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2217 – Support Program for Graduate Summer School and Similar Events
The purpose of the TÜBİTAK 2217 Graduate Summer School and Similar Event Funding Program is to provide funds for national, internationally participated and international scientific workshops, theoretical and applied courses, graduate summer and winter schools and seminars on Natural Sciences, Engineering and Technology, Medical Sciences, Agricultural Sciences, Social Sciences and Humanities organized by persons or institutions in Turkey to train graduate students, young researchers and scientists on the latest developments in science and technology or in widely-adopted techniques.

Criteria for Eligibility:
• Applicants must file online applications for eligible events.
• The application must be signed by the Head of Organization Committee.
• The Head of Organization Committee must be registered in the TÜBİTAK Researcher Information System (ARBİS) Database.
• The Head of Organization Committee must be an assistant, associate or full professor in a university or research institution, or a researcher with at least 10 years of experience in a research institution, and must have proficiency in the type of event.
• The event must have a dedicated webpage where all required information may be found.
• If participant funding is to be requested, this must be previously announced on the webpage.

Application Deadlines:
Term 1: February 8, 2013
Term 2: May 3, 2013
Term 3: August 2, 2013
Term 4: November 1, 2013

Funding Amounts:
Maximum funding levels per event in 2013:
• TL 20,000 for qualifying national events
• TL 25,000 for qualifying internationally participated events
• TL 30,000 for qualifying international events

Specific funding limits:
Travel Expenses for Professors: TL 200 (per person/return travel)
Travel Expenses for Young Researchers: TL 100 (per person/return travel)
Room and Board: TL 100 (per person per day)
Course Fees: TL 65 (per person per hour) gross

If the event is a summer/winter/spring school, course or seminar, the following expenses may be covered in part or in full:
 a) Domestic travel, room and board expenses and course fees of Turkish and foreign lecturers (lecturers must be associate or full professors in a university or research institution, or a researcher with at least 10 years of experience in a research institution, and must have proficiency in the type of event)
 b) Course note printing, stationery costs and lab supplies (except fixed asset purchases)
 c) Travel, room and board expenses of students and researchers (under the age of 35) who will attend from another province in Turkey.

If the event is a workshop:
 a) Partial or full funding may be available for the travel, room and board expenses of young researchers (under the age of 35) who are employed in a university or research institution in another province, and Turkish and foreign nationals who will present at the event.
 b) Partial or full funding may be available for poster, abstract book, proceedings book and CD printing costs (except binding costs and cocktail or entertainment expenses) and for portable memory sticks (up to a capacity of 4 GB) which contain the papers and posters delivered in the event.

Please apply to the 2221 – Visiting Scientist Funding Program for international travel expenses of scientists who will participate from abroad.

Please click for more information.

2223 - Support Program for Scientific Events
The purpose of the TÜBİTAK 2223 Domestic Scientific Event Funding Program is to provide funds for national, internationally participated and international conferences, colloquia and symposia on Natural Sciences, Engineering and Technology, Medical Sciences, Agricultural Sciences, Social Sciences and Humanities organized in Turkey, which meet the requirements below.
Applications must be made by the event’s Head of Organization Committee.

TÜBİTAK BİDEB DOES NOT ACCEPT INDIVIDUAL APPLICATIONS FOR THIS PROGRAM. Young researchers who wish to receive funding must apply to the event organization committee.

Criteria for Eligibility:
• The event must incorporate the latest and most advanced knowledge in its field.
• Preferably, the funding requested from TÜBİTAK should not have the largest share among all funding available to the project except support for participants younger than 35. (Funds extended by the institutions organizing the event shall not be considered additional funding for this purpose.)
• The members of the Organization Committee must be proficient scientists who are registered in the TÜBİTAK Researcher Information System (ARBİS) Database (does not apply to foreign nationals living abroad).
• The event must have an up-to-date webpage where all required information may be found.
• If participant funding is to be requested from TÜBİTAK, this must be previously announced on the webpage.
• The event must have a final program containing the names of presenters, titles of papers/posters to be presented, dates and times of presentation, and details of additional events (if the program has not yet been finalized, the program of the previous event as well as a list of the posters/papers chosen, names of presenters, invited speakers and lecture titles for the new event must be submitted).
• The event must be able to go forward without interruptions even without TÜBİTAK support.

Applications that do not meet the requirements above shall not be considered.

Application Deadlines:
National event funding applications are made and assessed in six terms during the year. There must be at least 45 and at most 240 days between the beginning of the event and the application deadline.

Term 1: February 8, 2013
Term 2: April 12, 2013
Term 3: June 14, 2013
Term 4: August 16, 2013
Term 5: October 11, 2013
Term 6: December 13, 2013

Funding Amounts:
Maximum funding per event:
TL 15,000 for national events
TL 20,000 for internationally participated events
TL 25,000 for international events

Maximum participant funding:
Room and board: TL 100 (per person per day)
Travel: TL 125 (return travel)

The “maximum funding per event” includes the totals for “organizational funding” and “participant funding”. The total of these two articles may not exceed the limits given above.

The following articles are eligible for funding:

Participant funding: Partial funding may be available for the travel, room and board expenses of young researchers (under the age of 35) who will attend and present a paper or poster in national, internationally-participated or international events held in Turkey.

Organizational funding: Partial funding may be available for non-promotional poster, abstract book, proceedings book and CD printing costs, webpage design costs and for portable memory sticks (up to a capacity of 4 GB) which contain the papers and posters delivered in the event.

This program does not apply to foreign scientists who will be invited from abroad for a lecture at the event. Please apply to the 2221 – Visiting Scientist Funding Program for these expenses.

Please click for more information.

2229 – Support Program for Undergraduate and Pre-Undergraduate Scientific Events for Students and Teachers
The TÜBİTAK 2229 – Support Program for Undergraduate and Pre-Undergraduate Scientific Events for Students and Teachers provides funding to university faculty members or researchers with at least 10 years of experience for:

a) Scientific advice seminars and similar events for primary and secondary school teachers;
b) scientific camps, nature education, theoretic and applied summer or winter schools organized to improve, support and to provide direction to highly successful primary, secondary and undergraduate students.

Criteria for Eligibility:

Requirements For The Event Implementer (Head Of Organization Committee)
• Persons must be faculty members of universities or research institutions according to Article 38 of the Higher Education Law, researchers with at least 10 years of experience in their fields, or Primary and Secondary Education Research Projects Regional Coordinator appointed by TÜBİTAK.
• For project consultancy training events, coordinators may not be implementing or have implemented another research project supported by TÜBİTAK or another institution.

Application Deadlines:
Term 1: March 16, 2012
Term 2: September 28, 2012

Funding Amounts:
Maximum funding per article is indicated in the attached list.

Scientific Events Eligible For Support
• Events for the training of faculty members who will contribute to secondary school olympic events in fundamental and applied sciences (Computer Sciences, Biology, Physics, Chemistry and Mathematics);
• Scientific camps, nature education, theoretic and applied summer or winter schools organized to encourage highly successful primary, secondary and undergraduate students to work and develop in fundamental and applied sciences (Computer Sciences, Biology, Physics, Chemistry and Mathematics);
• Scientific advice seminars and similar events for primary and secondary school teachers to improve their skills in scientific research project implementation and scientific consultancy for students.
• On-the-job training programs are not eligible for support.

Event Duration
Events may not be longer than three weeks.

Please click for more information.

2237 – Support Program for Project Training Events

Partial funding is available for events organized by persons or institutions in Turkey on Natural Sciences, Engineering and Technology, Medical Sciences, Agricultural Sciences, Social Sciences and Humanities to train researchers or doctorate students in the final phase of their dissertations in project writing for international calls for projects, scientific approaches, project management, budgeting and assessment, and applied project preparation technique trainings requiring active participation.

Criteria for Eligibility:
Applications must be made by the Event Coordinator/Implementer. The Event Coordinator/Implementer may receive domestic consultancy services for event organization if needed.

Requirements for Event Coordinator/Implementer:
• Must be a faculty member employed in a university or a Research Institution pursuant to Article 38 of the Higher Education Law.
• Must be an active or former implementer of TÜBİTAK 1001 Program Research Projects.

Requirements for Event Planning:
• The subject of the event must be appropriate to the purpose of the program and the levels of its participants.
• Event program must be tabulated to show dates, times, subjects and speakers. The content and scope of event program headings must be indicated separately.
• All training material to be used in the event must be prepared in advance.
• Event must be planned separately in theoretical and applied phases. Applied training must account for 25% of the total training time. Applied training must be dedicated to the assessment and improvement of project proposals developed during the theoretical phase. There may be no longer than one month between the two phases of the event and the two phases together may not be longer than one week.
• The event must be held in civic facilities of public institutions.
• Event must have at least 15 participants.
• Trainers must be proficient scientists and subject matter experts.

Application Deadlines:
Term 1: February 8, 2013
Term 2: May 3, 2013
Term 3: August 2, 2013
Term 4: November 1, 2013

Funding Amounts:
Partial or full funding may be available for the travel, room and board expenses, course and consultancy fees of trainers and/or presenters, the travel, room and board expenses of trainees, any consultancy services received, and other expenses as approved by the BİDEB Assessment and Support Council.

Maximum funding available is TL 50,000.

Application Times:
There must be at least 30 and at most 240 days between the beginning of the event and the application deadline.

Scientific Events Eligible For Support
Training Events: Events organized by universities or research institutions in Turkey to train researchers or doctorate students in the final phase of their dissertations in project writing with theoretical and applied sections
2. TUBITAK – Science and Society Directorate Programs

5001 – Call for Academic e-Books

The objective of the program is to foster equal opportunity among undergraduate students in Turkey by making academic resources in Turkish readily accessible to all. The outputs of the program will be made available to everyone online and free of charge.

The works are intended to be of use not only to university students, but to faculty members as well.

The scope of the call includes academic textbooks in Turkish, prepared with the latest technologies to aid undergraduate courses of universities and enhanced with problem and solution sets, animations, simulations, interactivity and other means.

**Deadline:** June 14, 2013

**Call Budget:**

The maximum funding available for the Academic e-Book Call is TL 120,000 (VAT included). The budget does not include author royalties. Institution share of 5% of included in the budget. Author royalties are limited to TL 50,000. A book may have multiple authors.

**Project Duration:** 18 months

**Eligibility:**

Applicants must meet all of the following requirements:

- Applicants must be Turkish nationals.
- Applicants must hold PhD degrees at a minimum.
- Applicants must have given or received undergraduate or graduate courses in the field related to the proposed book.

**Objectives of the Call:**

- To help undergraduate students gain an understanding of the course at an elevated level that makes students competent on a global level;
- To create a pool of Turkish resources for undergraduate courses;
- To enable equal opportunity among undergraduate students by making resources readily available to all;
- To encourage academics to write books in Turkish;
- To increase the diversity and quality of academic resources;
- To enhance the content of academic resources with original drawings, animations, simulations, videos, interactive applications and other means.

**Call Areas:**

Each call will cover some of the fields specified above. The courses within the scope of a call will be listed under the specific call for the period.

- **Natural Sciences:** Mathematics, physics, chemistry, biology, molecular biology and genetics, geology, astronomy and aerospace, statistics
- **Engineering and Technology:** Electrical-electronic, computer, mechanical, civil, industry, textile, forestry, metallurgy and materials, mining, food, bioengineering, energy systems, environment, chemistry, cartography, architecture
- **Social Sciences:** Psychology, guidance and psychological counseling, economics, political science and international relations, public administration, business administration, labor economy, education sciences, geography, sociology
- **Humanities:** History, archeology, philosophy

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4004 – Program To Support Science And Social Projects

Science and Social Projects (4004) aim to transfer knowledge to the public in a meaningful way, supporting knowledge by visual and interactive methods to the extent possible. The objective of these projects is not to transfer as much information as possible using conventional instruction methods, but to help participants to discover simple scientific facts by themselves, which will trigger further interest in and desire to learn and understand the subject matter.

These can be events with or without accommodation for participants, enabling trainees to grasp fundamental scientific subjects, concepts and processes through observation and application, and serve to create awareness on subjects related to nature, science and technology.

**Application Deadline:** January 2014
Financing available for 2013 Science and Social Projects is up to **TL 120,000** (VAT inclusive), excluding the Project Incentive Bonus and Institution Budget.

**Project Duration:** 12 months maximum.

**Project Fields:**
- Natural Sciences: Mathematics and Computer Sciences; Ecology and the Environment; Aviation, Astronomy and Aerospace; Physics; Chemistry; Geology; Geophysics; Meteorology; Marine Sciences; Biology; Genetics, etc.
- Engineering and Technology
- Medical Sciences
- Agricultural Sciences: Agriculture; Forestry; Horticulture; Veterinary Medicine, etc.
- Social Sciences: Psychology; Economics; Education; Sports; Anthropology; Geography; Urban and Rural Planning; Management; Law; Linguistics; Sociology, etc.
- Humanities: History; Archeology; Philosophy; Art History; Music, etc.

**Target Audience:**
Although Science and Social Projects are open to the public, the target audience is expected to include one or more of the following groups:
- Preschool children (3-6 age group)
- Primary school students
- Secondary school students
- University students (associate degree, undergraduate, graduate, doctorate)
- Teachers
- Public servants

**Note:** The content and methodology of projects aimed at a specific target audience are expected to consider the knowledge and experience level of that target audience.

Implementers may apply to only one Science and Social Project Support Program (4004 or 4005) with only one project in a given project term.

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4005 – **Innovative Instruction Methods For Natural And Social Sciences**

This program aims to equip teachers and trainee teachers with innovative instruction methods in an interactive manner to help to foster an appreciation of natural and social sciences in students and the general public.

**Application Deadline:** January 2014

Financing available for 2013 Science and Social Projects is up to **TL 120,000** (VAT inclusive), excluding the Project Incentive Bonus and Institution Budget.

**Project Duration:** 12 months maximum.

**Project Fields:**
- Natural Sciences: Mathematics and Computer Sciences; Ecology and the Environment; Aviation, Astronomy and Aerospace; Physics; Chemistry; Geology; Geophysics; Meteorology; Marine Sciences; Biology; Genetics, etc.
- Engineering and Technology
- Medical Sciences
- Agricultural Sciences: Agriculture; Forestry; Horticulture; Veterinary Medicine, etc.
- Social Sciences: Psychology; Economics; Education; Sports; Anthropology; Geography; Urban and Rural Planning; Management; Law; Linguistics; Sociology, etc.
- Humanities: History; Archeology; Philosophy; Art History; Music, etc.

**Target Audience:**
The target audience is expected to include one or more of the following groups:
- Teachers in any institution
- Senior students and graduates of teaching faculties
- Participants of pedagogical formation programs
- All university faculty members, particularly members of teaching departments

Implementers may apply to only one Science and Social Project Support Program (4004 or 4005) with only one project in a given project term.

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Proposals submitted by RGP

The RGP Directorate has processed 55 proposals for the following sponsoring agencies February and March 2013.

>27 proposals for TÜBİTAK Support Program for Scientific and Technological Research Projects (1001)
>3 proposals for TÜBİTAK Career Development (3501) Program >1 proposal for TÜBİTAK COST (European Cooperation in Science and Technology) 2515 Program >2 proposals for EU FP7 Ideas Program, ERC Consolidator Grant >2 proposals for EU FP7 Marie Curie, Career Integration Grant (CIG) >1 proposal for Support Program for Research Projects of Public Institutions (1007) for Final Application >4 proposals for TÜBİTAK Research & Development Program with Priority Fields Program (1003) >2 proposals for Consulate General of Sweden >1 proposal for Consulate General of the Netherlands - Matra Fund >1 proposal for British Embassy Human Right & Democracy Programme >2 proposals for British Embassy Prosperity Fund >2 proposals for Open Society Foundation >1 proposal for Friedrich Ebert Stiftung >2 proposals for Stiftung Mercator >1 proposal for Robert Bosch Stiftung >1 proposal for IPA Grants Call >2 proposals for Support Program for Graduate Summer School and Similar Events (2217)
Attended Meetings and Events of the RGP Directorate February and March 2013.

- “Collaboration development meeting” with MIT, Harvard and Attended Meetings and Events of the RGP Directorate February and March 2013
- “Visiting SUNAC (Sabancı University Applied Nanotechnology Center)”, January 25, 2013, EEN İstanbul Sabancı University has hosted the group of companies and universities recruited by BIC Plzen - EEN Czech Republic for initiating potential collaboration with SU academicians and SUNUM researchers, Company Mission in scope of EEN activities, İstanbul, Turkey.
- Boston Universities, January 29, February 4, 2013, Dr. Hasan Mandal attended the meeting, USA
- “Operational Program Human Resources Development "Operation for Proposals””, February 8-8, 2013, Ms. Sezen Sefayi the training organized by Republic of Turkey Ministry of Labour and Social Security, Ankara.
- “E-tohum Startup Turkey”, February 16, 2013, Mr. Ömer Hızıroğlu was a panel speaker on “What do investors expect from Startups?” along with Miles Kirby (Qualcomm Ventures), Mustafa Say (ilab), Evren Üçok (Earlybird ventures) in Antalya.
- “Collaboration development meeting” with Hong Kong Polytechnic, Hong Kong Science and Technology University, National University of Singapore, Nangyang Technological University, February 24 –March 1, 2013, Dr. Hasan Mandal attended the meeting, Hong Kong, Singapore
- “USİMP General Committee Meeting”, March 2, 2013, Dr. Hasan Mandal attended the meeting, Ankara
- “Going Global 2013 Meeting”, March 5, 2013, Dr. Hasan Mandal was an invited speaker in the meeting, organized by British Council, Dubai
- “5th European Networking Event: Successful R&I in Europe 2013”, March 6-07, 2013, Mr. Abdurrahman Türk attended the conference, Dusseldorf, Germany.
- “Successful R&I in Europe”, March 07-08, 2013, Ms. Beril Kirici, representing EEN İstanbul Sabancı University, supported Turkish participants for establishing contacts in scope of international partnering event, International Matchmaking event, Dusseldorf, Germany.
- The new developments and international trends in research landscape with a special focus on "İnnovation Aspect in Research Studies", March 12, 2013, Dr. Hasan Mandal was an invited speaker in the meeting, organized by Hacettepe University & ELSEVİER BV, Ankara
- The new developments and international trends in research landscape with a special focus on "İnnovation Aspect in Research Studies", March 12, 2013, Ebru Ocak attended the meeting, organized by Hacettepe University & ELSEVİER BV, Ankara
- “Private Sector Promotion in Anatolia Workshop”, March 14, 2013, Dr. Hasan Mandal was an invited speaker in the workshop, organized by KOSGEB, Ankara
- "Manufuture-TR General Assembly Meeting", March 15, 2013, Mr. Abdurrahman Türk attended the meeting, Ankara.
- “Innovation and Startups” March 18, 2013, Mr Omer Hızıroğlu was a speaker at the WTO in the context of Advanced Course on IP for Government officials in Geneva.
- “ITEA 2 PO Preparation Event”, March 19, 2013, Mr. Abdurrahman Türk attended the event, İstanbul.
- “FP7 Project Proposal Preparation and Submission and Project Management (PPPS & PM)”, March 19-20, 2013, Mrs. Aslıhan Eran and Mrs. Çiğdem Geylan attended the training, Antalya
- “Stages of Intellectual Property Management: From Lab to Market” March 22, 2013, Technology Transfer Office organized the meeting and Dr. Hasan Mandal, Mrs. Zeynep Birsel, Dr. Anıl Dürmuş, Mrs. İclal Tanyol, Dr. Didem Kılıçoğlu, Mrs. Ebru Ocak attended to the workshop, Sabancı University - USIMP co-organization Sabancı University Minerva Palace, Istanbul
- “World Conference on Global Innovation”, 25–27 March, 2013, Dr. Hasan Mandal was an invited speaker in the conference, organized by (HLAF) Human Life Foundation, Malaysia.

5. Latest Research News

Sabancı University Faculty has been awarded with a new grant form TUBITAK Research & Development Program with Priority Fields Program (1003)
Dr. Berrin Yanıkoğlu, Faculty Member of the Engineering and Natural Sciences, has been awarded with TUBITAK 1003 Fatih Project Funding Programme for her project entitled “Development and Use of Handwriting Recognition Technologies for Smart Classrooms”

Sabancı University Faculty has been awarded with a new grants form TUBITAK Short-Term R&D Funding Program (1002)
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