



AGRICULTURAL
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JOINT CALL FOR PROPOSALS
by
The Scientific and Technological Research Council of Türkiye
and
The Agricultural Academy of Bulgaria

The Call is open between 20 May 2024 and 31 July 2024

1. Preamble

In the framework of the Agreement on Scientific and Technological Co-operation between The Scientific and Technological Research Council of Türkiye (TÜBİTAK) and The Agricultural Academy of Bulgaria (AA), Turkish and Bulgarian researchers are invited to submit joint proposals for research and development projects.

2. Objectives and the Scope 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. Expected proposals should be tackling basic or applied research.

3. Thematic Areas

The call is open to the following research domains and thematic areas:

- Horticulture
- Field crops
- Sustainable Agriculture, incl. Animal husbandry

4. Funding Available

Turkish partners that are eligible for funding can receive up to 2.000.000 Turkish Liras (excl. overhead and project incentive premium (PIP)) per project. The Bulgarian partners that are eligible for funding can receive up to 20.000 Euro per project per 24 months duration.

TÜBİTAK-funded costs of each grant will be issued and managed by TÜBİTAK in accordance with the rules of TÜBİTAK 1071 Programme. Detailed information can be achieved [here](#).

Similarly, AA-funded costs of each grant will be issued and managed by AA according to its funding guidelines and procedures.

For the bilateral visits, the Sending Party will meet all related costs of international travel.

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

5. Duration of the Projects

The duration of the projects **is 24 months**. The total duration of international visits for bilateral cooperation from one direction to another should not exceed 60 days per year.

For Turkish side, daily allowance will be provided within the scope of the provisions of per diem Law numbered 6245.

6. Eligibility, Submission and Ethics

6.1. Eligibility

Eligibility conditions for the Turkish team are applicable in the Process Document for Research Projects available [here](#).

Eligibility conditions for the Bulgarian team are available [here](#). Financial rules and eligible costs are detailed [here](#).

6.2. Proposal Submission

The partners should agree with each other using their own means of communication and jointly develop and complete their project proposal before submission. TÜBİTAK and AA do not match the 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.

For the 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.
- 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](#)
- The Turkish applicants are expected to submit the online application by 31 July 2024 and sign the e-signatures of relevant sides and provide additional documents and/or make requested adjustments by 7 August 2024, otherwise they will be rejected from evaluation and could not apply to this call in the same call period.

For the Bulgarian side

- The submission of proposals will be accepted in a paperback format and via e-mail – AA_Tubitak@agriacad.bg (in a pdf format).
- The Bulgarian applicants are expected to submit the online application by 31 July 2024, otherwise they will be rejected from evaluation and could not apply to this call in the same call period.

6.3 Ethics

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](#).

For the Bulgarian team, please refer to the National legislation.

7. The Evaluation Procedure and Criteria

TÜBİTAK and AA follow their own evaluation procedures. Only projects eligible on both sides will be evaluated.

A total of five (5) projects will be funded within this call.

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 AA. The common ranking list will be established based on these final scores.

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

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

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.).

8. Projects Follow-up and Projects results

The projects will be monitored through progress and financial reports and the final report by both TÜBİTAK and AA for its content and progress.

The Turkish PI has to prepare financial and scientific/technical progress reports at determined dates according to the national regulations of TÜBİTAK.

The Bulgarian PI has to prepare financial and scientific/technical progress reports at determined dates according to the national regulations of AA.

Continuation of funding will be decided on the basis of this monitoring and is subject to the consent of both research funding organisations.

Any publication of the project results must acknowledge the support received from TÜBİTAK and AA.

9. Indicative Call Schedule

Description	Dates
Opening of submission	20 May 2024
Deadline for the online submission of the project proposal for Turkish Applicants	31 July 2024, 23:59 (IST time)

Deadline for the online submission of the project proposal for Bulgarian Applicants	31 July 2024, 23:59 (Bulgarian time)
Deadline for e-signature (For Turkish Applicants)	7 August 2024, 23:59 (IST time)
Eligibility check separately by the funders	August 2024
Completion of the assessment at national level	Beginning of December 2024
Exchange of review scores and reports	End of December 2024
Announcements of Results	Beginning of January 2025

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