

## CALL FOR PROPOSALS

by

The Scientific and Technological Research Council of Turkey (TUBITAK)

and

The Ministry of Education, Science and Technological Development of the Republic of Serbia  
(MoESTD)

**The Call is open between 10<sup>th</sup> August 2020 and 9<sup>th</sup> November 2020**

### 1. Preamble

In the framework of the Protocol on Cooperation in Science and Technology between The Scientific and Technological Research Council of Turkey (TÜBİTAK) and The Ministry of Education, Science and Technological Development of the Republic of Serbia (MoESTD), this call is launched to enhance the cooperative activities in the field of research between two countries.

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

TÜBİTAK and MoESTD, will fund project partners as funding institutions of the respective partner countries (Turkey and Republic of Serbia). The projects will be supported with grants from the national budget in accordance with the respective national funding regulations of each partner country.

### 2. Objectives of this Call

The aim of this 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.

The main objective of this call is to support research projects to promote the integrated joint research between two countries through the synergy between both countries' teams. A research

project should focus on producing new knowledge; making new scientific interpretations or solving technological problems based on scientific principles. Research projects in universities/public institutions are expected to pursue entirely new advancements in knowledge. In private sector (for Turkish researchers), the potential novelty of research projects has to be assessed by comparison with the existing stock of knowledge in the industry. The research activity within the project must result in findings that are new to the business and not already in use in the industry. As a part of these signed documents, each country's agencies evaluate the proposals of their respective national teams on projects selected according to their own priorities.

### **3. Main Thematic Areas:**

This Call is for applications in all scientific and technological areas.

### **4. Financial Issues**

TÜBİTAK-funded costs of each grant will be issued and managed by TÜBİTAK in accordance with the rules of TÜBİTAK 1071 Programme. In the frame of the Science and Technology Call, the applicants from Turkey are obliged to apply to the following support programme of TÜBİTAK:

[TÜBİTAK 1071 Programme - Support Programme for Increasing Capacity to Benefit from International Research Funds and Participation in International R&D Cooperation](#)

Similarly, MoESTD-funded costs of each grant will be issued and managed by the Ministry of education, science and technological development 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 all related costs connected with travel, lodging and allowances according to their own regulations and allowances
- will be responsible for the emergency health insurance of its scientists.

#### 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. National application rules for Turkish researchers can be found at [https://www.tubitak.gov.tr/sites/default/files/3125/1071\\_arastirma\\_projeleri\\_surec\\_dokuman.pdf](https://www.tubitak.gov.tr/sites/default/files/3125/1071_arastirma_projeleri_surec_dokuman.pdf)
- As a rule, Turkish team, either from academy, public or private sector, which is eligible for funding can receive up to 100.000 Turkish Liras excluding overhead and Project Incentive Premium (PIP) of funding per proposal in total.
- The funding shall cover the expenses in connection with the project, i.e. Personnel, travel, equipment/tool/software, service procurement, material costs.
- For 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 Turkey to Republic of Serbia.
- The total duration of visits in one direction of a specific project for Turkish researchers cannot be more than 60 days a year. It is possible to exceed 60 days a year provided that it is justified and deemed appropriate. The quota runs per calendar year and unused quota from one year cannot be transferred to the following year.
- The size of the grant may vary depending of the needs of each project and must be fully justified.
- A balanced distribution between the project items is required.
- **Overhead and Project Incentive Premium will not be paid for projects.**

**4.2. On Serbian Side:** The planned project budget intended for financing mutual visits of researchers is 4500 Euros (in Serbian Dinars) for one year of project activities.

The Serbian Party will provide financial support on domestic and foreign business trips for the Serbian research team members of the applicant's organization in accordance with the national regulations as follows:

- Travel expenses to/from Turkey for Serbian researchers up to the level of return air ticket price – economy class
- Accommodation and daily allowances up to 100 €/night for Serbian researchers in the Turkey and local travel costs, for a short term visits of a maximum of 7 days.
- Accommodation and daily allowances up to 1200 € for Serbian researchers in the Turkey for a maximum of 30 days in one year for long term visits.
- The total duration of visits in one direction of a specific project for Serbian researchers cannot be more than 45 days a year.
- Travel health insurance for Serbian researchers during their stay in Turkey
- Possible relevant extra costs for Serbian researchers who accompany Turkish researchers in the Republic of Serbia (conference fees, travel, daily allowances, accommodation costs, etc.)

## 5. Duration of the Projects

The duration of the projects should not exceed 36 months.

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

## 6. Proposal Submission

The Joint Call will be open for applications between 10<sup>th</sup> August and 9<sup>th</sup> November through online application systems of TÜBİTAK and MoESTD. While Turkish partners will make their joint online application via TUBITAK's online system, [uidb-pbs.tubitak.gov.tr](http://uidb-pbs.tubitak.gov.tr); Serbian partners will fill in the electronic application located on the website: <http://147.91.185.20/bilateral/turkey>, then printed version must be send to **MoESTD**, by post.

- 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 The Ministry of Education, Science and Technological Development of the Republic of Serbia. **TÜBİTAK and MoESTD 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.
- Project proposals must be submitted in parallel to both Partner organisations.

### **6.1. On Turkish Side:**

- 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). Because of that situation, there is no need to send any hard copy to TÜBİTAK.
- For Turkish side, in case there are two or more institutions within the same project, Turkish institutions should submit a single joint proposal.
- For Turkish side, the submissions of proposals that are given only by fax or e-mail will not be accepted.

### **6.2. On Serbian Side:**

- First step is to log on the site <http://147.91.185.20/bilateral/turkey> in order to receive the code for on-line filling in the project application
- During the period when this Call is open, it is possible to upgrade and correct the project proposal/application on-line
- Send the completed project application to the e-mail address: [nada.milosevic@mpn.gov.rs](mailto:nada.milosevic@mpn.gov.rs)
- Send hard copy of the completed project application (signed and stamped) to the MoESTD's postal address:

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- The **final deadline** for submissions of printed final project applications is **9<sup>th</sup> November 2020**.

## **7. The Evaluation Procedure**

### **7.1. Eligibility Criteria**

#### **7.1.1 For Turkish Team**

Turkish research 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>.

#### **7.1.2 For Serbian Team**

- Serbian research team should follow the national rules and requirements, in accordance with relevant decision of MoESTD.

The right to participate have:

- Persons performing scientific research activities (researchers), as well as teachers and associates employed at Higher Education institutions and Scientific research organizations in accordance with the Law on Science and Research ("Official Gazette of the RS, No. 49/19, hereinafter: the Law)
- Serbian research team of the bilateral project should participate in the implementation of the Institutional Financing Program and other programs of general interest in accordance with the Law.

## **7.2. Evaluation Method**

- The final selection shall be based upon the mutual decision by the funding institutions. The applicable awarding institution will base its decision on the national evaluation procedure of proposals and within the scope of the available budget.
- The proposals that are deemed eligible will be evaluated by TÜBİTAK and MoESTD in line with their own rules, regulations and decisions.
- At the international level, both partner organizations exchange their ranking lists, merge them, negotiate the final ranking and approve the proposals selected for funding. Total number of projects approved for funding is dependent on the financial possibilities of both partner organizations.
- Only the project proposals, which are approved both by TÜBİTAK and by MoESTD will be supported.

### **7.2.1 Criteria for evaluation of project proposals for Turkish Team:**

- The proposals will be reviewed according to a certain set of evaluation criteria.
  - Importance of International Collaboration
  - Scientific Excellence
  - Methodology
  - Project Management
  - 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.).
- For Turkish team, - The Lead Principal/Principal Investigator of each project has to prepare financial and scientific/technical progress reports at determined dates in the project contract to be submitted TÜBİTAK. Payments will be allocated following the approval of the progress reports.

### 7.2.2. Criteria for evaluation of project proposals for Serbian Team:

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

- **Quality of the Project**
  - 1.1 The importance of scientific objectives for the development of scientific cooperation between the two countries
  - 1.2. Complementarity of research groups
  - 1.3. Participation of young researchers
  - 1.4. Actuality of the proposed research (project content)
- **Innovation**
  - Assess the degree of innovation project (which includes the expected industrial and practical use of project results)
- **Additional objectives pursued in the project**
  - Objectives such as: joint applications for EU projects, broader cooperation and exchange
- **Assessment of scientific biography of the Serbian research group**

### 8. Key Dates

ACTIONS	PERIODS
Application Announcement	10 <sup>th</sup> August 2020
Deadline for Applications	9 <sup>th</sup> November 2020
Deadline for E-Signatures for TÜBİTAK Deadline for delivering hard copy final project application to MoESTD by post	16 <sup>th</sup> November 2020



Eligibility Check and Sharing the Proposal List	24 <sup>th</sup> November 2020
Scientific evaluation Period	27 <sup>th</sup> November 2020 – 12 <sup>th</sup> February 2021
Sharing of the Evaluation Results	16 <sup>th</sup> February 2021
Joint Committee Meeting	18 <sup>th</sup> February 2021
Announcement of the Results	26 <sup>th</sup> February 2021

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