





2232-A INTERNATIONAL FELLOWSHIP FOR OUTSTANDING RESEARCHERS AND 2232-B INTERNATIONAL FELLOWSHIP FOR EARLY STAGE RESEARCHERS PROGRAMS

24.10.2025

We Are Working to Increase Reverse Brain Drain



We encourage "Reverse Brain Drain", which refers to the return of individuals who have studied or gained experience abroad back to our country.









Our National Policy

Our Mission as TÜBİTAK

High-Level Policy Documents

Our Mission as BİDEB

A national return initiative has been launched with the aim of making our country a center of attraction by enhancing cooperation among universities, industry, public institutions, and research centers to strengthen qualified human resources, and by providing suitable environments and conditions to increase knowledge-based competitiveness at the global level.

Under the instruction of our President, TÜBİTAK initiated efforts to design new programs within this scope. «Yurda Dönüş Burs Programı», launched in 2010, was transformed into the International Fellowship for Outstanding Researchers Program in 2018.

With our goal of "diversifying full-time and part-time working opportunities in Türkiye for qualified academics and researchers abroad, and fostering collaborations and joint projects," we are included in high-level policy documents such as the 12th Development Plan, the Presidential Annual Program, and the TÜBİTAK Strategic Plan.

We provide support to encourage successful researchers with international work experience to return to Türkiye and continue their work at state or foundation universities, public institutions, research infrastructures deemed competent within the scope of Law no. 6550, TÜBİTAK Research Centers or Institutes, private sector companies with R&D or design centres, or equity companies settled in Türkiye operating within techno parks.

2232 A/B International Fellowship for Outstanding/Early Stage Researchers



Our goal is to foster research projects in strategically vital fields that will contribute to our nation's scientific and technological advancement.



Application Dates 27.09.2025 - 24.11.2025



SUPPORT DURATION

Min. duration: 24 months Max. duration: 36 months









Program's Purpose

It is aimed to promote qualified researchers who have come to the fore with their high-level science and/or technology-oriented research in their fields and who have experience to work in an international environment, to conduct their research in Türkiye



Encouragement of Qualified Researchers:

As of the call opening date, researchers applying to the programme must not have resided in Türkiye for more than 1 year within the last 3 years and must not be working in Türkiye, and must possess a certain level of academic or professional experience.





- Higher Education Institutions: State or foundation universities in Türkiye
- Research Infrastructures: Research infrastructures deemed competent within the scope of Law no. 6550
- Public Research Institutes: Public research institutes or TÜBİTAK Research Centers or Institutes
- Private Sector: private sector companies with R&D or design centres
- **Technoparks:** Equity companies settled in Türkiye operating within techno parks



Special Advantages

For applications in critical technology fields specified in the 12th Development Plan and the 2030 Industry and Technology Strategy, as well as in priority R&D and Innovation topics, the minimum support score may be determined separately.

2232-A International Fellowship for Outstanding Researchers

ACADEMIC EXPERIENCE

Researchers who have completed their doctoral degrees and have worked full-time for at least 3 years after their PhD studies at a university or public research centre abroad with the title of at least faculty member or team leader, or have carried out independent academic research.

OR

PRIVATE SECTOR EXPERIENCE

Researchers who have 6 years of full-time research experience abroad, provided that, after completing their undergraduate education, they have worked in the private sector for at least 3 years.

2232-B International Fellowship for Early Stage Researchers (Under the age of 40)

ACADEMIC EXPERIENCE

Early-stage researchers who, after completing their doctoral degrees within the last 4 years, have at least 1 year of postdoctoral research experience abroad.

OR

PRIVATE SECTOR EXPERIENCE

Researchers who have 4 years of full-time research experience abroad, provided that, after completing their undergraduate education, they have worked in the private sector for at least 1 year.

HIGHLY CITED RESEARCHERS LIST

Being on the "Highly Cited Researchers List" published by Thomson Reuters in any year within the last 5 years as of the call opening date

 Having worked for at least 30 months in total at the institutions among those ranked below in the last 5 years as of the call opening date:

OR

 Having worked for at least 12 months in total at the institutions among those ranked below in the last 5 years as of the call opening date:

RANKING LIST (QS (Quacquarelli Symonds) or THE (Times Higher Education))

Within the Top 100 in the QS or THE World University Rankings

RANKING LIST (QS (Quacquarelli Symonds) or THE (Times Higher Education))

Within the Top 150 in the QS or THE World University Rankings

RANKING LIST (the European Commission Joint Research Centre)

World's Top 2500 Industrial R&D Investment Scoreboard

RANKING LIST (Scimago Institutions)

Top 250 institutions in the sub-fields of health, universities, government and companies according to Scimago Institutions Ranking

RANKING LIST (Successful start-up and unicorn companies receiving the most investment)

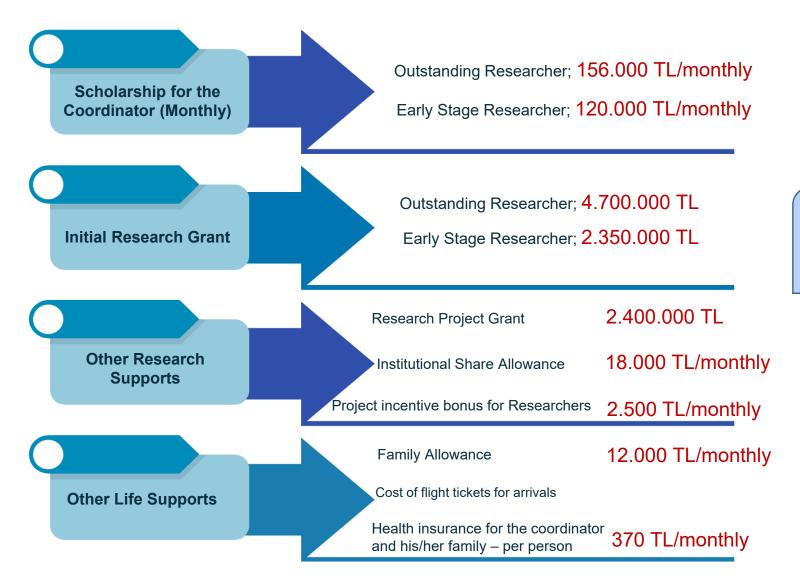
"Unicorn" companies list published by CB Insights and reached 1 billion USD and over valuation from its verture level

Top 1000 companies founded within the last 5 years and received the most investment in the last 5 years according to databases of Crunchbase and CB Insights

2232 A/B International Fellowship for Outstanding/Early Stage Researchers Support Items



We encourage qualified researchers who have conducted advanced scientific and technological work to come to Türkiye and provide support in various areas.



Mentorship Support: Support provided by coordinators who were previously entitled to support in the 2232 International Fellowship for Outstanding Researchers Program.

Priority Areas List



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1	Disaster Management Technologies	22	Cultural Heritage
2	Smart Grid Systems	23	Micro/Nano/Opto-Electromechanical Systems
3	Water and Waste Treatment Technologies (including Water, Waste Water, and Solid Waste - Environmental Biotechnology)	24	Modeling and Simulation Technologies
4	History of Science	25	Engine Technologies
5	Information Technology Law	26	Internet of Things (IoT)
6	Blockchain Technologies	27	Nuclear Energy Technologies
7	Big Data and Cloud Computing	28	Petrochemical and Polymer Technologies
8	Maritime Law	29	Robotics and Mechatronics
9	Digitalization and Innovation in Education	30	Wind Energy Technologies
10	Energy Storage Technologies	31	Sectoral and Regional Growth Analyses
11	Migration Studies	32	Cybersecurity
12	Solar Energy Technologies	33	Sustainable and Alternative Financial Systems
13	Aircraft (Airplanes, UAVs, etc.) Design, Testing, and Performance	34	Agricultural Biotechnology (including Biopesticides, Genetic Breeding, and Seed Development)
14	Pharmaceutical and Vaccine Technologies	35	Biomedical Technologies
15	Advanced Materials Technologies	36	Satellites, Spacecraft and Space Launch Technologies
16	Women and Family Studies	37	Space Law
17	Carbon Capture, Utilization, and Storage (CCUS) Technologies	38	Artificial Intelligence (AI)
18	Additive Manufacturing Technologies	39	Semiconductor and Chip Technologies
19	Critical Raw Materials and Minerals	40	Next-Generation Communication Technologies
20	Quantum Technologies	41	Green Hydrogen Technologies
21	Polar Research		



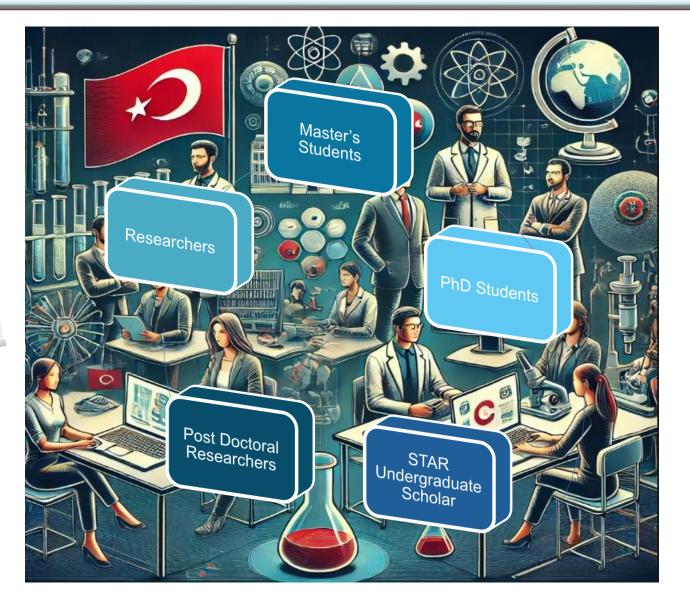
A maximum of 5 scholarship holders—comprising graduate students and postdoctoral researchers—may be included in the research team.



Master's Students
19.000 TL / 5.250 TL/month

PhD Students
27.500 TL / 7.250 TL/month

Postdoctoral Researchers **36.500 TL/month**



With the Graduate
Scholarships Performance
Program, additional
scholarship opportunities are
provided up to 8,700 TL for
doctoral students and up to
10,500 TL for postdoctoral
researchers.





Outstanding Researcher

- Initial Research Grant: 4,700,000 TL
- Research Project Grant: 2,400,000 TL
- Scholarship + Family Allowance: 168,000 × 36 = 6,048,000 TL
- Project Team Scholarships (5 people): 5.274,000 TL
- PTİ for Researchers (5 people): 450,000 TL
- Institutional Share: 18,000 × 36 = 648,000 TL
- Mentorship Support

19.520.000 TL



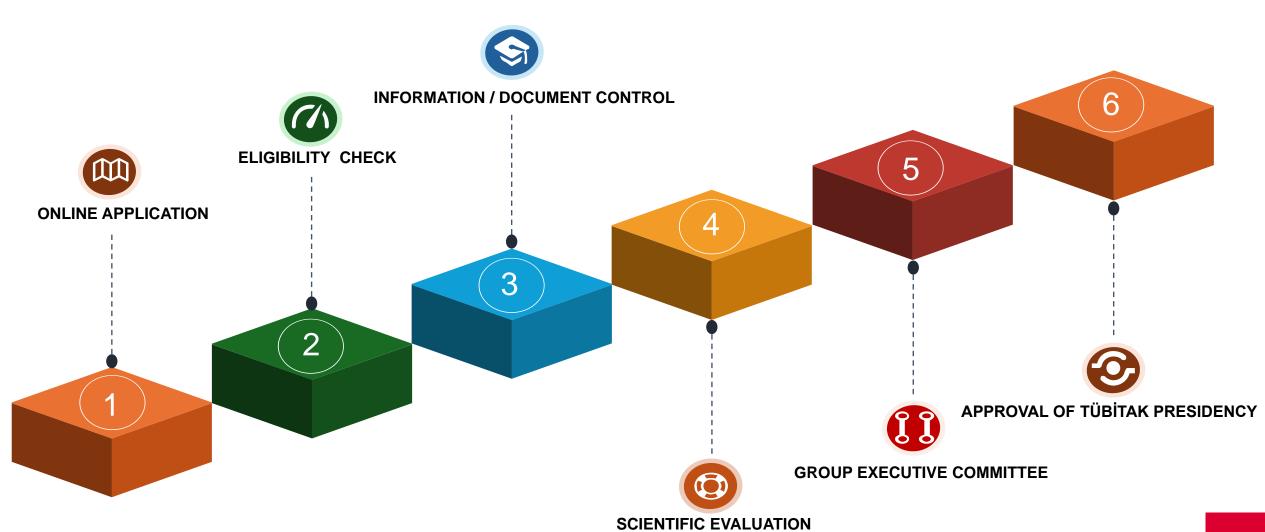


- Initial Research Grant: 2,350,000 TL
- Research Project Grant: 2,400,000 TL
- Scholarship + Family Allowance: 132,000 × 36 = 4,752,000 TL
- Project Team Scholarships (5 people):
 5.274.000 TL
- PTİ for Researchers (5 people): 450,000 TL
- Institutional Share: 18,000 × 36 = 648,000 TL
- Mentorship Support

15.874.000 TL

Application and Support Process











THANK YOU

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