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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 Scholaships 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**

TÜRKİYE MEZUNLARI

Approximately
150,000
alumni across the world.

Türkiye Scholarships annually receives around
165,000
applications from all over 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: **1700 TL** per month

Master's level: **2400 TL** per month

PhD level: **3000 TL** per month

Research Scholarships: **8000 TL** per month *

Turkish Language Program for Public Officials and Academicians: **7000 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.

** Turkish Language Program for Public Officials and Academicians (KATIP) includes the following: monthly stipend, accommodation, transportation expenses, social and cultural activities.

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).

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 inspire Türkiye Scholarships grantees to be more dedicated on their studies and encourage qualified students. Students who awarded Merit Scholarship will get monthly stipend 2 times higher than the regular payment for their level of study. Merit Scholarship is both for prospective and existing Türkiye Scholarships students. 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.

Turkish Language Program for Public Officials and Academicians [KATİP] (8-10 months)

Turkish Language Program for Public Officials and Academicians (KATİP) is designed for foreign public officials, diplomats, academicians, and researchers who wish to learn Turkish and to get more familiar with Türkiye.

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
- International exam scores (GRE, GMAT etc. if required by the chosen program)
- 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 avaliable to citizens from all countries.
- Minimum level of academic achievement required:
  - Bachelor's degree applicants: 70%
  - Health sciences (Medicine, Dentistry and Pharmacy) applicants 90%
  - Master's and Phd degree applicants: 75%
- Minimum 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.**
- **Programs not offered by Türkiye Scholarships:**

  Two-year associate degrees

  Specialization in health sciences

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

4 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 Scholarship 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
- 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

In an attempt to contribute to social, cultural and academic improvement of international students in Türkiye, particularly Türkiye Scholarship Holders; to raise their awareness regarding fields such as civil society, culture and media; and inform them about Turkish culture, civilization and the global vision of Türkiye, several educational programs are conducted in 12 cities in a coordination with various non-governmental organizations and research centers, with the support of our Presidency.

Internship Opportunities

Türkiye Scholarships prioritizes academic and professional development of scholarship grantees. Students may attend internship programmes designed in many sectors. YTB organizes internship programmes in coordination with government bodies as well as private sector. In the last five years, scholarship holders have benefited from internship and career development opportunities in Turkish Radio and TV Corporation (TRT), Anadolu Agency (AA), Grand National Assembly of Türkiye (TBMM), and the State Archives of Türkiye.

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. In 2021, the 10th International Students Graduation Ceremony was organized with graduates from more than 70 countries.

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.

TÜRKİYE MEZUNLARI

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

For questions and queries:
info@turkiyeburslari.gov.tr

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