



NATIONAL RESEARCH, DEVELOPMENT
AND INNOVATION OFFICE

Call for Proposals of TUBITAK- NRDIO Bilateral Cooperation Call

1. Preamble

The Scientific and Technological Research Council of Turkey (TUBITAK) is the leading agency for management, funding and conduct of research in Turkey. It was established in 1963 with a mission to advance science and technology, conduct research and support Turkish researchers. The Council is an affiliated institution for Ministry of Science, Industry and Technology and is governed by a Scientific Board whose members are selected from prominent scholars from universities, industry and research institutions.

TUBITAK is responsible for promoting, developing, organizing, conducting and coordinating research and development in line with national targets and priorities. In addition, TUBITAK carries out and monitors international scientific and technological collaboration activities with the rest of the world through Directorate for International Cooperation.

The National Research Development and Innovation Office (NRDIO) was created on 1 January 2015 with the aim to create stable institutional framework for the governmental coordination of the national research, development and innovation ecosystem, to provide predictable funding and to use available resources in efficient and transparent way.

NRDI Office of Hungary is a national strategic and funding agency for scientific research, development and innovation, the primary source of advice on RDI policy for the Hungarian Government, and the primary RDI funding agency of the country.

2. Objectives and the Scope 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.

The funding will be provided jointly by TÜBİTAK and NRDIO in the form of non-repayable project grants.

2.1. Call Topics

The main and supplementary topics of the call are provided below:

- Health
- Information and Communication Technologies
- Environmental Sciences

2.2. Funding Available

TUBİTAK and NRDIO are intending to fund approximately 3 or 4 projects through this joint call. As a rule, Turkish academy partners that are eligible for funding can receive up to 360,000 Turkish Liras (≈ 90.000 EURO) of funding in total. The Hungarian partners that are eligible for funding can receive up to 120.000 EURO per project.

TÜBİTAK -funded costs of each grant will be issued and managed by TÜBİTAK in accordance with its funding guidelines and procedures.

For details:

<http://www.tubitak.gov.tr/tr/uluslararasi/ikili-proje-destekleri/icerik-basvuruya-acik-programlar>

<https://www.tubitak.gov.tr/tr/destekler/akademik/ulusal-destek-programlari/1001/icerik-yonetmelik-ve-esaslar>

Similarly, NRDIO-funded costs of each grant will be issued and managed by NRDIO according to its funding guidelines and procedures (see Annex I of this Joint Call).

Referring to Article 8 of the Protocol on Cooperation in Science and Technology signed in 2005 between the Scientific and Technological Research Council of Turkey (TÜBİTAK) and the National Research, Development and Innovation Office (NRDIO) both Parties mutually agreed to cover the costs of exchange of experts, scientists and other specialists in the following way:

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

Please liaise closely with prospective partners to ensure that both TÜBİTAK and NRDIO - supported elements of the proposal abide by all regulations for both funders.

2.3. Duration of the Projects

The duration of the projects will be up to **36 months**. The projects will be monitored through progress reports and the final report by both NRDIO and TUBITAK for its content and progress.

The continuation of funding will be decided on the basis of this evaluation with reference to innovative insights, exploitable research results and the creation of foundations for a well-founded and sustainable partnership between Hungary and Turkey.

3. Proposal Submission

The Joint Call will be opened between **23 August – 16 October 2017** for the applicants on both sides for the online applications. Turkish and Hungarian applicants will make their joint application online via TUBITAK's online system reachable from uidb-pbs.tubitak.gov.tr.

3.1. Eligibility

It is a prerequisite that projects include the participation of at least one Hungarian and one Turkish research institution/university.

TUBITAK and NRDIO will cover the costs of their respective country's participants. On the Turkish side, the Turkish researchers will be provided funding from TUBITAK Bilateral Programme. All Turkish researchers who apply for this Programme should be registered to TÜBİTAK ARBİS (Researcher Information system) through the following link: <http://arbis.tubitak.gov.tr>

On the Hungarian side, NRDIO will cover the costs of Hungarian scientists as described in Annex I. Hungarian scientists also have to submit their proposal via the Turkish on-line submission system and have to register via TÜBİTAK ARBİS (<http://arbis.tubitak.gov.tr>). Hungarian coordinators, whose projects will be selected for funding, will also have to submit their proposals in Hungary as explained in Annex I of this call.

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However, to complete the application process NRDIO and TUBITAK might need supporting documents.

For the Turkish side

The Turkish applicants -as having finalized the online application- are expected to send the printed documents need to be signed by relevant sides and supporting documents within two weeks after the deadline of the call.

Applicants who did not provide the required documents will directly be rejected for evaluation and could not apply to this call in the same call period.

For the Hungarian side

Only those Hungarian scientists have to submit their proposals to NRDIO Office who have been recommended for funding by the Joint Committee. Submission criteria will be published on the website of NRDIO Office – www.nkfi.gov.hu

4. The Evaluation Procedure

Projects that are submitted online but that did not submit their supporting documents and the necessary documents with original signature will not be considered for funding.

4.1. Evaluation Method

The proposals that are found eligible for evaluation will be reviewed by external reviewers which are selected by TUBITAK and NRDIO. The projects to be funded will be decided on a Joint Committee Meeting in which both institutions will be present according to the evaluations of the reviewers.

In total, it is expected to support 3-4 joint projects however both institutions might agree about funding more excellently evaluated proposals up to their available budget.

4.2. Evaluation Criteria

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

- **Scientific Excellence**
- **Project Management, Team and Infrastructure**
- **Impact of the Project**
- **Importance of Bilateral Cooperation**

5. Key Dates

One Stage Joint Call

ACTIONS	DATE
Publication of the 'joint call(s) for proposals	23 August 2017
Deadline for Applications	16 October 2017
Sharing Eligibility Check Results	06 November 2017
Relaying of projects to External Evaluation	06 November 2017
Sharing External Evaluation Results	05 January 2018
Joint Committee Meeting	09 January 2018
Deadline for project submission in Hungary	March 2018
Announcement of Results	March 2018
Beginning of the Projects	April 2018

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