

# CALL FOR PROPOSALS

by

**The Scientific and Technological Research Council of Turkey (TUBITAK)**

and

**The Ministry of Science, Technology and Innovation of Colombia**

**(MINCIENCIAS)**

**The Call is open between 5<sup>th</sup> March 2021 and 17<sup>th</sup> May 2021 (14<sup>th</sup> May for  
MINCIENCIAS)**

## **1. Preamble**

In the framework of the Memorandum of Understanding on Cooperation in science and technology between The Scientific and Technological Research Council of Turkey (TÜBİTAK) and Ministry of Science, Technology and Innovation of Colombia (MINCIENCIAS) invite universities, private sector and research centers and institutes to submit joint proposals for scientific and technological research and development (R&D) projects.

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.

## **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.

## 2. Main Thematic Areas:

This call is for applications in the following scientific and technological areas:

- a) Biotechnology, bioeconomy and environment
- b) Basic and Space Sciences
- c) Life and Health Sciences
- d) Social Sciences, Human Development and Equity
- e) Sustainable energy
- f) Creative and cultural industries
- g) Oceans and Hydrobiological Resources
- h) Converging technologies and industries 4.0

## 3. Financial Issues

As a rule, Turkish partners that are eligible for funding can receive up to 150.000 Turkish Liras per project. **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)

**In the framework of this call, these budget items stated below will be funded by MINCIENCIAS:**

Supports daily expenses of Colombian researchers traveling to Turkey for a daily value of two hundred ninety-six with eight mcte pesos COP (296,800) up to for fifteen (15) days and also

supports the financing of air tickets of Colombian researchers traveling to Turkey for up to four million twenty-eight thousand pesos COP (4,028,000).

TÜBİTAK-funded costs of each grant will be issued and managed by TÜBİTAK in accordance with the rules of TÜBİTAK 1071 Programme. Similarly, MINCIENCIAS-funded costs of each grant will be issued and managed by MINCIENCIAS according to its funding guidelines and procedures.

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

The sending party will meet the cost of international travel and daily allowance.

#### **4. 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 Colombia can be a maximum of **ninety (90) days** per each year of a supported project.

The total days of travel of all researchers in the Turkish project group should not exceed ninety (90) days per each year of a project.

##### **Colombian side;**

Duration of the projects should not exceed 24 months (projects should be performed between 2022 and 2023) and the mobility of two (2) researchers to Turkey, for a maximum of fifteen (15) days per year:

- A researcher in training (national doctoral student) and
- A junior, senior, associate or emeritus researcher.

#### **5. Proposal Submission**

The Joint Call will be open for applications between 5<sup>th</sup> March 2021 and 17<sup>th</sup> May 2021 through online application (14<sup>th</sup> May 2021 for MINCIENCIAS) systems of TÜBİTAK and MINCIENCIAS. Turkish partners will make their joint online application via TUBITAK's online system, [uidb-pbs.tubitak.gov.tr](http://uidb-pbs.tubitak.gov.tr).

- 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 MINCIENCIAS. **TÜBİTAK and MINCIENCIAS 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.
- 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). There is no need to send any hard copy to TÜBİTAK.
- Submission of proposals by fax or e-mail will not be accepted.

## 6. The Evaluation Procedure

### 7.1. Eligibility Criteria

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>.

Colombian partners should follow the relevant rules and requirements of MINCIENCIAS.

### 7.2. Evaluation Method

- The proposals that are deemed eligible will be evaluated by TÜBİTAK and MINCIENCIAS in line with their own rules and regulations.
- Following the scientific evaluation, TÜBİTAK and MINCIENCIAS will inform each other a result list that will include the information about approved and rejected project proposals.
- Only the project proposals, which will be approved both by TÜBİTAK and MINCIENCIAS will be supported.

## 7. Key Dates

ACTIONS	PERIODS
Opening of the Call	5 <sup>th</sup> March 2021
Closure of the Call	17 May 2021 – until 17:30 (For Turkey) 14 May 2021 16:00 (For Colombia)
Deadline for E-Signatures for TÜBİTAK	21 <sup>th</sup> May 2021 until 17:30
Eligibility Check	24 <sup>th</sup> May 2021 – 04 <sup>th</sup> June 2021
Sharing of the Project Proposal List that will be evaluated	18 <sup>th</sup> June 2021
Evaluation Period	July/August/September
Sharing of the Evaluation Results	7 <sup>th</sup> October 2021
Bilateral committee for exchange of results	End of September

## 8. Key Documents and Links

### Turkish Side;

- [2511 Joint Research Program with MINCIENCIAS Web site](#)
- [E-Signature Help Document](#)

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