

THE SCIENTIFIC & TECHNOLOGICAL RESEARCH COUNCIL OF TURKEY (TÜB TAK)
THE DEPARTMENT OF SCIENCE FELLOWSHIPS & GRANT PROGRAMS (B DEB)
2216 RESEARCH FELLOWSHIP PROGRAM FOR INTERNATIONAL RESEARCHERS
LETTER OF COMMITMENT

This covenant concerning the assignment of fellowship is signed by _____/ hereinafter referred to as the Fellow and _____/ hereinafter referred to as academic advisor(s) in Turkey. The Fellow and as academic advisor(s) in Turkey agree to accept the following conditions.

1. The fellow must start their research within 12 months from the date they are entitled to support. Fellowship will not be started for those who have not started their work during the determined period without a valid excuse (health, family issues, force majeure, etc.) which will be accepted by the GYK and they will lose their rights to fellowship for the relevant year and term and cannot claim any rights.
2. The fellow is obligated to submit one progress and one final report within the specified dates based on the starting date and the duration of their fellowship. These reports must be signed by the fellow and the academic advisor(s) in Turkey. Progress reports should be sent in the 6th month following the start date of the research and final reports should be sent within 1 month following the ending date of the research. These reports are evaluated by experts in the research field. Reports disapproved as a result of the evaluation are required to be revised within the given period. Fellowship payments will be stopped if the progress reports are delayed. Fellowship of those who do not submit progress reports within 2 months from the date of suspension or their requested reports after revision are not found sufficient, may be deducted with the GYK decision.
3. TUBITAK support should be indicated in publications made within the scope of the program (if any) and they must be sent to B DEB together with progress and final reports.
4. The fellow and the academic advisor(s) in Turkey must comply with universal scientific research and scientific publishing rules during the conduct of the research. In the case of a necessity, it is obligatory to obtain the Ethics Committee Approval document and the legal permission from the relevant institutions for the research to be done. It is the fellow's responsibility to obtain that official permission. In case of a violation of the above-mentioned rules, legal actions shall be carried out in accordance with the provisions of AYEK and ENDEK regulations.
5. The fellow is obliged to report all kinds of fellowship or financial support received from another institution in Turkey during the fellowship period to BIDEB within 15 days from the starting date of the support. If the fellow has some financial support received from another institution in Turkey, the amount of the support within the scope of this program is separately determined by the GYK.
6. If the fellow wishes to finish his/her research before the end of the fellowship period, the fellow and the academic advisor(s) in Turkey must inform TUBITAK at least 15 days prior to the departure. No payment is made after the termination of the research.
7. The fellow has to pursue his/her research studies full-time in the university or research institute in Turkey during the fellowship period. The fellow is obliged to inform TUBITAK about any short or long-term departures and the duration at least 10 days prior to the departure date. If the fellow leaves Turkey for more than 15 days during the fellowship period, he/she has to obtain TÜB TAK's approval before the departure. Otherwise, the payment is suspended during the period of absence. The fellow has the right to use annual leave not more than 15 days. Departures shorter than 15 days shall not interrupt the payment. Departures longer than 15 days are discussed in GYK and the fellowship might be temporarily suspended or cut if it is deemed necessary. If extra payment is made, the fellow is obliged to repay this amount to TUBITAK.

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8. If requested, suspension of the fellowship or interruption of the research is possible with the GYK approval. The fellowship might be canceled if the research is left or interrupted the research without informing TUBITAK.
9. Those receiving fellowship under this program cannot receive additional fellowship or support from other programs of TÜB TAK. In case of violation of this rule, fellowship is canceled.
10. In the case of a wish the change of the university or research institute in Turkey, it is requires to apply to B DEB with a reasoned request for the change, signed by the fellow and the academic advisor(s) in Turkey. In case the GYK approves the request for the change, replacement is finalized. Thereupon, it needed to take an acceptance letter from the new university or research institute in which the research will be carried out.
11. In the case of wishing the change of the academic advisor(s) in Turkey, it is required to apply to B DEB with a reasoned request for the change, signed by the fellow and the academic advisor(s) in Turkey. In case the GYK approves the request for the change, reassignment is finalized. Thereupon, it is necessary to take an acceptance letter from the new academic advisor(s) in Turkey to work together.

I have read the Rules and Regulations for Research Fellowship Programme for International Researchers of 11 articles, of which one copy is given to me. I confirm that I fully comply with the regulations during my fellowship period.

Name of Fellow	Date	Signature
Name of Academic Advisor(s) in Turkey	Date	Signature

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