

TÜBİTAK 2232

# International Fellowship Program for Outstanding Researchers

## Call Announcement

The TÜBİTAK 2232-A International Fellowship for Outstanding Researchers Program is now open for applications!



**Application period:**

27 September 2025 – 30.12.2025 (17:30 GMT+3)

**Submission system:** TBYS

**Official call page:** BIDEB 2232

# Programme Overview

The 2232-A Program aims to attract outstanding international researchers—who have distinguished themselves with high-level, science- or technology-oriented work—to carry out their research in Türkiye. The goal is to support these researchers in conducting innovative projects at Turkish universities, TÜBİTAK research centers, public research infrastructures, or R&D-active private sector institutions. There are 2 programs one for Experienced Researchers — **2232 A** and one for young researchers- **2232-B**

## Comprehensive Support Package

Researchers awarded under this programme will benefit from a comprehensive support package that includes:

- Monthly scholarship for the coordinator: **156,000 TL**
- Family allowance: **12,000 TL** (if applicable)
- Initial research grant: **4,700,000 TL** (lump sum)
- Research project grant: up to **2,400,000 TL**
- Scholarships for up to 5 graduate students or post-doctoral researchers
  - MSc: 19,000 TL (full) / 5,250 TL (part-time)
  - PhD: 27,500 TL (full) / 7,250 TL (part-time)
  - Postdoc: 36,500 TL (full-time)
- Institutional share allowance (host institution): **18,000 TL per month**
- Project incentive bonus: **2,500 TL per researcher**
- Health insurance for researcher and family
- Travel allowance for researcher and family (arrival tickets)
- Mentorship support by experienced 2232 project leaders

**Fellowship duration:** 24–36 months

## Eligibility Highlights

**Researchers must:**

- Have not resided in Türkiye for more than one year in the past three years;
- Hold a PhD and at least 3 years of post-doctoral or equivalent full-time research experience abroad;
- Have achieved excellence by meeting one of the following:
  - Inclusion in Highly Cited Researchers List (Thomson Reuters) in the past 5 years,
  - At least 30 months of research in the last 5 years in one of:
    - Top 100 universities (QS or THE subject rankings)
    - Top 2500 industrial R&D companies (EU JRC scoreboard)
    - Top 250 research institutions (Scimago ranking)
    - Successful "unicorn" or high-investment start-ups (CB Insights, Crunchbase).

# Why Conduct Your 2232 Fellowship at METU ?

Middle East Technical University (METU) is one of Türkiye's leading research universities and a preferred host for international fellows due to its excellence, impact, and infrastructure.

## Key advantages of choosing METU:

-  World-class research environment with interdisciplinary focus in science, engineering, and social sciences.
-  Cutting-edge laboratories and research centres—many already integrated into international networks and Horizon Europe projects.
-  Strong international collaborations with over 500 partners in EU, UK, and global research programmes (e.g. ERC, MSCA, PRIMA, COST).
-  High administrative capacity and mentoring experience for TÜBİTAK 2232 and EU-funded projects.
-  Affordable on-campus housing for international researchers and families, at significantly lower rates than private apartments in Ankara.
-  Access to graduate students and young researchers through METU's doctoral schools—allowing fellows to build dynamic, international research teams.
-  Vibrant, inclusive campus life with childcare, sports, and cultural facilities located within the METU campus forest.

## Why Türkiye?

Türkiye offers a rapidly growing research ecosystem, bridging Europe, Asia, and the Middle East. Fellows will benefit from:

- Competitive funding and institutional support,
- A safe, family-friendly environment,
- Easy access to regional and global research networks.
- Contact us @ : **pdo@metu.edu.tr**