



8th JOINT CALL FOR PROPOSALS
by
The Scientific and Technological Research Council of Türkiye
and
The Slovak Academy of Sciences

The Call is open between 20 March 2023 and 26 May 2023

1. Preamble

In the framework of the Joint Statement between The Scientific and Technological Research Council of Türkiye (TÜBİTAK) and The Slovak Academy of Sciences (SAS) on Joint Scientific Cooperation Turkish and Slovak researchers are invited to submit joint proposals for research and development projects.

2. Objectives and the Scope of the Call

The aim of the call is to allow partners to collaborate internationally, and gain access to new research environments, facilities, knowledge, and expertise, in order to enhance the quality of their research and enable them to translate research and innovation into economic and societal benefit.

3. Main Thematic Areas

The call is open to all domains.

Even though multidisciplinary project proposals are not required to neither be a social science project nor include social sciences, TÜBİTAK and SAS regard the social dimension/impact of research activities and encourage conducting multidisciplinary research focusing on social impact.

4. Funding Available

As a rule, Turkish partners that are eligible for funding can receive up to 1.250.000 Turkish Liras (excl. overhead and project incentive premium (PIP)) per project. The Slovak partners that are eligible for funding can receive up to 120.000 EURO per project.

TÜBİTAK-funded costs of each grant will be issued and managed by TÜBİTAK in accordance with the rules of TÜBİTAK 1071 Programme. Detailed information can be achieved [here](#).

Similarly, SAS-funded costs of each grant will be issued and managed by SAS according to its funding guidelines and procedures.

For the bilateral visits, the Sending Party will meet the all related cost of international travel.

Please liaise closely with prospective partners to ensure that both TÜBİTAK and SAS supported elements of the proposal abide by all regulations for both funders.

5. Duration of the Projects

The duration of the projects is **24 or 36 months**. The total duration of international visits for bilateral cooperation from one direction to another should not exceed 60 days per year.

6. Eligibility, Submission and Ethics

6.1. Eligibility

It is a prerequisite that projects include the participation of at least one Slovak SAS research institute and one Turkish institution eligible for TÜBİTAK.

Eligibility conditions for the Turkish team are applicable at the Process Document for Research Projects available at [here](#).

SAS eligibility conditions and procedures are available [here](#). Financial rules and eligible costs are detailed [here](#). Slovak coordinators, whose projects will be recommended for funding, will be requested to submit specific form (MVTs Form).

A cooperation agreement is strongly recommended to be prepared to manage the intellectual property rights, publication and exploitation plans, as well as management rules between the partners.

6.2. Proposal Submission

Turkish and Slovak scientists will elaborate one joint project proposal (Application Form). Consequently, Turkish partner submits the application form to TÜBİTAK via the application system (UIDB-PBS) accessible at <https://uidb-pbs.tubitak.gov.tr/>.

However, to complete the application process SAS and TÜBİTAK might need supporting documents. For TÜBİTAK, the information for supporting documents is accessible at the application system. For SAS, please consult with the SAS contact person or [web page](#) to obtain further information.

The partners should come to an agreement with each other using their own means of communication and jointly develop and complete their project proposal before submitting it to TÜBİTAK and SAS. TÜBİTAK and SAS do not match the 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.

For the Turkish side

The Turkish applicants are expected to submit the online application through UIDB-PBS system by **26 May 2023** and sign the e-signatures of relevant sides and provide additional documents and/or make requested adjustments by **2 June 2023**, otherwise they will be rejected from evaluation and could not apply to this call in the same call period.

For the Slovak side

The Slovak applicants are expected to submit the printed Application Form with signatures of both sides and supporting documents (Annexes) by **2 June 2023** (see contact details and address at the end of the document).

6.3 Ethics

Should SAS applicants identify any ethical issue(s) in the project proposal, institute ethics committee will evaluate the issue(s) respectively. Ethics committee approval should be attached to the project proposal, if applicable.

Turkish applicants should refer to the Ethics Committee Approval Document, Legal Permission Document and Research and Intellectual Property Right Ownership Protocol available [here](#).

7. The Evaluation Procedure and Criteria

Projects that are submitted online but that did not submit their supporting documents and the necessary documents with original or e- signature(s) will not be evaluated and thus not considered for funding. Only projects eligible on both sides will be evaluated.

The proposals that are found eligible, will be reviewed by external reviewers which are selected according to internal procedures of TÜBİTAK and SAS. Additionally, on SAS side, the projects are evaluated by SAS International Projects Evaluation Committee. For more details on procedure see following [web site](#).

The projects to be recommended for funding will be selected according to the evaluations on a Joint Committee meeting. For TÜBİTAK and SAS, final funding decision is made by the Presidency of TÜBİTAK and SAS Presidium respectively.

The project proposals received will be evaluated on the basis of the following criteria:

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

Evaluation scores range from 1.0 to 6.0 in each criteria.

8. Projects Follow-up and Projects results

The projects will be monitored through progress and financial reports and the final report by both SAS and TÜBİTAK for its content and progress.

The Slovak PI of a funded project submits an annual progress report consisting of a scientific and a financial part. The final report is sent for a review to the SAS International Projects Evaluation Committee.

The Turkish PI has to prepare financial and scientific/technical progress reports at determined dates according to the national regulations of TÜBİTAK.

Continuation of funding will be decided on the basis of this monitoring and is subject to the consent of both research funding organisations.

Any publication of the project results must acknowledge support received from the SAS and TÜBİTAK.

9. Indicative Call Schedule

One Stage Joint Call

ACTIONS	DATES
Call Announcement	20 March 2023
Deadline for Applications	26 May 2023
Deadline for E-Signature (TÜBİTAK applicants only) Deadline for Original Project Submission (SAS applicants only)	2 June 2023
Eligibility check results	16 June 2023
Projects evaluation	June to Mid-September 2023
TÜBİTAK – SAS Joint Committee meeting (list of projects recommended for funding)	Late September 2023
Final funding decision by TÜBİTAK and SAS authorities	October 2023
Feedback sent to applicants	October 2023
Tentative projects start	November 2023

10. Contacts

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