

TURKEY

The Scientific and Technological Research Council of Turkey (TUBITAK)

In the frame of the Science and Technology Call, the applicants from Turkey are obliged to apply to the following support programme of TÜBİTAK:

- ARDEB 1001 Research Projects Programme (The Support Programme for Scientific and Technological Research Projects)

This application is meant to be made during the proposal stage of the ERA.Net RUS PLUS S&T Call.

All call topics of the joint call are supported by TUBITAK.

Who can apply?

I. 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.

II. 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.

What types of funding are eligible for Turkish researchers?

I. Eligible direct costs

a. Eligible direct costs for ARDEB 1001 Research Projects Programme

The maximal budget for research projects is 360,000 TL. 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. Project duration is 24 to 36 months.

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.

b. 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*”.

c. Personnel costs

Personnel costs include only the scholarships.

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

d. Travel costs

Travels in business class are not accepted.

e. 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

f. 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.

Is additional/parallel application requested to the funding organisation?

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

It should be noted that any project decided to be funded by TÜBİTAK in the framework of ARDEB 1001 Programme will have to fill in full ARDEB 1001 proposal forms and will have to provide all other requested accompanying documents and attain the necessary signatures and permits in order to be funded.

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

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