitted for evaluation and approval.

## **7. Research Ethics and Regulatory Requirements**

### **7.1 On Turkish Side:**

For the Turkish team, please refer to the Ethics Committee Approval Document, Official Permission Document and Research and Publication Ethics Committee Regulation as you can find in [National Rules Document](#)

### **7.2 On Romanian Side:**

The Romanian team shall comply with the principles and practices as stated by the Law 206/2004.

## **8. Schedule**

The following table shows important dates for the call.

### **Timeline for TÜBİTAK - MCID Call for Proposals**

<b>Description</b>	<b>Dates</b>
Opening of submission	11 <sup>th</sup> of March 2024
Deadline for the online submission of the project proposal for Turkish Applicants	31 <sup>st</sup> of May 2024, 23:59 (IST time)
Deadline for the online submission of the project proposal for Romanian Applicants	31 <sup>st</sup> of May 2024, 23:59 (Romanian time)
Deadline for e-signature (For Turkish Applicants)	7 <sup>th</sup> of June 2024, 23:59 (IST time)



Eligibility check separately by the funders	July 2024
Completion of the assessment at national level	October 2024
Exchange of review scores and reports	October 2024
Announcements of Results	December 2024

## 9. Contact

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