

## **CO-FUNDED Brain Circulation Scheme2 (CoCirculation2)**

The program will have a bottom-up approach. The evaluation and selection procedures as well as recruitment procedures are in line with the conditions in the European Charter and Code. CoCirculation2 is the follow up project of the “Co-funded Brain Circulation Scheme (CoCirculation)”, which has been funded under the FP7-PEOPLE-2011-COFUND call. Compared to the current CoCirculation program, CoCirculation2 will bring the evaluation and selection process closer to recommendations in the Charter and Code, allow for secondments, improve the training offer for fellows and improve the financial and social conditions of the fellowships. CoCirculation2 offers transnational mobility, career development and personal training opportunities to the researchers. In line with the European Commission objectives, the project will contribute to the potential and future career perspectives of researchers in academy and industry while enhancing their international networking and interdisciplinary skills. CoCirculation2 will create a new cohort of Experienced Researchers who have acquired relevant scientific and transferable skills during their research project and other activities during their fellowship. These skills will prepare them for the next steps in their professional career, either in academia or in non-academia, and either in Turkey or beyond. Turkish and European Research Area as a whole will benefit from the contribution of the CoCirculation2 fellows to the research landscape. The programme will be executed by TÜBİTAK-BİDEB, the Science Fellowships and Grant Programmes Department within TÜBİTAK.

### **Below are the highlights of the CoCirculation2 Program**

- CoCirculation2 has a bottom-up approach, and proposals from all scientific areas may be submitted.
- Applicants can choose as their main host organisation any academic or non-academic research institute in Turkey with a high international research reputation. (To facilitate this process, TÜBİTAK has already received Letters of Commitment from 51 Partner Organisations)
- The project proposes a flexible mobility rule for refugees. This will have a positive impact on the growing refugee crisis that Europe is experiencing and will offer employment offers to researchers with refugee status. The program also introduces a flexible mobility rules for researchers applying with a non-academic host organization.
- To encourage applications with non-academic host organisations, CoCirculation2 proposes a flexible mobility rule for those applicants who apply with a non-academic host organisation, aiming to increase the number of applications that will be made with non-academic host organisations.
- Contrary to the previous program, CoCirculation2 allows for secondments, in an academic or non-academic host organisation.
- The secondments may last up to 6 months (3 months for call 4), they may be split in 2 periods, and they may be in Turkey or abroad. Secondments may be proposed in the project proposal or arranged in the first stages of the project implementation.
- CoCirculation2 will increase its financial contribution to the recruited researchers compared to the previous programme. The amounts have been raised from slightly below the MSCA IF rates in FP7 for the previous program to well above the H2020 rates for the CoCirculation2 program. Monthly living and mobility allowance of 5050 Euro and monthly Research, Training and Networking costs of 800 Euro will allocated for each project.
- TÜBİTAK will provide additional funding to Special Needs researchers, encouraging this group of researchers to apply.
- CoCirculation2 and TÜBİTAK’s activities to endorse the Charter and Code will reinforce another, and will benefit the program, the researchers and TÜBİTAK. By taking these steps TÜBİTAK endeavors to bring the spirit of Co-Circulation to an even more enhanced European level, hoping that, in the long run, this could turn out to be a permanent funding program of TÜBİTAK.

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