

Country: **TURKEY**

Funding Institution: The Scientific and Technological Research Council of Turkey (TUBITAK)

In the frame of this call, the applicants from Turkey can apply to one of the following support programmes of TÜBİTAK:

- ARDEB 1001 Research Projects Programme (The Support Programme for Scientific and Technological Research Projects), **or**
- TEYDEB 1509 International Industrial R&D Funding Programme

Proposals that are more academic research oriented are advised to apply for the ARDEB 1001 Research Projects Programme.

Proposals that are more commercial research oriented are advised to apply for the TEYDEB 1509 International Industrial R&D Funding Programme.

Who can apply?

A) Eligible applicants for the ARDEB 1001 Research Projects Programme:

Applicants may be from universities (public and private), R&D institutes, public and private corporations.

Project personnel requirements:

- Principal Investigator, Researchers and Advisers:
- University personnel should have a PhD degree.
- Those working in a public institution or a private corporation should have an undergraduate diploma.
- The Principal Investigator should be the permanent staff of the organization making the project proposal.
- The principal investigator and the researchers (except for the foreign researchers) should be residing in Turkey. Foreigners may take part in projects as principal investigators/researchers provided that they are employed in an entity within the boundaries of Turkey.

A researcher should have a contribution of at least 10% of the project workload.

An adviser is allowed if the project requires special expertise on a specific subject. The number of advisers in a project is limited to the number of specific subjects in the project. The role of adviser in the project should be explained in detail in the project proposal.

Who Cannot Be A Principal Investigator?

University presidents and vice presidents, surgeons general, general secretaries, general managers or department heads in governmental agencies are not allowed to be principal investigators in the case that they occupy such positions at the time of application; similarly, the members of the executive committee and advisory board of TÜBİTAK research grant groups cannot be principal investigators in projects in the case that they occupy such positions at the time of application, however, they can take part in projects as researchers in a maximum of two projects.

B) Eligible applicants for the TEYDEB 1509 International Industrial R&D Funding Programme:

TÜBİTAK's 1509-International Industrial R&D Projects Funding Program funds innovative R&D projects of private companies in Turkey that participate in international joint programs. All SMEs or large enterprises established in Turkey can apply to the program. Academic institutions and other R&D

institutes (including non-for-profit research institutes recognized by TÜBİTAK) must participate the projects as subcontractors of SMEs or large enterprises and are covered under the partner's budget. SMEs can receive funds as 75% of all eligible R&D costs and large companies receive funds as 60 % of all eligible R&D costs. Companies may demand a certain amount of pre-payment to cover the expenditures to be made.

□ **What types of funding are eligible for Turkish researchers?**

1. Eligible direct costs

1.A. Eligible direct costs for ARDEB 1001 Research Projects Programme

The annual budget limit for research projects is 360,000 TL (approx. 90,000 Euros). This includes the scholarship payments; however it excludes payments to the PI, Co-PI's and overhead costs. The total funding will not exceed 100 % of the eligible costs.

Eligible types of funding under this programme are limited to personnel costs (scholarships), travel & subsistence, equipment and materials. Please see below for a detailed description of each item. Projects that involve building infrastructure are not funded.

1.A.1. Research material and small-scale research equipment

There is no applicable limit to material and equipment purchase as long as the overall project budget is in conformity with the rules laid down above in "*Art. 1.1. Eligible direct costs for ARDEB 1001 Research Projects Programme*".

1.A.2. Personnel costs

Personnel costs include only the scholarships. The scholarships for master/phd students and post-doc researchers are as follows:

If the scholar is not employed for a certain fee:

B.Sc./B.A. Students: 500 TL/month

M.Sc./M.A. Students: 1500 TL/month

PhD Student/Researchers: 1800 TL/month

Post-doc Researchers: 2.250 TL/month

If the scholar is employed:

M.Sc./M.A. Students: 400 TL/month

PhD Student/Researchers: 500 TL/month

Total monthly budget for scholarships (personnel costs) should not exceed 4,800 TL.

1.A.3. Travel costs

Travels in business class are not accepted.

1.A.4. Living expenses

For the travel of Turkish researchers, the amount of the allowances varies according to the destination country and the conditions of the personnel, which is described in the Travel Expense Law No.6245. Please check TUBITAK website for the daily allowances for the Turkish researchers:

http://www.tubitak.gov.tr/tubitak_content_files/seyahat/6245Kanunu.doc

1.A.5. Expenses for the organisation of small scientific events

The costs pertaining to organization of small scientific events shall be covered in accordance with the following rules:

In addition to the budget allocated for the participation in domestic/international scientific events, the maximum allowed budget for travel expenses of scientific events (scientific visit, networking etc.) in Turkey or abroad is limited to 15.000 TL/year.

As for the events in the form of meeting and workshops aiming at disseminating the results of the project outputs, the maximum budget is limited with 10.000 TL/year.

1.B. Eligible direct costs for TEYDEB 1509 International Industrial R&D Funding Programme

For this call, the maximum funding per project that will be funded by the TEYDEB 1509 Programme is expected to be between 100.000 – 150.000 Euros (total for two years) to be shared between participating Turkish partners.

1.B.1. Personnel Costs

Personnel expenses are eligible direct costs

1.B.2. Travel Costs

Travel expenses are eligible direct costs. Eligible travel costs incurred in the frame of the projects funded in this programme can be international or intercity travels by plane, train, bus and ship in economy class.

1.B.3. Equipment Costs

Tools, equipment, software and technical documents are also eligible direct costs.

1.B.4. Consultantship & Service Procurement Costs

- Acquisition of consultancy or other services related to the project from domestic institutions or from abroad.
- Costs of R&D services contracted to universities in Turkey, R&D units of TÜBİTAK, and private R&D institutions.

1.B.5. Consumables Costs

Supplies and materials are eligible direct costs.

2. Eligible indirect costs

Only eligible indirect costs are the costs pertaining to the checking and validation of periodic expenses of funded projects by a chartered accountant.

□ Is additional/parallel application requested to the funding organisation?

The Turkish applicants are requested to apply to TÜBİTAK ARDEB 1001 or TEYDEB 1509 programmes simultaneously with the application that is being made to the ERA.Net RUS PLUS Joint Call Secretariat.

The applications made simultaneously to the TÜBİTAK ARDEB 1001 Research Projects Programme will be checked only in terms of eligibility and budgetary regulations. The scientific merit of the projects will only be evaluated by the independent peer-reviewers in the frame of the ERA.Net RUS PLUS project.

The applicants of the Innovation Call are –in all cases- requested to consult TUBITAK Contact Point with regard to eligibility rules of TEYDEB 1509 project proposals. This is a mandatory step before proceeding with submitting the project proposals to ERA.Net RUS PLUS Consortium.

The duration of a project is 24 months-36 months.

The duration of a project is to be determined at the proposal stage. An extension of duration will not be allowed once the project is started.

The deadline for applying to the TÜBİTAK programmes is same with the deadline of submission of joint proposals to the ERA.Net RUS PLUS Central Call Secretariat.

PLEASE CHECK TUBITAK WEBSITE AND CONSULT TUBITAK PERSONNEL FOR THE PROGRAMME CONDITIONS!

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