



TÜBİTAK-NCRD Joint Call for Proposals CALL TEXT

2024

IMPORTANT: This Call Text is published for both Turkish and Jordanian researchers to present and explain the objective, scope and course of the TÜBİTAK-NCRD Call that aims partnerships between two countries.

Before preparing an application, applicants are responsible to carefully read the national regulations documents to submit a complete application.

1. Objectives

Based on the Protocol on Scientific and Technological Cooperation between The Scientific and Technological Research Council of Türkiye (TÜBİTAK) and The Jordanian National Center for Research and Development (NCRD) signed in 2023, this call is launched to enhance cooperative activities between two countries via research projects on the topics of this call. A research project should focus on producing new knowledge; making new scientific interpretations or solving technological problems based on scientific principles.

2. Thematic Fields

Research projects are supported within the scope of this call. Successful projects prepared in the fields below will be supported within the scope of the program. Proposals submitted in other fields will not be accepted.

- 1- Health Security
 - Epidemiology
 - Artificial Intelligence in Health
- 2- Information and Communication Technologies (ICT)
 - Artificial Intelligence
- 3- Food Security
 - Sustainable Agriculture
 - Water scarcity
 - Biodiversity

3. Eligibility criteria

- Maximum project duration is **2 years (24 months)**.
- It is a prerequisite that proposals include the participation of the below as submitting and collaborative institutions:
 - Turkish side: Applications can be submitted either by universities, public institutions or organizations, research institutions, training and research hospitals **OR** by Turkish industry/private sector.
 - Jordanian side: public and private universities and research institutions.
- The proposal must be within the scope of fields described in **Section 2**.
- Turkish and Jordan-based teams must each be led by a Principal Investigator (PI).
- Turkish and Jordanian partners shall prepare a joint scientific project which must be submitted to the respective funding agencies by each national scientific coordinator.
- All applicants must adhere to national eligibility rules for research proposals and any queries concerning eligibility should be addressed to the contact persons of the respective funding agencies. Applications involving any ineligible applicants (from Jordan or Türkiye) will result in the rejection of the whole application.
- The maximum number of projects to be supported as a result of the evaluation is 3.

3.1 On Turkish side:

- For detailed information on the eligibility for Turkish team, please visit https://www.tubitak.gov.tr/sites/default/files/3125/1071_arastirma_projeleri_surec_dokumani.pdf
- Turkish team will receive funding through TÜBİTAK 1071 Program. All Turkish researchers who apply for this Program should be registered to TÜBİTAK ARBIS (Researcher Information system) through the following link: <https://arbis.tubitak.gov.tr>

3.2 On Jordanian Side:

For detailed information on the application form, please visit <http://www.ncrd.gov.jo/?q=joint-call-2024>

4. Financial conditions

Financial contributions must be calculated and provided in compliance with the valid national legislation and internal regulations of the partner organisations.

The cost of exchange of experts, scientist and other specialists will be covered on the following basis:

Each Party will cover the accommodation expenses and the international flight expenses of the Researchers according to the budget approved.

The sending Participant will meet all related costs connected with travel (international and domestic), lodging and allowances according to their own rules and regulations.

The current daily allowances are listed below:

In Türkiye:

- It will be provided within the scope of the provisions of per diem Law numbered 6245.

In Jordan:

- According to the researcher's organization regulations

The total duration of international visits in one direction should not exceed 7 days per year both Turkish and Jordanian research team of the each supported joint project.

4.1 On Turkish side:

- TÜBİTAK-funded costs of each grant shall be issued and managed by TÜBİTAK in accordance with the rules of TÜBİTAK 1071 Program. TÜBİTAK-funded costs of each grant will be issued and managed by TÜBİTAK according to its funding guidelines and procedures. For detailed information please visit; https://www.tubitak.gov.tr/sites/default/files/3125/1071_arastirma_projeleri_surec_dokumani.pdf
- TÜBİTAK funds up to 2.000.000 Turkish Liras (excl. overhead and Project Incentive Premium (PIP) approximately) per project.

4.2 On Jordanian side:

- NCRD-funded costs for each project shall be issued and managed by NCRD, The Jordanian team which is eligible for funding can receive up to 35000 JOD **/per project**.
- Eligible costs are those spent directly by the project partner during the duration of the project and used exclusively for achieving the objectives of the project. All expenses must be incurred between the start date and the end date of the project and must be limited to the allocated budget.
- The conditions of execution and financing of the projects upon the completion of the selection process shall be defined, where the PI and institution of the selected project for financing will be informed officially by NCRD.

The following expenses would be eligible:

- Travel and daily allowances,
- Other operating expenses directly related to the project,
- Small equipment, logistics and consumables,
- Contract provide services (non-permanent staff),
- Organization of scientific events and meetings.
- Publication and filing fees required (scientific publications, filing of patents),
- Expenses for carrying out analyzes and processing samples

5. Project proposal submission

- Project proposals must be submitted to both partner organisations on time.
- The partners should jointly develop and complete their project proposals before submitting it to TÜBİTAK and NCRD.
- TÜBİTAK and NCRD do not match collaborating partners.
- Project proposals must provide detailed information on the objectives and justification of the planned joint research work, the methodology to be followed, the composition of each research team and the intended time schedule.
- Because projects are bilateral, they must demonstrate equivalence in effort from the Jordanian and Turkish partners. The project must have a work plan with contribution of the Jordanian and Turkish partners having main roles and responsibilities, equating to the equivalent time and costs accrued in both countries.
- The size of the grant may vary depending on the needs of each project and must be fully justified. Applicants need to ensure that supported elements of the proposal abide by all regulations for both funding agencies.

5.1 On Turkish side

- Turkish partners will make their online application via TÜBİTAK's online application system: <http://uidb-pbs.tubitak.gov.tr>
- Turkish partners will use e-signature for their applications. Detailed information can be achieved via http://www.tubitak.gov.tr/sites/default/files/281/ardeb_e-imza_yardim_dokumani.pdf
- Submission of proposals by fax or e-mail will not be accepted.
- To complete the application process TÜBİTAK may need supporting documents. For those, please check: https://www.tubitak.gov.tr/sites/default/files/3125/1071_arastirma_projeleri_surec_dokumani.pdf

5.2 On The Jordanian side:

- **Applicants can apply by accessing the link:**

Jordanian Researchers will fill the application using the form on NCRD website

<http://www.ncrd.gov.jo/?q=joint-call-2024>

The application should be stamped and signed by the legal representative of the organization submitting the proposal.

Supporting documents are requested to be attached to the proposal as mentioned in the Form. The proposals are sent in hard copy to NCRD offices at Jubiha, Near the Ministry of Higher Education, and Scanned copies of the documents should be sent before the call deadline to the email : info@ncrd.gov.jo

6. Evaluation and Selection

Projects are evaluated by TÜBİTAK and NCRD independently by their own evaluation procedures. Only the proposals which are accepted by two sides will be funded.

The proposals will be reviewed according to a certain set of evaluation criteria.

Evaluation criteria:

- Scientific/Technological Excellence
- Methodology
- Project Management
- Importance of International Collaboration
- Impact

Info for the Turkish Side: Awarded proposals will go through a pre-award stage, which starts after the announcement of results, and continues for approximately eight weeks. During pre-award period, the awarded institution will be notified about the requirements (possible budget reduction, budget details, timeline changes, etc.).

Info for the Jordanian Side:

Awarded proposals will go through a pre-award stage, which starts after the announcement of results, and continues for approximately eight weeks. During pre-award period, the awarded institution will be notified about the requirements (possible budget reduction, budget details, timeline changes, etc.).

Evaluation of the progress and final reports

- **For Turkish team,** The Principal Investigator of each project has to prepare financial and scientific/technical progress reports at determined dates in the project contract to be submitted to TÜBİTAK.
- **For Jordanian team,** The Principal Investigator of each project has to prepare financial and scientific/technical progress reports at determined dates in the project contract to be submitted to NCRD.

7. Schedule

Call Open Date	12 September 2024
Call Close Date for TÜBİTAK ana NCRD	27 November 2024
E-signature date for TÜBİTAK	04 December 2024

8. Contact

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