

UKRAINE/TURKEY
SCIENTIFIC & TECHNOLOGICAL COOPERATION
CALL FOR PROPOSAL FOR JOINT PROJECTS IN 2022-2023

In accordance with the Executive Protocol between The Ministry for Education and Sciences of Ukraine (MESU) and The Scientific and Technological Research Council of Turkey (TÜBİTAK) signed in 8 October 2003, the above mentioned partners agreed to open a joint call for proposals launched on **15 July 2021** in following areas:

- Materials Science
- Health, Life Sciences and Biotechnology (including COVID-19 Research)
- Earth and Environmental Sciences
- Digitalization and Information Technologies
- Aerospace Engineering (including Unmanned Aerial Vehicles)
- Energy Technologies

Objectives of the call

The upcoming call aims to support the development and intensification of scientific cooperation between Ukrainian and Turkish institutions in the research areas addressed by the call. To this end, MESU and TÜBİTAK plan to fund joint Ukrainian-Turkish research projects, which are supposed to connect current Research and Development (R&D) activities of the project partners. The projects should preferably have a high practical relevance and show strategies for the implementation of the research results in politics, society and economy.

Funding can be used to expand existing collaborations as well as to initiate new common projects. Specific value is being attached to scientific excellence of the Ukrainian and Turkish partners of the joint projects. The participation of innovative small and medium sized enterprises (SMEs) is especially welcomed. Particular importance will be attached to the participation of young scientists.

Within this Call, the project proposals which contribute to the current state of the art by producing new knowledge, making new scientific interpretations or solving technological problems are aimed to be funded.

Conditions of Application

It is up to the applicants to find their own research partners. Proposals must be submitted both in Ukraine (MESU) and in Turkey (TÜBİTAK). Proposals which have not been submitted in both countries will not be considered for funding.

Ukraine:

The Ukrainian researchers, participating in this Program, have to submit the following documents:

- Completed application (according to the approved form) in Ukrainian and English in paper form with stamps (in duplicate)
- Confirmation letter from joint project partner organization from Turkish side
- Brief summary of the project proposal

Turkey:

Funding modalities

Funding will be available for a maximum of two years (24 months) for collaborative research projects jointly developed and completed by researchers on both sides.

Both sides reserve the right to fund bilateral mobility projects for Ukrainian and Turkish researchers in framework and possibility of adapted project budget.

Both sides will grant financial support for the joint bilateral research projects. Each side will cover the costs of its researcher's visits to other side. The sides will cover the travel expenses as well as the accommodation costs, visa, if needed, and medical assurance of researchers from the side's country. The sending side will take all necessary steps to ensure that the scientist and experts sent have necessary and adequate health insurance coverage. The sides confirm that the financial support (including salaries for the Ukrainian side) of the joint bilateral research projects' participants will be implemented in accordance with the regulations and applicable legislation of both countries.

As both sides will fund the bilateral mobility projects and MESU provides up to 8.000 Euro per project for Ukrainian researchers, Turkish partners that are eligible for funding can receive up to 100.000 Turkish Liras per project according to principle of reciprocity. Overhead and Project Incentive Premium will not be paid for projects.

In the framework of this Call, these budget items stated below will be funded by TÜBİTAK:

- Travel Expenses
 - *Travel Expenses for Domestic Field Work*
 - *Domestic or Foreign Travel Expenses for Non-Field Activities*
 - *Travel Expenses under Bilateral Cooperation*
- Representation and Promotion Expenses (Maximum 15.000 Turkish Liras)

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

Turkish team will receive funding through TUBITAK 1071 Program. All Turkish researchers who apply for this Program should be registered to TUBITAK ARBIS (Researcher Information system) through the following link: <https://arbis.tubitak.gov.tr> .

Duration of the Projects

Turkish side;

Duration of the projects should not exceed 24 months (projects should be performed between 2022 and 2023) and the mobility of Turkish researchers to Ukraine can be a maximum of **sixty (60) days** per each year of a supported project.

Ukrainian side;

Duration of the projects should not exceed 24 months (projects should be performed between 2022 and 2023) and the mobility of Ukrainian researchers to Turkey, for a maximum of **thirty (30) days** per each year of a supported project.

Proposal Submission

Turkish partners will make their joint online application via TUBITAK's online system, 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 . There is no need to send any hard copy to TÜBİTAK.

Ukrainian partners will submit the hard copy project's proposal to the Ministry and also fill the online application form via <https://forms.gle/Kk3RJQngUyV1rhvS9> .

How are applications evaluated?

Following the closing date of the call indicated below, applications will be submitted to recognized national experts in the various fields of research represented by the proposals received. These experts will evaluate each proposal based on the national criteria:

Ukraine:

Applications will be evaluated according to the following criteria:

- scientific quality of the work plan, originality of the idea
- qualifications of the coordinators
- potential for solving problems
- quality of the cooperation and mutual benefit
- exploitation of the anticipated results
- promotion of young research talent

Turkey:

Applications will be evaluated according to the following criteria:

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

Following national evaluation, a joint shortlist of projects to be funded will be constituted through consultations between the Ministry of Education and Science of Ukraine (MESU) and the Scientific and Technological Research Council of Turkey (TÜBİTAK) based on the results of the national evaluations. The project selection will be carried out by the Ukrainian-Turkish Joint Commission on Scientific and Technological Cooperation. The results of the project selection meeting will be announced presumably during the December 2021.

Intellectual property

The researchers of each country must take adequate steps to ensure protection and sharing of the intellectual property that could result from the joint projects.

Key Dates

ACTIONS	PERIODS
Application Announcement	15 th July 2021
Deadline for Applications	15 th September 2021 (17:30 Turkish time)
Deadline for e-signatures (TUBITAK)	22 nd September 2021 (17:30 Turkish time)
Exchange of pre-evaluation results	5 th October 2021
Exchange of lists of applications with expert assessments	December 2021
Joint Committee meeting	December 2021

Further information

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