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The Secretariat of the Organization of Turkic States (OTS) presents its compliments to the Ministries of Foreign Affairs and Permanent Missions of the Member States and Observers and, with reference to its Note no: E-OTS-1.9.1-35225 dated 15 December 2025, has the honour to communicate the following:

In accordance with the article 8 of the Agreed Minutes of the 7th meeting of the Ministers/Heads of Institutions in charge of Diaspora Affairs of the OTS held on 2 December 2025 in Budapest, as well as the article 6 of the OTS Diaspora Joint Activity Plan for the year 2026, the Secretariat herewith encloses the informative documents for the application of "Türkiye Bursları-2026".

The respective Diaspora Institutions of the OTS Member States and Observers are requested to announce their diaspora communities about the foregoing application process and submit to the Secretariat the lists of 5 applicants from their respective diasporas (together with their application reference numbers) to the "Türkiye Bursları" Program in line with the time frames set in the attached informative documents.

The Secretariat avails itself of this opportunity to renew to the Ministries and Permanent Missions the assurances of its highest consideration.

DK
Istanbul, 16 January 2026



Encl.: as stated.

Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Azerbaijan
Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Kyrgyz Republic
Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Uzbekistan
Permanent Mission of the Republic of Kazakhstan
Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade of Hungary
Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Turkmenistan
Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Turkish Republic of Northern Cyprus

CC: Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Türkiye
Permanent Mission of the Republic of Türkiye



TÜRKİYE SCHOLARSHIPS

APPLICATIONS



Aim for Higher!



University &
Program Placement



Accommodation



Monthly
Stipend



Health Insurance



Tuition Fee



Flight Ticket



Turkish Language
Course

APPLICATION
DATES

10 January

20 February

AVAILABLE FOR

Associate | Bachelor's
Master's | PhD



Türkiye Bursları resmi internet sayfasında yer alan çeşitli dillerde hazırlanan materyallerin bulunduğu ağ bağlantısı:

<https://www.turkiyeburslari.gov.tr/about/mediaandpresentation/banner>



Türkiye Scholarships



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APPLICATION CALENDAR

Türkiye Scholarships is a government-funded, competitive scholarship program, awarded to outstanding students and researchers from all around the world to pursue full-time or short-term programs at the top universities in Türkiye.





GENERAL INFORMATION

Türkiye Scholarships does not only include a study grant, but also provides university placement for outstanding international students at all levels of higher education.



TÜRKİYE SCHOLARSHIPS IN NUMBERS

Currently over
15,000
grantees

Around
5,000
new scholarships
awarded each year.

What the Scholarship Covers:



UNIVERSITY
AND
PROGRAM
PLACEMENT



MONTHLY
STIPEND



TUITION
FEES



TURKISH
LANGUAGE
COURSE
(1 YEAR)



GENERAL INFORMATION



Türkiye Scholarships
annually receives
around
125,000
applications from
all over the world.



Approximately
150,000
alumni across
the world.



Türkiye Scholarships
interviews are carried
out in around
100
countries



**HEALTH
INSURANCE**



**ACCOMMO-
DATION**



**ONCE-OFF
FLIGHT TICKET**



**CULTURAL
AND
ACADEMIC
PROGRAMS**

AWARD DETAILS



University and Program Placement



Monthly Stipend

Undergraduate
level: **4,500 TL**
per month

Master's level:
6,500 TL per
month

PhD level:
9,000 TL
per month

Research Scholarships:
25,000 TL
per month *



Tuition Fee



Turkish Language Course (1 Year)



Health Insurance



Accommodation



Once-off Flight Ticket

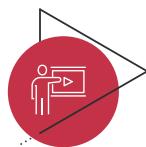
Besides university education, cultural and professional development of students is also supported with:



CULTURAL
ACTIVITIES



INTERNSHIP
OPPORTUNITIES



SEMINAR PROGRAMS
IN COOPERATION WITH
UNIVERSITIES AND NGOs

* Research Scholarship covers the monthly stipend, only.

SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAMS

Türkiye Scholarships offers a range of programs designed for each level of study, region and country, based on priority areas of study. Candidates are provided with a university and academic program guide through the Türkiye Scholarships Application System (TBBS).

Associate Degree Scholarship Programs (Technical and Vocational Education and Training)

Two-year associate degree programs offer students the opportunity to shape their careers by adding professional knowledge and skills. For available departments and universities please check our website.

Undergraduate Scholarship Program

Undergraduate Scholarship Program specifically designed for undergraduate applicants. Applicants interested in designated courses from engineering to health sciences, from humanities to social sciences may apply for this program. For available departments and universities please check our website.

Graduate Scholarship Program

A wide range of programs across social sciences, humanities, natural sciences and engineering at Master's and PhD levels are offered at prestigious Turkish universities. For available departments and universities please check our website.

Merit Scholarship Program

Merit Scholarship Program is designed to encourage academically qualified students to pursue their education in Türkiye. Students who awarded Merit Scholarship will get monthly stipend 2 times higher than the regular payment for their level of study. For eligibility criteria, please check our website.



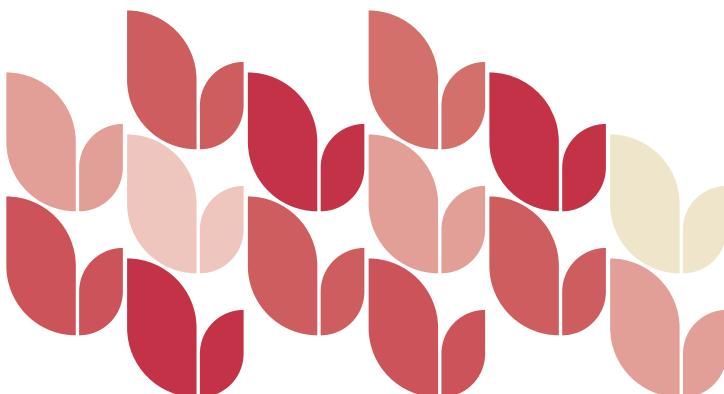
SHORT-TERM SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAMS

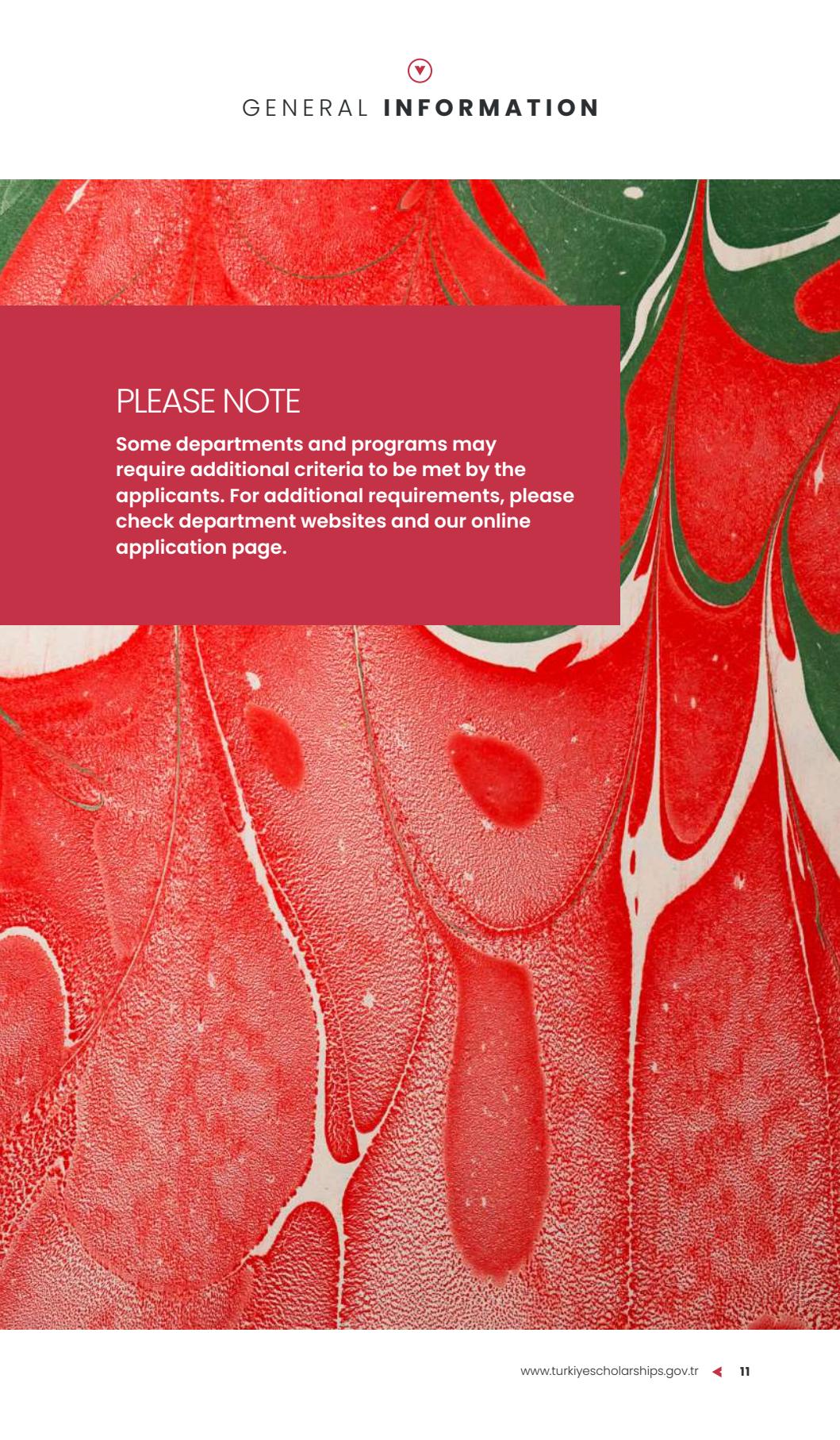
Success Scholarship Program

Success Scholarship Program is specifically designed for students who are currently studying in Turkish universities with their own finances and have shown exceptional academic performance. Success Scholarship Program only covers monthly stipend.

Research Scholarship Program

Research Scholarship Program is designed to encourage international researchers and academicians to carry out collaborative academic research in their own fields with Turkish academicians in the most prestigious Turkish universities. The program is available for PhD holders or PhD candidates at dissertation stage.





GENERAL INFORMATION

PLEASE NOTE

Some departments and programs may require additional criteria to be met by the applicants. For additional requirements, please check department websites and our online application page.

CANDIDATES

Application

Applications to Türkiye Scholarships are online and free of any charge. Candidates can apply via:

www.turkiyeburslari.gov.tr



or

www.turkiyescholarships.gov.tr

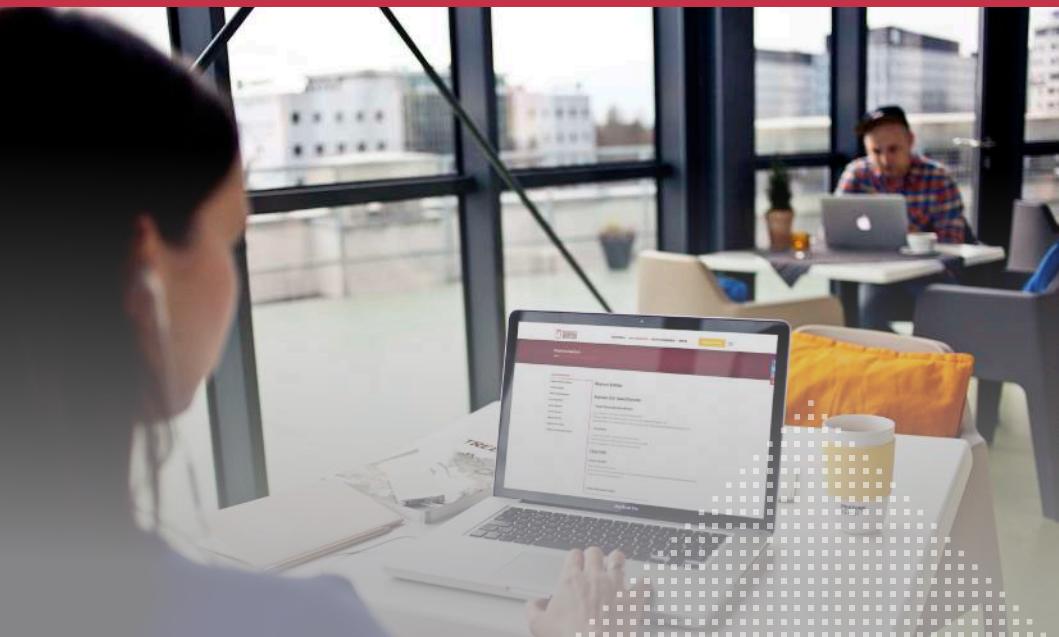


- ^ Application cycles for Türkiye Scholarships are announced via the Türkiye Scholarships website.
- ^ Applications can be made in 8 languages: Turkish, Arabic, English, French, Russian, Bosnian, Persian and Spanish.

REQUIRED DOCUMENTS

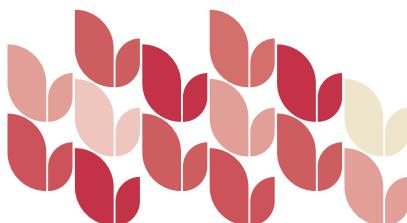
All candidates must submit the following documents during online application:

- A valid identification document/card or a valid passport
- A recent photo of the candidate
- National exam scores (if any)
- Diploma or temporary certificate of graduation (Not required from candidates who are in the last year of their graduation)
- International exam results if requested by the chosen program (GRE, GMAT etc.)
- Language test scores (if required by the chosen program)
- A research proposal and an example of your written work (for PhD applicants only)



ELIGIBILITY

- Türkiye scholarships are available to citizens from all countries.
- **Minimum level of academic achievement required:**
 - Associate (Technical and Vocational Education and Training) and Bachelor's degree applicants: 70%
 - Health sciences (Medicine, Dentistry and Pharmacy) applicants: 90%
 - Master's and Phd degree applicants: 75%
- **Maximum Age Criteria:**
 - Under the age of 21 for Undergraduate programs
 - Under the age of 30 for Master's programs
 - Under the age of 35 for PhD programs
 - Under the age of 50 for Research programs



PLEASE NOTE

- ^ **Students who are currently studying in Türkiye may not apply for their current level of study.**
- ^ **Short-term scholarship programmes may have additional application requirements.**
- ^ **Please check the requirements during the application period.**
- ^ **Specialization in Health Sciences is not offered by Türkiye Scholarships**

CANDIDATES

SELECTION

Türkiye Scholarships applications are assessed on the basis of academic success, extra-curricular activities and other professional credentials of the candidate.

1

PRELIMINARY ASSESSMENT



All applications are reviewed based on basic criteria such as minimum academic grades, age limit, required documents...etc.

2

EVALUATION



Applications of eligible candidates are carefully reviewed by Expert Committees based on a broad set of criteria including academic success, previous qualifications, academic interests, career goals, consistency of choices, clarity of letter of intent, participation in social activities ...etc. after which a list of qualified candidates is shortlisted for interviews.

3

INTERVIEW



The shortlisted candidates are interviewed in more than 100 countries by interview committees including academicians and experts.

How interviews are conducted?

Qualified applicants are invited for an interview in their own countries. In some cases, applicants are interviewed online or by telephone. Interview committees usually consist of at least one representative of Türkiye Scholarships and one academic staff from Turkish universities. Interviews usually last 15-30 mins. and are conducted in the following format:

- ^ Welcome and introduction
- ^ Document check
- ^ Candidate's motivation for applying
- ^ Academic knowledge and career goals
- ^ Ending and questions for the committee

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SELECTION



Interview results of applicants nominated by the interview committees are evaluated by a selection committee and a list of applicants to be awarded a scholarship is formed.

5

ADMISSION



Candidates who are found eligible to be awarded with a scholarship following evaluation in the interviews are sent an acceptance letter through the Türkiye Scholarships Application System (TBBS) and through e-mail and are informed about the admission process. Awardees are then required to complete their Scholarship Agreement procedures before their arrival in Türkiye.

FRESHERS' GUIDE

For our Freshers' Guide that is designed to provide students with information on the steps they need to take before and after their arrival in Türkiye as a Türkiye Scholarships holder, please visit:

www.turkiyeburslari.gov.tr

Turkish Language Preparation Course

The students who are eligible for the Türkiye Scholarships and who also do not speak Turkish are granted free Turkish language training for one year.

For all the students who do not speak Turkish, the language training will be a prerequisite for their university program they are placed in. Turkish Language Courses will take place in the cities in which Turkish Education Centers (TÖMER) are located. The language program is for 8 months and ends in June. Students are expected to receive a C1 level Turkish competency from the Turkish Proficiency Test at the end of the course.

Scholarship Procedures

Procedures regarding Türkiye Scholarships holders are conducted by the Presidency for Turks Abroad and Related Communities (YTB).

- Payment of monthly stipend
- Banking transactions
- Health insurance transactions
- Permission operations
- Initiation, suspension, and termination of the scholarship.

Cultural and Academic Guidance

In an attempt to contribute to social, cultural and academic improvement of international students, Türkiye Scholarships is carrying out many projects and activities regarding the international students in Türkiye.

International Students Academy

The International Student Academy aims to strengthen the academic, social and cultural skills of international students, especially Türkiye Scholarships students, who are studying in Türkiye, in addition to their university education. In coordination with various non-governmental organizations and research centers, seminars, specialization courses and culture and art workshops are held in 17 cities in different fields.

International Student Internship Program

The International Student Internship Program is carried out in various cities during the summer semesters in order to help international students studying under Türkiye Scholarships gain experience in business life. As a part of the International Student Internship Program, which has been carried out since 2021 for Türkiye Scholarships students to gain short-term work experience during their education, students are provided with internship opportunities in the public and private sectors.

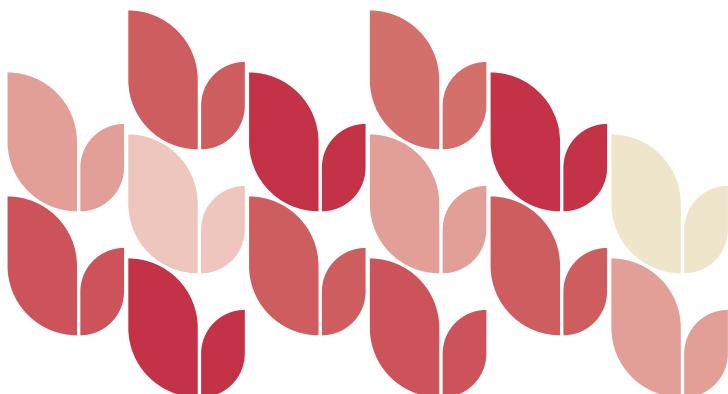
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AWARDEES

International Student Science Congress

Within Türkiye Scholarships, the International Student Science Congress programme is carried out in order to contribute to the development of the academic knowledge of international students studying at graduate level at universities in Türkiye and to support the participants to produce scientific studies. The Congress accepts papers in the fields of Social Sciences and Humanities, Science and Engineering Sciences, Health Sciences and Congress Special Topic.

International Student Awards

Türkiye Scholarships organises the International Student Awards every year in order to support the talents, knowledge and experience of international students receiving higher education in Türkiye and to support the valuable works and ideas they put forward in this context. International students who achieve success in various fields such as culture and arts, literature, media, and project competitions are recognized, supported, and assisted in their career development.



ALUMNI

International Students Graduation Ceremony

The International Students Graduation Ceremony has been organized every year since the launch of the Türkiye Scholarships in 2012. The ceremony brings together graduating students as they complete their educational journey in Türkiye and become part of the Türkiye Alumni family.



Alumni Network

Being aware of the importance of building sustainable relationships with our alumni, Türkiye Scholarships aims to maintain economic, political, cultural and academic relations with Türkiye Alumni through various activities. Türkiye Scholarships has an alumni body of around 150.000 alumni members from more than 184 countries. In an attempt to strengthen our ties with alumni members, alumni meetings were organized in more than 60 countries. As a result, alumni associations establishment projects and other organizational activities of our alumni are being supported across the globe.

Alumni Associations

Many Alumni Associations have been established voluntarily by Türkiye Scholarships graduates from various countries, facilitating the communication of Türkiye graduates both with Türkiye and with each other in an institutionalized manner. Through Alumni Associations in many countries across the world, graduates of the program both pursue their academic and social relations, and inform other young people in their countries of education opportunities offered by Türkiye.



Find out more about Türkiye Alumni:
www.turkiyemezunlari.gov.tr

APPLICATION CALENDAR

UNDERGRADUATE AND POSTGRADUATE SCHOLARSHIPS

Timeline	Dates
Application Period	January 10 – February 20
Evaluation Process	March – April – May
Interview Period	June – July
Announcement of Results	Early August
Scholarship Agreement and Visa Procedures	August
Travel of New Students to Türkiye / Beginning of the Academic Year	September

* Candidates who are selected must take into account that they will receive their results in the summer months and must make necessary arrangements in their home country so as to be able to obtain their graduation documents and diplomas before their travel to Türkiye.

RESEARCH SCHOLARSHIPS

Timeline	Dates
1 st Period Applications	1 January-31 March
1 st Period Announcement of Results	April
2 nd Period Applications	1 April-30 June
2 nd Period Announcement of Results	July
3 rd Period Applications	1 July-30 September
3 rd Period Announcement of Results	October
4 th Period Applications	1 October-31 December
4 th Period Announcement of Results	January

SUCCESS SCHOLARSHIPS

Timeline	Dates
Application Period	October-November
Evaluation Process	November-December
Announcement of Results	December



For further information regarding specific programs and how to apply, please visit:

www.turkiyeburslari.gov.tr

www.turkiyescholarships.gov.tr

You may also contact us through our call centre:

0850 455 0982

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