

# CALL FOR PROPOSALS

by

The Scientific and Technological Research Council of Türkiye

and

The Ministry of Higher Education, Science and Innovations of the  
Republic of Uzbekistan

**The Call is open between 16 December 2024 and 14 March 2025**

## 1. Preamble

In the framework of the current Cooperation Agreement in Science and Technology, The Scientific and Technological Research Council of Türkiye (TÜBİTAK) and The Ministry of Innovative Development of the Republic of Uzbekistan (MHESI Uzbekistan) invite universities, research entities, research institutes and industrial enterprises of Türkiye and universities, research centers and institutes of Uzbekistan to submit joint proposals for Research and Development (R&D) projects.

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

## 2. Objectives of the Call

The aim of the call is to allow partners 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.

### 3. Main Thematic Areas:

This call is opened for applications in the following areas. Proposals submitted in other areas will not be accepted.

- Energy (Renewable Energy, Technologies for Energy Efficiency in Industry and Manufacturing);
- Agriculture and Food (Green and Sustainable);
- Advanced Materials (Metals and Alloys);
- Environment (Climate Change, Environment and Biodiversity; Purification Technologies);
- Social Sciences (Clean and Circular Economy).

### 4. Financial Issues

As a rule, **Turkish partners** that are eligible for funding can receive **up to 3.000.000 Turkish Liras (excl. overhead and Project Incentive Premium (PIP) approximately) per project.**

Also, **Uzbek partners** that are eligible for funding can receive **up to 3.000.000.000 Uzbek Sums (UZS) 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://tubitak.gov.tr/sites/default/files/2024-08/1071\\_arastirma\\_projeleri\\_surec\\_dokumani.pdf](https://tubitak.gov.tr/sites/default/files/2024-08/1071_arastirma_projeleri_surec_dokumani.pdf) website address.

Similarly, MHESI Uzbekistan-funded costs of each grant will be issued and managed by MHESI Uzbekistan according to the requirements of the Cabinet of Ministers of the Republic of Uzbekistan "On measures to further improve the regulatory framework for the development of scientific research and innovative activities" dated March 9, 2020 No. 133.

The costs of exchange of experts, scientists and other specialists will be covered on the following basis:

- The sending Party will meet all related costs connected with travel, lodging and allowances according to their own regulations.
- The sending Party shall be responsible for the emergency health insurance of its scientists.

## 5. Duration of the Projects

The duration of the projects should not exceed two years (24 months) and the total duration of international visits 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 MHESI Uzbekistan for its content and progress.

## 6. Proposal Submission

- The Joint Call will be open between **16 December 2024 and 14 March 2025** through application systems of TÜBİTAK and MHESI Uzbekistan.
- Turkish partners will make their application via TÜBİTAK's online system <http://uidb-pbs.tubitak.gov.tr/>.
- Uzbek partners will make their online application through <https://loyiha.ilmiy.uz/> of MHESI Uzbekistan.
- 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 MHESI Uzbekistan. **TÜBİTAK and MHESI Uzbekistan 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](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.
- 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://tubitak.gov.tr/sites/default/files/2024-08/1071\\_arastirma\\_projeleri\\_surec\\_dokumani.pdf](https://tubitak.gov.tr/sites/default/files/2024-08/1071_arastirma_projeleri_surec_dokumani.pdf).

Uzbek partners should follow the relevant rules and requirements of Cabinet of Ministers of the Republic of Uzbekistan "On measures to further improve the regulatory framework for the development of scientific research and innovative activities" dated March 9, 2020 No. 133.

### 7.2. Evaluation Method

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

## 8. Key Dates

ACTIONS	PERIODS
Application Announcement	16 December 2024
Deadline for Applications	14 March 2025
Deadline for E-Signatures for TÜBİTAK and Submission of Application Documents to MHESI Uzbekistan	28 March 2025
Announcement of the Results	August 2025

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