

2215 GRADUATE SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM FOR INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS (2013)

Scholarship Description

The Scientific and Technological Research Council of Turkey (TÜBİTAK) grants scholarships for international students seeking to pursue a graduate degree in Turkey in the fields of Natural Sciences, Engineering and Technological Sciences, Medical Sciences, Agricultural Sciences, Social Sciences and Humanities. The program aims to promote Turkey's scientific and technological collaboration with countries of the prospective students. Preference will be given to candidates who demonstrate the potential to contribute significantly to Turkey's goal of international cooperation in scientific and technological development.

Who Can Apply

The scholarship is open to all students who want to undertake a graduate degree program in Turkey on the following conditions:

- Applicants must be 30 years old or younger for the MSc/MA programs and 35 years old or younger for the PhD programs on the first day of the application period.
- Applicants should be non-Turkish citizens. Applicants who hold dual citizenship with Turkey are not eligible to apply.
- Applicants who hold a Bachelor's degree or who are currently enrolled in their fourth year of college are eligible to apply for scholarship for the MSc/MA programs.
- Applicants who are currently enrolled in an MSc/MA program in Turkey are also eligible for the scholarship on the condition that they have not yet completed their third semester in the program.
- Applicants holding an MSc/MA degree or currently enrolled in a master's program who intend to enroll in a PhD program in Turkey are eligible to apply for the scholarship.
- Applicants who are currently enrolled in a PhD program in Turkey are also eligible to apply on the condition that they have not yet completed their six semester in the program.

Applicants who are medal winners at any branch of the International Science Olympiads will be given priority.

Award Details

The scholarship will consist of

- A monthly stipend of 1.500 Turkish Liras (TL) for MSc/MA students
- A monthly stipend of 1.800 Turkish Liras (TL) for PhD students
- Tuition Fee (up to 2.000 Turkish Liras)
- A monthly allowance for health insurance coverage for the award holder only.
- Maximum duration for the scholarship is 2 years for the Masters and 4 years for the PhD program.

- All scholarship awardees who successfully complete a Master's program will be rewarded scholarship for a PhD program on the condition that they are admitted to a program at a Turkish University.

Documents Required For Application

1. Application form (This form is filled electronically on the online application portal)
2. Copy of birth certificate or passport (pages of personal information)
3. Copy of Bachelor's and Master's degree* (If any)
4. Copy of Undergraduate and Graduate transcripts* (If any)
5. A motivation letter (Statement of purpose)
6. Curriculum vitae
7. Two reference letters
8. Certificates of achievement (if any)

* The documents must be English or Turkish. Officially translated copy of the documents can be used in the application.

During the application, the original copies of required documents are not demanded. However, applicants who receive the scholarship must send the original copy of required documents in order to be able to use their scholarships.

Applications not fulfilling any eligibility criteria, lacking any of the required documents will not be processed.

Application Deadlines

Application deadlines for 2013 are:

- April 12th for the Spring Semester (Applications will be accepted beginning on March 1st)
- September 27th for the Fall Semester (Application will be accepted beginning on August 16th).

How to Apply?

Information about the required application documents can be obtained from the program website at <http://www.tubitak.gov.tr/bideb/2215>. All applications must be submitted electronically via TÜBİTAK scholarship application portal, which can be found at <http://e-bideb.tubitak.gov.tr/>. All accompanying required documents must also be uploaded electronically.

Terms and Conditions

- All applicants will be required to sign a letter of commitment agreeing to comply with all conditions of the TÜBİTAK scholarship.

- While proof of acceptance to a graduate program is not a prerequisite to apply for the scholarship, awards will only be granted on the condition of enrollment in a graduate program within one year of the notification of the award.
- The responsibility of gaining acceptance to a graduate program in Turkey belongs to the candidate. Candidates must meet all requirements for admission as set by respective universities.
- Awardee is required to send regularly the following documents to TÜBİTAK:
 1. Graduate student certificate (twice a year- March and October)
 2. Transcript (twice a year- March and October)
 3. Progress report signed by advisor of the awardee
- The scholarship is continued as long as the awardee is in good academic standing. The minimum cumulative GPA requirement is 3.20/4.00 or 81.33/100. The stipend for awardees with a GPA below 3.20/4.00 or 81.33/100 is stopped until they have a GPA over the minimum requirement score.
- Awardee is required to inform TÜBİTAK about any financial support that he/she receives from an institution in Turkey within 15 days from the received date of the support. If the awardee is supported financially by any institution in Turkey, amount of the stipend is redetermined by BİDEB Steering Committee.
- Awardee has to pursue his/her research studies full-time in the hosting institution during the scholarship period. If the awardee leaves Turkey for more than five days during the scholarship period, he/she has to obtain TÜBİTAK's approval before the departure. Otherwise, the stipend is stopped during the period of absence. The awardee has the right to use annual leave not more than two weeks.
- Awardee must be graduated within 3 years for master program and 6 years for PhD program. The awardees are required to inform TÜBİTAK about the date of graduation and to send an electronic copy of the Master/PhD thesis to TÜBİTAK.
- Awardee is responsible to fulfill the academic ethical principles in every stage of the scholarship. Otherwise, the scholarship is cancelled.
- The grant received from TÜBİTAK must be clearly acknowledged in all publications concerning the research conducted during the scholarship period.

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