



CALL FOR PROPOSALS

by

The Scientific and Technological Research Council of Türkiye

and

The Azerbaijan National Academy of Sciences

The Call is open between 6 August 2024 and 5 November 2024

1. Preamble

In the framework of the Protocol on Cooperation in Science and Technology, The Scientific and Technological Research Council of Türkiye (TÜBİTAK) and The Azerbaijan National Academy of Sciences (ANAS) invite **universities, research entities, research institutes and industrial enterprises of Türkiye and research institutes of ANAS** to submit joint proposals for research and development (R&D) projects.

IMPORTANT NOTE: Azerbaijani partner must be an ANAS Institute.

2. Objectives of the Call

The aim of the call is to allow researchers to collaborate internationally, and gain access to new research environments, facilities, knowledge, and expertise, in order to enhance the quality of their research and enable them to translate research and innovation into economic and societal benefit.

A research project should focus on producing new knowledge; making new scientific interpretations or solving technological problems based on scientific principles.

3. Main Thematic Areas:

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

- Urbanization, City and Regional Planning (Sustainable Cities);
- Interaction Between Cultures;
- Studies on Language Unity;
- Economy (including Circular Economy, Development issues);
- Seismology;
- Digital Transformation.

4. Financial Issues

As a rule, **Turkish partners** that are eligible for funding can receive **up to 2.000.000 Turkish Liras (excl. overhead and Project Incentive Premium (PIP) approximately) per project.**

Also, **Azerbaijani partners** that are eligible for funding can receive **up to 50.000 Azerbaijani Manat per project.**

TÜBİTAK-funded costs of each grant will be issued and managed by TÜBİTAK in accordance with the rules of TÜBİTAK 1071 Programme. Detailed information can be achieved via https://www.tubitak.gov.tr/sites/default/files/3125/1071_arastirma_projeleri_surec_dokumani.pdf website address.

Similarly, ANAS-funded costs of each grant will be issued and managed by ANAS 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 to the town where the joint work will be conducted;
- The Sending Party shall be responsible for the emergency health insurance of its scientists, including medical care;
- The Receiving Party will meet the cost of trips within its territory, boarding and lodging. The budget for these expenses would be included in budget estimates of each project. The current daily allowances are listed below:

In Türkiye:

- Daily allowance: 60 Euro per day (including accommodation, equivalent Turkish currency)

In Azerbaijan:

- Daily allowance: 60 Euro per day (including accommodation, equivalent Azerbaijani currency).

5. Duration of the Projects

The duration of the projects should not exceed two years (24 months) and the total duration of visits in one direction of a project should not exceed two months (60 days) per year for the each supported joint research project.

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

6. Proposal Submission

- The Joint Call will be opened between **6 August 2024** and **5 November 2024** for the applicants.
- Turkish partners will make their application via TÜBİTAK's online system <http://uidb-pbs.tubitak.gov.tr/>.

- Azerbaijani partners will achieve the required documents by <http://bei.science.gov.az/en>.
- 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 ANAS. **TÜBİTAK and ANAS do not match the collaborating partners.**
- The proposals should be prepared in **English**.
- 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. Because of that situation there is no need to send any hard copy to TÜBİTAK.
- On the other hand, **until 19 November 2024, The Azerbaijani partners must submit one hard copy to:**

The Azerbaijan National Academy of Sciences (ANAS)

Address : Istiglaliyyat, 30, AZ1001, Baku, Azerbaijan

Tel: +994 12 492 34 46

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- **Submission of proposals by fax or e-mail will not be accepted.**

7. The Evaluation Procedure

7.1. Eligibility Criteria

The detailed information for the Turkish team about eligibility rules are available https://www.tubitak.gov.tr/sites/default/files/3125/1071_arastirma_projeleri_surec_dokumani.pdf.

Azerbaijani partners should follow the relevant rules and requirements of ANAS.

7.2. Evaluation Method

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

7.3. Evaluation Criteria

The project proposals will be evaluated on the basis of the following criteria:

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

8. Key Dates

ACTIONS	PERIODS
Application Announcement	6 August 2024
Deadline for Applications	5 November 2024
Deadline for E-Signatures for TÜBİTAK and Submission of Application Documents to ANAS	19 November 2024
Announcement of the Results	March 2025

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