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Statement and tables in Konya R&D, Manufacturing and Technology Supports Guide work have been prepared by Mevlana Development Agency by compiling supports of various institutions and organizations as a guide for our entrepreneurs and investors from Konya. Updates have been compiled in compliance with the latest available supports. There may be differences or deficiencies in supports, applications, figures and current data and Mevlana Development Agency refuses responsibility for any disputes that may arise because of this reason. In order to get more information about support program you are interested in, please contact relevant institution and follow relevant official platforms.

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KOSGEB SUPPORTS

R&D, P&D AND INNOVATION SUPPORT PROGRAM

Name of the Support:

R&D, P&D and Innovation Support Program

Subject/Purpose/Target:

R&D and innovation support program aims to provide producing or improving a new product, a new process and / or a new service of Small and medium sized enterprises (SMEs) or entrepreneurs with new ideas and inventions based on science and technology by product development (P&D) activities.

P&D support program aims to provide producing of original, improved or modified new products by SMEs in order to adapt to changing market demands and technological developments by product development (P&D) activities.

The general purpose of the proposal 2020-01 is to support R&D, P&D and innovation activities (electric/hydrogen cars, batteries and communication technologies) of small and medium businesses operating in critical medium-high and high technology level

Who can apply:

Entrepreneurs and enterprises with the status of real or legal person can apply for the support program. Applicants must be registered in KOSGEB database and active. Enterprises/entrepreneurs with projects on research and development and innovation and enterprises with projects in product development can benefit from the R&D, P&D and Innovation Support Program.

As of the date of application, small business or medium-sized enterprises will be able to apply for the 2021-01 call.

Applicants within the scope of P&D projects must apply for products with the following characteristics:

- a) As a result of R&D or innovation projects supported by KOSGEB and other public institutions and organizations, foundations established by law or international funds
- b) Protected with a patent certificate

- c) As a result of the Phd study
- d) Products that have Technological Product certificate
- e) As a result of R&D and innovation projects completed by the enterprises in the Domestic Technology Development Zones (TDZ)
- f) As a result of R&D activities in public / university research institutes / centers
- g) As a result of R&D activities in R&D Centers benefiting from support and incentives within the scope of Supporting Research, Development and Design Activities Law number 5746
- h) Medium-high or high tech products
- i) Products whose import amount is more than the export amount according to the last financial year data published by Turkish Statistical Institute

Support type:

Support program is applied as non-refundable and refundable financing (up to 300,000 TL).

Support amount

Support is given for R&D, P&D and innovation projects at the amount up to 1,500,000 TL for small and up to 6,000,000 TL for medium businesses within call programs. Non-call support amount limit is 750,000 TL.

Support rate:

Support rate is 75%. If purchased machines-equipment, hardware, raw materials, software, etc. are domestic products, support rate is 90%.

Support period:

In R&D, P&D and Innovation Program, project period is minimum 8 and maximum 24 months provided that it is multiples of 4 months. Start date of the project is the date when board decision about the project application was recorded on the paper. Extension of time can be granted up to 12 months with board decision.

Support item:

R&D, P&D and Innovation Support Program		Support Upper Limit (TL)	Support Rate (%)
Machine-Equipment, Hardware, Raw Materials, Software and Service Procurement Costs Support		150,000	75 (Additional 15 points in case of domestic product)
Machine-Equipment, Hardware, Raw Materials, Software and Service Procurement Costs Support (Refundable)		300,000	
Qualified Staff Cost Support (Daily support upper limit is determined as a result of multiplying specified educational status coefficient by Daily Net Minimum Wage Amount found as a result of dividing by 30 the monthly net minimum wage amount including Minimum Living Allowance (single and without children) calculated based on minimum wage of the worker for one day normal working and determined by Minimum Wage Determination Commission for each year: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1,25 times for those with associate degree and those who can graduate from undergraduate program within one year • 1,5 times for those with bachelor's degree • 1,75 times for those with master's degree • 2 times for those with doctoral degree 		200,000	100
Industrial and Intellectual Property Rights Support		100,000	75*
Test, Analysis, Certification Support		100,000	75*
Other Expenses Support	Project Consultancy Support	20,000	75
	Training Support	20,000	
	Project Promotion Support	10,000	
	Domestic and Overseas Congress/Conference/Exhibition Visit/Technological Cooperation Visit Support	20,000	
	Business Establishment Expenses Support	5,000 (established as real person status) 10,000 (established as a capital company status)	Support rate is not applied

* Within the scope of the industrial and Intellectual property rights expenses support, documents obtained from the Turkish Patent and Trademark Office are supported by 80%.

Within the scope of test, analysis and certification expenses support, services received from the Turkish Standards Institution are supported by 80%.

For 2021-01 proposal, support items and amounts differ. For the proposal details, please check the link shared below:

https://www.kosgeb.gov.tr/Content/Upload/Dosya/AR-GE%20UR-GE/23.03.2021/Proje_Teklif_C%CC%A7a%CC%86r%C4%B1s%C4%B1-2021-01.pdf

Eligible costs:

- Machine-equipment, hardware expenses (purchased machine-equipment can be new or second hand)
- Software expenses
- Raw material expenses for trial purposes
- Outsourced service procurement expenses
- Expenses of staff working on the project
- Project development expenses (consultancy, training, property rights applications, promotional activities, visits, test-analysis procedures, certification expenses, etc.)
- Business Establishment Expenses

Ineligible costs:

- Tax expenses
- Fuel expenses
- Amortizations

Method of payment:

- Amounts to be paid back within the scope of refundable supports are paid in 6 equal installments in four months periods and there is a grace period for 12 months from the end of the project. Interest or commission is not charged in refundable supports. In order to make support payment in refundable supports, security is taken from the enterprise at the amount of support before support payment.
- Payments in the form of grant are made at the support rate specified for the invoiced expenses after the end of the project.
- If enterprise requests, early payment may be made against security. Early payment may be made at the rate of 50% (fifty percent) of the estimated amount based on the non-refundable support specified in the first board decision.
- If enterprise has tax and/or SSI debt more than the limits specified in the relevant legislation, in line with the enterprise's request in R&D, P&D and Innovation Support Program Support Payment Request Form; firstly, debt amount is deducted from the support amount, remaining amount is transferred to the bank account of the relevant institution/organization and if there is any, to the bank account of the enterprise as support payment.

Application time:

Applications are always open.

Application dates for the 2021-01 call is between 25 March - 18 May 2021.

Application process:

Enterprises and entrepreneurs must apply to KOSGEB Unit in order to benefit from the program and enterprises applying for the project must be registered in KOSGEB database.

Entrepreneur whose project is accepted must be registered in KOSGEB database after establishing his enterprise.

Enterprise/entrepreneur who wants to benefit from R&D, P&D and Innovation Program, fills in the R&D, P&D and Innovation Program Project Application Form through SME Information System (KBS), uploads the attachment and documents to SME Information System and approves the application.

Application evaluation:

Project application is checked through SME Information System (KBS) within maximum 1 month in line with the issues written in R&D, P&D and Innovation Support Program Application Control Panel. At this stage, following issues related to the application are checked; meeting application and benefiting conditions, being in compliance with documentation format, availability of attachments, etc.

Project application made is examined in terms of information, document and form and submitted to the Board for evaluation. As a result of evaluation made by the Board, project may be accepted, rejected or requested to be amended. Rejection decision of the Board can be objected for once within 15 days from the date of learning. If amendment is requested, extra time can be given provided that it is not less than 1 month.

Board evaluates the project regarding acceptance or rejection by means of R&D, P&D and Innovation Program Board Evaluation Criteria Form. In the evaluation made for accepting the project on the scale of 100; minimum 3 Board member must give 60 points or more to the project and average of the points given must be 60 or more. Projects that can't get 60 points and more are rejected.

General conditions:

- Entrepreneur or enterprise whose application is rejected by any KOSGEB Unit can't apply to another KOSGEB Unit for the same project.
- Within the scope of R&D, P&D and Innovation Program, only one project of the enterprise is supported at the same time. If the project is completed, a new project can be submitted.
- If the enterprise is liquidated, closed or the project is terminated by the board during the project, support process is ended. If it is decided that the termination is due to death, severe accident, severe illness, imprisonment, fire, earthquake, flood, theft, financial insufficiency

that will prevent its activities without any intentional or defective act of the enterprise or due to similar reasons deemed appropriate by the Board, refunds of non-refundable supports made are not requested, refundable supports are collected in accordance with their process.

- Enterprise can't purchase goods/services from the owner and partners and their spouse, mother, father, sibling, child and enterprises of which it is the owner/partner within the scope of support and if such a situation is detected, support payment is not made.

Special conditions:

- Ownership of the machine, equipment, hardware, software and similar movables supported and purchased within the scope of the project belongs to the enterprise entity and can't be rented or transferred to other persons, institutions/organizations until post-program monitoring is done.
- Value added tax (VAT) is excluded from the support while support amount in the documents for payment is being calculated.
- More than one person can participate in each domestic and international visit provided that they work in the project. Transportation ticket expenses and accommodation expenses can be covered. Upper limit of the support for each visit is 5,000 TL for each domestic visit and 10,000 TL for each international visit.
- Within the scope of R&D and innovation project in Qualified Staff Cost Support, entrepreneur establishing his enterprises with stock corporation status and/or his partner working in the project can benefit from the Staff Cost Support. In this case, applicant entrepreneur who will receive the support or his partner who will work in the project must not have any other real person enterprise, %30 or more partnership in any enterprise or work in another enterprise/institution/organization by being subject to the provisions of SSI. Foreign employee can also be employed within the scope of this support item.
- In Industrial and Intellectual Property Rights Support, application and/or registration expenses of the enterprise for Patent, Utility Model, Design Registration, Integrated Circuit Topography Registration Documents are supported. Payments made to Turkish Patent and Trademark Office (TürkPatent) and/or its foreign counterpart institutions/organizations and Patent Lawyers authorized by TürkPatent are within the scope of this support.
- Food, accommodation and transportation expenses are not covered in Consultancy and Training support.
- 15% is added to support rates for expenses paid within the scope of non-refundable supports other than Qualified Staff Cost Support provided that applicant has declared that Open Source Software (software whose codes can be examined, changed and distributed as changed) is used in the project application and it is found appropriate at the end of the project. If Open Source Software is used in the project, Software type and usage area in the project must be declared in Project Application form.
- 10% is added to non-refundable support rates for once excluding Qualified Staff Cost Support provided that it applies for a new project within 3 years from the date when it is declared top applicant in the category within the scope of KOSGEB SME and Entrepreneurship Awards.

- In any case, the rate to be added to non-refundable support rates specified in this support program excluding Qualified Staff Cost Support can't exceed 15%.

Website:

<https://www.kosgeb.gov.tr/site/tr/genel/destekdetay/7664/arge-urge-ve-inovasyon-destek-programi>

[https://www.kosgeb.gov.tr/Content/Upload/Dosya/AR-GE%20UR-GE/23.03.2021/UE-02-02_\(01\)_Ar-Ge_U%CC%88r-Ge_ve_I%CC%87novasyon_Destek_Program%C4%B1_Uygulama_Esaslar%C4%B1.pdf](https://www.kosgeb.gov.tr/Content/Upload/Dosya/AR-GE%20UR-GE/23.03.2021/UE-02-02_(01)_Ar-Ge_U%CC%88r-Ge_ve_I%CC%87novasyon_Destek_Program%C4%B1_Uygulama_Esaslar%C4%B1.pdf)

TRADITIONAL ENTREPRENEUR SUPPORT PROGRAM

Name of the Support:

Traditional Entrepreneur Support Program

Subject/Purpose/Target:

The purpose of this support program is to increase survival rate of new enterprises established by entrepreneurs.

Who can apply:

Enterprises established by entrepreneurs who have completed Traditional Entrepreneur Training can apply for this program.

Support type:

Non-refundable

Support amount

Support Elements	Support Amount	
Establishment Support	Real person enterprise 5.000 TL Stock corporation enterprise 10.000 TL	
Performance Support	First Performance Period** - If 180-539 days, 5.000 TL - If 540-1079 days, 10.000 TL - If 1080 and more days, 20.000 TL	Second Performance Period** - If 360-1079 days, 5.000 TL - If 1080-1439 days, 15.000 TL - If 1440 and more days, 20.000 TL
Certificate Support	5.000TL	

*Each performance period covers one year. Total of premium days calculated for all employees who are within the scope of Social Security Institution 4(a) is taken as basis.law

**If entrepreneur is young, female, disabled, veteran or martyr's first degree relative, 5.000 TL is added to the amounts determined for each performance period.

Support period:

2 years

Support item:

- Establishment Support
- Performance Support
- Certificate Support

Eligible costs:

Within the scope of establishment support; 5,000 TL non-refundable support is provided to enterprise established with the status of real person and 10.000 TL non-refundable support is provided to enterprise established with the status of stock corporation.

Within the scope of performance support; Up to 40.000 TL non-refundable support is provided according to the criteria determined in the implementation principles of the program and up to 10,000 TL is added to the support if entrepreneur is young, female, disabled, veteran or martyr's relative, so maximum 50.000 TL support is provided.

Within the scope of certificate support; within the framework of professional and technical certificates and similar documents required for the enterprise established by the entrepreneur (in the form of covering at least one year before the establishment date for the owner of the enterprise); non-refundable support up to total of 5.000 TL is provided without applying support rate to the enterprise for the staff working in the enterprise established by the entrepreneur (starting from the establishment date).

Ineligible costs:

Within the scope of certificate support, certificates obtained through distance education are not considered within the scope of support.

Method of payment:

Responsible staff prepares Traditional Entrepreneur Support Program Payment Request Form and prepares Traditional Entrepreneur Support Program Payment Approval by checking the process together with the documents attached and submits to the approval of the implementation unit manager.

For support payments, those subjected to preliminary financial control are sent to Strategy Development Department Internal Control Directorate together with payment documents specified in the KOSGEB Preliminary Financial Control Processes Directive as attachment of Payment Order Document and those that are not subjected to it are sent to the relevant accounting departments. Support payment is transferred to bank account of the enterprise by the relevant accounting department.

Application time:

Applications are always open.

Application process:

Enterprise prepares and approves Traditional Entrepreneur Support Program Application Form via KBS. The date when application is first approved by the enterprise is the application date of the support program.

Application evaluation:

Application is evaluated by the responsible staff via KBS with Traditional Entrepreneur Support Application Evaluation Form by considering the issues stated in Traditional Entrepreneur Support Program Application Evaluation Criteria Form and sent to the approval of the relevant implementation unit manager.

General conditions:

Enterprise/entrepreneur can benefit from this support program only once.

In order to benefit from the support program, enterprise must have the status of a real or legal person defined in the Turkish Commercial Code and be registered and active in KBS. Registration to KBS is performed within the framework of Procedures and Principles Regarding the Process of Registration to the KOSGEB Database.

SME information statement of the enterprise must be up to date.

Enterprise established by the entrepreneur who has completed traditional entrepreneurship training provided within the scope of Entrepreneurship Training Procedures and Principles, can apply for the support program.

In order to apply for the support program, traditional entrepreneurship training must be completed before the establishment date.

Special conditions:

Entrepreneur/enterprise benefiting from Entrepreneurship Support Program, Entrepreneurship Development Support Program, New Entrepreneur Program or Advanced Entrepreneur Support Program can't benefit from this support program.

Founding partnership share of the entrepreneur in the enterprise for which he applied for the support program must be minimum 50%. Entrepreneur's partnership share can't fall below 50% during the support program.

Enterprise must be established within the last year as of the date of application for the support program.

Between the dates beginning from three years before the establishment date of the enterprise and the date of applying for the support program, entrepreneur mustn't have a company with status of

real person other than the enterprise for which application is made and he mustn't have a partnership with 30% or more share in any company established as a legal person.

Enterprise with NACE Code that is in dangerous and very dangerous class of activity branch listed in the current Workplace Hazard Classes List in accordance with Occupational Health and Safety Law Number 6331 as of the date of application for the support program can benefit from certificate support.

Certificates within the scope of the certificate support must be taken from private educational institutions authorized by MEB within the scope of law number 5580.

Website:

<https://www.kosgeb.gov.tr/site/tr/genel/destekdetay/7391/geleneksel-girisimci-destek-programi>

ADVANCED ENTREPRENEUR SUPPORT PROGRAM

Name of the Support:

Advanced Entrepreneur Support Program

Subject/Purpose/Target:

The purpose of this support program is to increase survival rate of new enterprises established by entrepreneurs in the sectors determined in line with the strategic priorities of our country.

Who can apply:

Enterprises that have completed Advanced Entrepreneurship Training program and operates in the fields specified in Advanced Entrepreneur Program Activity Subjects Table determined by KOSGEB, can apply for this program.

Support type:

Non-refundable

Support amount

Support Elements	Support Amount	
Establishment Support	Real person enterprise 5.000 TL Stock corporation enterprise 10.000 TL	
Machine, Equipment and Software Support*	100.000 TL to enterprises operating at low medium-low technology level, 200.000 TL to enterprises operating at medium-high technology level, 300.000 TL to enterprises operating at high technology level,	
Mentoring, Consulting and Enterprise Coaching Support	10.000 TL	
Performance Support**	First Performance Period** - If 180-539 days, 5.000 TL - If 540-1079 days, 10.000 TL - If 1080 and more days, 20.000 TL	Second Performance - If 360-1079 days, 5.000 TL - If 1080-1439 days, 15.000 TL - If 1440 and more days, 20.000 TL
Certificate Support	5.000 TL	

*Support rate is 75%. 15% is added to the support rate if it is distinguished by up to date domestic good certificate received in accordance with Communication on Domestic Goods number SGM 2014/35 published in Official Gazette dated 13/09/2014 and number 29118 by the Ministry of Industry and Technology.

**Each performance period covers one year. Total of premium days calculated for all employees who are within the scope of Social Security Institution 4(a) is taken as basis.

***If entrepreneur is young, female, disabled, veteran or martyr's first degree relative, 5.000 TL is added to the amounts determined for each performance period.

Support period:

2 years

Support item:

- Establishment Support
- Machine, Equipment and Software Support
- Mentoring, Consulting and Enterprise Coaching Support
- Performance Support
- Certificate Support

Eligible costs:

Within the scope of establishment support, 5,000 TL non-refundable support is provided to enterprise established with the status of real person and 10.000 TL non-refundable support is provided to enterprise established with the status of stock corporation.

Performance support will be determined according to continuity of enterprise's tax liability and number of employees; while calculating the support amount, total number of accrued premium days of all employees within the scope of 4(a) in the relevant period is taken into consideration.

Enterprise with NACE Code that is in dangerous and very dangerous class of activity branch listed in the current Workplace Hazard Classes List in accordance with Occupational Health and Safety Law Number 6331 as of the date of application for the support program can benefit from this support.

Non-refundable support up to 5.000 TL is provided for professional and technical certificates compatible with the field of activity of the enterprise supported within the scope of certificate support. Maximum support amount per certificate is 1.000 TL

Ineligible costs:

Certificates within the scope of the certificate support must be taken from private educational institutions authorized by MEB within the scope of law number 5580.

Certificates obtained through distance education are not considered within the scope of support.

Method of payment:

For support payments, those subjected to preliminary financial control are sent to Strategy Development Department Internal Control Directorate together with payment documents specified in the KOSGEB Preliminary Financial Control Processes Directive as attachment of Payment Order

Document and those that are not subjected to it are sent to the relevant accounting departments. Support payment is transferred to bank account of the enterprise by the relevant accounting department.

Application time:

Applications are always open.

Application process:

Enterprise prepares and approves Traditional Entrepreneur Support Program Application Form via KBS. The date when application is first approved by the enterprise is the application date of the support program.

Application evaluation:

Application is checked through KBS within 15 days at the latest in terms of regulatory compliance and form. Where appropriate, some controls may be performed automatically through KBS.

General conditions:

In order to benefit from the program, SME information statement of the enterprise must be up to date.

Special conditions:

Entrepreneur/enterprise benefiting from Entrepreneurship Support Program New Entrepreneur Support, Entrepreneurship Development Support Program, New Entrepreneur Program or Advanced Entrepreneur Support Program can't benefit from this support program.

If more than one entrepreneur who has had entrepreneurship training is partner in the same enterprise, they benefit from the enterprise support program once.

Enterprise established by the entrepreneur who has completed traditional entrepreneurship training provided within the scope of Entrepreneurship Training Procedures and Principles, can apply for the support program.

In order to apply for the support program, traditional entrepreneurship training must be completed before the establishment date.

Founding partnership share of the entrepreneur in the enterprise for which he applied for the support program must be minimum 50%. Entrepreneur's partnership share can't fall below 50% during the support program.

Enterprise must be established within the last year as of the date of application for the support program.

Between the dates beginning from three years before the establishment date of the enterprise and the date of applying for the support program; -entrepreneur mustn't have a company with status of real person other than the enterprise for which application is made and -he mustn't have a partnership with 30% or more share in any company established as a legal person.

Website:

<https://www.kosgeb.gov.tr/site/tr/genel/destekdetay/7390/ileri-girisimci-destek-programi>

ENTERPRISE DEVELOPMENT SUPPORT PROGRAM

Name of the Support:

KOSGEB Enterprise Development Support Program

Subject/Purpose/Target:

The purpose of the support is to increase competitiveness, institutionalization-branding levels of SMEs and their shares in the economy, to improve their capacities and to meet their priority needs.

Who can apply:

Enterprises that have the status of a real or legal person defined in the Turkish Commercial Code and that are registered and active in KBS, can apply.

Support type:

Non-refundable grant

Support amount

	Enterprise Development Support Program	Support Upper Limit (TL)	Support Rate
1	Domestic Fair Support	50.000	60%
2	International Fair Support	30.000*	
3	Qualified Employee Employment Support	50.000**	
4	Design Support	50.000	
5	Industrial Property Rights Support	30.000***	
6	Certification Support	50.000***	
7	Test and Analysis Support	50.000****	
8	Energy Efficient Electric Motors Replacement Support	80.000*****	
9	Independent Evaluation Support	20.000	
10	Model Factory Support	70.000	

(*) Finalists determined every year within the scope of KOSGEB SME and Entrepreneurship Awards are supported for international business trip program organized by KOSGEB by 100% (one hundred percent) without considering upper limits just once.

(**) 20% (twenty percent) is added to the support rate if the employee to be employed within the scope of Qualified Employee Employment Support is a new graduate, woman, disabled, martyr's first degree relative or veteran.

(***) Documents and services to be received from TSE and TÜRKPATENT are supported by 100% (one hundred percent).

(****) Services to be gotten from TSE are supported by 100% (one hundred percent) within upper limits of the support.

(*****)15% (fifteen percent) is added to the determined support rates if it is distinguished by domestic good certificate received in accordance with Communication on Domestic Goods number SGM 2014/35 published in Official Gazette dated 13/09/2014 and number 29118 by the Ministry of Science, Industry and Technology.

Support rate:

Support rate is applied as 60%.

Support period:

Program period is 2 years.

Support item:

- Domestic Fair Support
- International Business Trip Support
- Qualified Employee Employment Support
- Design Support
- Industrial Property Rights Support
- Certification Support
- Test and Analysis Support
- Energy Efficient Electric Motors Replacement Support
- Independent Evaluation Support
- Model Factory Support

Eligible costs:

- Within the scope of the **Domestic Fair Support**, it covers the rent of free space (place) provided by the Fair Organizer Organization and standard stand construction and decoration expenses.
- Within the scope of **International Business Trip Support**, it covers accommodation expenses, transportation expenses, translation and guidance expenses related to international business trip program, fair entrance fees and meeting-organization expenses.
- Within the scope of **design support**, enterprises, members of Industrial Designers Association, Graphic Designers Professional Organizations Association, Fashion Designers Association and Chamber of Interior Designers are supported to get service from companies where they are owner, partner or employee, universities, Gaziantep Regional Industrial Design and Hybrid Modeling Center (GETHAM) and design centers for product design.

- Within the scope of **Industrial Property Rights Support**, support is given for the payments made to Turkish Patent and Trademark Office (TÜRKPATENT) for obtaining Patent, Utility Model Certificate, Industrial Design Registration Certificate and Integrated Circuit Topography Registration Certificate and for payments made to foreign institutions/organizations that are equivalent to TÜRKPATENT for patent and trademark attorney expenses and for obtaining Patent, Utility Model Certificate, Industrial Design Registration Certificate, Integrated Circuit Topography Registration Certificate and Foreign Brand Registration Certificate.
- Within the scope of **Certification Support**, support is given for expenses regarding product, system, employee, laboratory accreditation documents to be received from Turkish Standards Institute (TSE), Turkish Accreditation Agency (TÜRKAK) and institutions/organizations accredited by TÜRKAK and Occupational Health and Safety Management System (OHSAS) document which they will receive from certification institutions accredited by TÜRKAK on any subject.
- Within the scope of **Test and Analysis Support**, support is given for expenses regarding test, analysis, control-inspection services regarding products, materials, parts, samples to be gotten by enterprises from public institutions and university laboratories and accredited test, analysis, control and inspection services to be gotten in domestic and foreign laboratories.
- Within the scope of **energy efficient electric motors replacement support**, support is given for energy efficient motors replacements of enterprises operating in Kocaeli Gebze OIZ, Antalya OIZ, Uşak OIZ, Bursa OIZ, İzmir Kemalpaşa OIZ, Ankara Chamber of Industry 1st OIZ and Adana Hacı Sabancı OIZ that have been selected as a pilot within the scope of TEVMOT project within the framework of the protocol signed.
- Within the scope of **independent evaluation support** is given for independent evaluation report expenses related to the project applications made by enterprises within the scope of Technology Oriented Industrialization Thrust Program for production of the products in the priority product list specified in the call plans of Technology Oriented Industrialization Thrust Program Implementation Fundamentals Communication published in Official Gazette number 30892 dated 18/09/2019 and amended by Official Gazette number 30969 dated 05/12/2019.
- Within the scope of **model factory support**, support is given for the expenses of service to be gotten by the enterprises from model factories which are defined as a tool (a center of

competence for common use) that enables the principles of operational excellence in enterprises to be widespread in a scalable way by using experiential learning techniques. In model factory support, such service expenses include only training services that enterprises will get from model factories.

Ineligible costs:

Expenses regarding the services gotten from KOSGEB laboratories are out of the scope of Test and Analysis Support.

Shipment, insurance and similar expenses of products, materials, parts and samples to be subjected to test, analysis and control-inspection service and if these services are provided in the enterprise's facilities, accommodation, transportation and food expenses of the employees providing the service are out of the scope of support.

Method of payment:

After goods/services regarding the supports within the scope of the support program are purchased by the enterprise, Enterprise Development Support Program Payment Request Form is filled through KBS (SME Information System) and relevant payment documents are loaded and payment is requested.

Application time:

Applications are always open.

Application process:

Enterprise Development Support Program Application Form is filled through SME Information System and application is approved.

Application evaluation:

Applications are evaluated by the responsible staff through SME Information System and sent to the approval of the relevant implementation unit manager. Enterprises are informed about evaluation result.

General conditions:

- SME information statement of the enterprises must be up to date.

- Enterprise can't purchase goods/services from the owner and partners and their spouse, mother, father, sibling, child, enterprises of which those are the owner/partner within the scope of support and if such a situation is detected, support payment is not made.
- In order for international business trip to be included in the scope of the support, minimum 10 (ten) companies that are registered in SME Information System and whose programs are approved, must involve in the international business travel program.
- International business trip program must include bilateral business meetings with enterprises and a visit to a fair in the List published annually by Ministry of Commerce regarding National Participation Organization Fairs to be Organized or in the List published by Ministry of Commerce regarding Prestigious Fairs. However, in case of including only one of these activities, international business trip program must include at least one of the following activities:
 - 1) Meeting with professional organizations,
 - 2) Industrial zone, factory, techno park visits, interviews with financial groups etc.

Special conditions:

- Within the scope of Domestic Fair Support, support area is maximum 50 (fifty) m² per enterprise for each fair participation.
- Within the scope of Domestic Fair Support, support payments are made for maximum 4 (four) fair participations to the enterprise during the program.
- In order for support payment to be made for international business trip; fields of activity of the participant enterprises and business lines covered by international business trip -must be compatible.
- Each activity within the scope of International Business Trip Support can't be more than 2 (two) days.
- Enterprise representatives who will participate in international business trip within the scope of International Business Trip Support must be the owner, partner or employee of the enterprise on the dates when international business trip program is organized.
- Within the scope of Qualified Employee Employment Support, support is paid to the enterprise for a maximum of 4 (four) qualified employees within the support limit during the program.
- Qualified Employee Employment Support is given for the employee who has not been employed within the last 12 (twelve) months as of the date of employment, who graduated from the higher education institution and works full-time in the enterprise requesting payment.

- Employees for whom support is taken from Qualified Employee Employment Support under any name, enterprise owners or partners and their parents, siblings, spouses and children, retirees and foreign nationals can't be employed within this support.
- Design Support upper limit for each product design is 2.000 (two thousand) TL. However, if product design results in the purchase of Patent, Utility Model Certificate, Industrial Design Registration Certificate or Integrated Circuit Topography Registration Certificate, support upper limit is 10.000 (ten thousand) TL.
- Within the scope of Industrial Property Rights Support, upper limit of the support to be provided to the enterprise for each document received/to be received from TÜRKPATENT is 5.000 (five thousand) TL and upper limit of the support for each document received/to be received from foreign institutions/organizations equivalent to TÜRKPATENT is 10.000 (ten thousand) TL.
- Enterprise that wants to benefit from Industrial Property Rights Support must apply to TÜRKPATENT and/or its equivalent foreign institutions/organizations within the support program period.
- In Certification Support, date of the document application made to the relevant institution/organization is not considered provided that document and invoice dates are within the program period.
- Within the scope of Test and Analysis Support, expenses regarding services gotten from KOSGEB laboratories are out of the scope of support.

Website:

<https://www.kosgeb.gov.tr/site/tr/genel/destekdetay/6798/isletme-gelistirme-destek-programi>

SME TECHNO INVESTMENT

Name of the Support:

SME Technological Product Investment Support Program

Subject/Purpose/Target:

The aim is to support

- a) Commercialization and production of new product/products emerging as a result of R&D or
- b) Commercialization and production of products in medium - high and high technology areas that will contribute to the current account by domestic industry by means of production and

Who can apply:

Enterprises that are registered and active in KBS and that are in the status of real or legal person as defined in Turkish Commercial Law can apply for this support program by submitting their investment projects.

Special Note: Within the scope of this support, support will be given up to 6 million TL per enterprise for domestic production of products such as sanitizer, protective clothing, safety goggles, mask, gloves through KOSGEB. 4 million 200 thousand TL of the support to be given up to 6 million TL will be refundable. Detailed information about the support specifically described for these products can be obtained from KOSGEB.

Support type:

Support is in the form of refundable and non-refundable grant.

Support amount

Low, Middle-Low Technology Areas	Middle-High, High Technology Areas
Non-refundable 300.000 TL	Non-refundable 1.500.000 TL
Refundable 700.000 TL	Refundable 3.500.000 TL

Support rate:

Support rate to be applied within the scope of this support program is 60% and 70% of the support amount is refundable and 30% is non-refundable.

	Support Items	Support Rates
1	Machine-equipment support*	30% Non-Refundable + 70% Refundable
2	Production line design expenses support	30% Non-Refundable + 70% Refundable
3	Software expenses support*	30% Non-Refundable + 70% Refundable

4	Staff cost support	100% Non-refundable
5	Training and consultancy support	30% Non-Refundable + 70% Refundable
6	Promotion and marketing expenses support	30% Non-Refundable + 70% Refundable

* If it is received within the scope of domestic good document, it is applied as 45% by adding 15% to non-refundable support rate.

Support period:

Investment project period is minimum 8 months and maximum 36 months.

Support item:

- a) Machine-equipment support
- b) Production line design expenses support
- c) Software expenses support
- d) ç) Staff cost support
- e) Training and consultancy support
- f) Promotion and marketing expenses support

Ineligible costs:

Training and consultancy support covers only training and consultancy fees. It doesn't cover food, accommodation and transportation expenses.

Method of payment:

Enterprise performs purchases of goods/services related to the support elements within the scope of implementation principles of this program, submits the documents regarding payment to the implementation unit following the completion of the periodic monitoring and requests payment.

Implementation Unit reviews the relevant documents and makes the support payment for the relevant expenses to the bank account of the enterprise. However, if enterprise requests and application unit finds it appropriate, support payment for the purchased machines and equipment can also be made to the bank account of the service provider.

35% early payment can be made if requested.

Application time:

Applications can be accepted always. It is essential to make an application for the product specified in the "List of Products to Contribute to the Current Account" which is in force on the date when application is approved by the enterprise. Otherwise, application is not evaluated.

Lists are followed on the web page www.kosgeb.gov.tr.

Application process:

Enterprise that wants to benefit from the program fills the SME Techno Investment Support Program Application Form through KBS, uploads additional documents based on the application and approves the application.

Application evaluation:

Investment project is subject to preliminary assessment in terms of document and form.

For investment project whose application is found appropriate as a result of control, board evaluation process of the investment project in low or medium low technology area continues and review process in medium high or high technology area continues.

If investment project that is found appropriate as a result of control is in medium high or high technology area, technical and financial analysis process is started in order to contribute to board evaluation before board evaluation.

Applications that are found appropriate are submitted to the board through KBS for evaluation and making decision.

Board evaluates investment projects by scoring them in terms of issues such as economic effect of the project, technical competence, activity-time planning, budget cost effectiveness, sustainability and adequacy of the project, etc. As a result of evaluation made by the Board, investment project may be accepted, rejected or application amendment may be requested. Enterprise is informed about evaluation result.

General conditions:

In order for the enterprise to benefit from the supports within the scope of support program, its SME Information Statement must be up to date.

Enterprises whose R&D or innovation projects have been completed successfully by being supported by public institutions and organizations, foundations established by law or international funds and that have certificate showing that they have been completed successfully can apply to the program within 5 (five) years from the date when the project has been successfully completed.

In the applications for the product protected with a patent certificate, patent certificate must be received at most 5 (five) years before the application date.

It must be applied to the Program within 5 (five) years from doctorate graduation date for the product emerging as a result of doctorate study.

Technological Product (TÜR) Experience Certificate of the enterprises that will apply with TÜR Experience Certificate, must be up to date as of the date of application.

Special conditions:

- a)** to support production and commercialization of new product /products emerging as a result of R&D or innovation activities, it must be done for those:
- That emerge as a result of R&D or innovation projects supported by KOSGEB and other public institutions and organizations, foundations established by law or international funds or
 - That are protected by a patent document or
 - That emerge as a result of doctorate study or
 - That have completed prototype work with Technological Product (TÜR) Experience certificate.
- b)** to support production and commercialization of the products that are in medium - high and high technology areas and that will contribute to the current account by domestic industry;
- The product to be produced must be in the medium high and high technology areas,
 - The product to be produced must contribute to the current account,
 - Budget of the investment project mustn't exceed 10.000.000 (ten million) TL,
 - Applicant enterprise must apply in cooperation with the shareholder.

Machine-equipment and mold to be purchased within the scope of the support must be new. However, previously imported machine and equipment are considered within the scope of the support if they are maximum 3 (three) years old as of the date of investment project application provided that they are new when they are imported.

Support based amount for production line design expenses can't exceed 3% (three) of the total support based amount approved for machine-equipment and mold expenses.

If it is not stated that license agreement/license document regarding the software expense is seen by the auditor during the periodic monitoring, implementation unit does not pay the support for the relevant expense.

Employees employed in the enterprise after the start date of the investment project are considered as new employment. Employment contracts of the new employees mustn't be terminated by the enterprise until 4 (four) months before the start date of the investment project. If it is determined that employment contract of the employee has been terminated and he has been employed again within 4 (four) months before the start date of the investment project, support payment is not made for the relevant employee.

Board decides on the number, qualification of the employees for which support is requested and support period within the scope of the investment project.

If it is determined by the auditor that training service is gotten from the service provider from which machine-equipment and software are purchased regarding the use of the relevant machine-equipment and software and if auditor states in periodic monitoring that participation document/certificate, etc. regarding training service is seen, implementation unit makes the support payment.

Website:

<https://www.kosgeb.gov.tr/site/tr/genel/destekdetay/6443/kobi-teknoyatirim-kobi-teknolojik-urun-yatirim-destek-programi>

KOBİGEL- SME DEVELOPMENT SUPPORT PROGRAM

Name of the Support:

KOBİGEL- SME Development Support Program

Subject/Purpose/Target:

- Increasing the share of small and medium-sized enterprises in the economy and their efficiency in line with the national and international targets of the country,
- Supporting the projects that SMEs will prepare in order to increase their competitive power and the added value they provide.

Who can apply:

Enterprises that are registered and active in SME Information System (KBS) and SMEs that have approved SME declaration can apply for the program.

Support type:

Support is implemented as refundable and non-refundable.

Support amount:

The budget to be allocated for the call for proposals will be determined by KOSGEB, taking into account the KOSGEB support budget possibilities and the number of applications.

Support rate:

60% (70% of the support is refundable, 30% is paid as non-refundable support).

Personnel support rate is 100% non-refundable within certain limits.

Maximum 300.000 TL is non-refundable

Maximum 700.000 TL is refundable.

In total, 1.000.000 TL maximum

Support period:

Min. 8 max. 36 months

Support item:

Project expenses to be supported within the scope of the program are determined in the Project Call for Proposals and the Board decides on the project expenses to be supported within the determined principles.

Eligible costs:

The total of expense groups and types of support deemed appropriate to be supported within the scope of the project are determined by the Board so as not to exceed the upper limit, rate and, if any, expense constraints specified in the Call for Proposals.

Method of payment:

Early payment can be made under this support program.

Application time:

Project calls are opened during the year.

Application process:

Applications can be filled through SME Information System.

Application evaluation:

Evaluation criteria are determined in the project call.

General conditions:

Within the scope of the program, more than one project of the enterprise at the same time is not supported.

Website:

<https://www.kosgeb.gov.tr/site/tr/genel/destekdetay/3288/kobigel-kobi-gelisim-destek-programi>

KOBİGEL 2021-01 and 2021-02 Project Proposal Calls

The general purpose of these proposals are to;

- Enhance the inventory of national and competent technology developer SMEs,
- Increase the number of digitalized work processes of SMEs in manufacturing industry by prioritizing the cooperation with national technology developers.

Subject and Scope of the Call

Calls consist of two main subjects:

2021 – 01 Project Proposal Call: Aims at supporting national technology developer SMEs that can contribute to the digitalization process of manufacturing industry.

2021 – 02 Project Proposal Call: Aims at increasing utilization level of digital technologies in work processes of SMEs in manufacturing industry.

Subjects that SMEs can apply for are listed below:

Processing Big Data with Analytical Methods and Its Use in Manufacturing Industry
Internet of Things Manufacturing Industry
Industrial Robot Technologies in Manufacturing Industry
Smart Sensor Technologies in Manufacturing Industry
Cyber-Physical Smart Factory Systems and Components Based on Artificial Intelligence
Cyber Security in Manufacturing Industry
Smart and Flexible Automation Systems in Manufacturing Industry
Augmented Reality / Virtual Reality Technologies in Manufacturing Industry

Application Conditions for the Call

- Only one of the 2021-01 or 2021-02 calls for proposals can be submitted. However, multiple selections can be made among the appropriate project topics within the scope of the call.
- Those who will submit projects for commercialization (promotion - marketing - sales) purposes only must submit a document showing that they have successfully completed their products by developing them with government support or that they are output of a technology development zone or R&D center project. This document is not required for applicants who have improvements in their work that increase added value.
- Technology developer SMEs are obliged to apply with a Purchase Intention Statement of an enterprise that wants to adapt their product / software subject to their business processes.

Call Budget:

For each enterprise, support up to total 1,000,000 TL (up to 300,000 TL grant and 700,000 TL loan) can be provided.

For KOBİGEL Proposal Call Text and Detailed Information:

<https://www.kosgeb.gov.tr/site/tr/genel/detay/7763/kobigel-kobi-gelisim-destek-programi>

STRATEGIC PRODUCT SUPPORT PROGRAM

Name of the Support:

Strategic Product Support Program

Subject/Purpose/Target:

To support investment projects you will do to increase production of products with high added value in medium-high and high technology sectors and products with critical importance for the development of these sectors W-within the scope of Technology Oriented Industrialization Thrust Program carried out by Ministry of Industry and Technology.

Who can apply:

1. Enterprises that are among those operating in Turkey with the status of stock corporation, that are invited to make a final application by making preliminary application to the Ministry in order to produce products included in the call plan of Technology Oriented Industrialization Thrust Program, that are directed to KOSGEB through the portal and that are registered and active in KBS and whose SME Information Statement is up to date,
2. Enterprises established minimum 1 (one) year before the program application or if all partners are legal persons, enterprises whose all partners have been established minimum 1 (one) year before the program application,
3. Enterprises that apply in cooperation with the project shareholder/shareholders can apply.

Support type:

It is implemented as refundable and non-refundable.

Support amount

Non-refundable 1.800.000 TL

Refundable 4.200.000 TL

Total 6.000.000 TL

Support rate:

	Support Items	Support Rates
1	Machine-equipment support*	60% (30% Non-Refundable + 70% Refundable)
2	Software expenses support*	60% (30% Non-Refundable + 70% Refundable)
3	Staff cost support**	Non-refundable
4	Reference sample expense support	60% (30% Non-Refundable + 70% Refundable)
5	Service procurement support	60% (30% Non-Refundable + 70% Refundable)

*If it is received within the scope of the domestic good document, 15% (fifteen percent) is added to the non-refundable support rate and refundable support rate is reduced by the same rate.

**Regardless of 60% support rate for staff costs, non-refundable support is provided in the amount determined according to the calculation method specified in the Implementation Principles.

Support period:

36 months (maximum)

Support item:

- a) Machine-equipment support
- b) Software expenses support
- c) Staff cost support
- d) Information transfer support
- e) Test-analysis, calibration and reference sample support
- f) Service procurement support

Eligible costs:

- Within the scope of machine-equipment support, purchase of machine-equipment and mold is supported within the scope of the investment project.
- Within the scope of software expenses support, software expenses are supported within the scope of the investment project.
- Within the scope of staff costs support, costs of employees to be employed newly are supported within the scope of the investment project.
- Non-refundable support is given for purchases to be made by the enterprise from abroad/domestically to meet the need for information transfer about issues for production of the product such as method, knowledge, license, technology, patent, etc. in order to produce strategic products quickly and accurately and to offer them to the market quickly.
- Non-refundable support is given for expenses regarding test, analysis and calibration services to be gotten by the enterprises for products, materials, parts and samples from laboratories established by public institutions/organizations or universities and expenses regarding services to be gotten in domestic and foreign laboratories on accredited test, analysis and calibration subjects. Expenses regarding the services gotten from KOSGEB laboratories are out of the scope of the support.
- Within the scope of service procurement support, training and consultancy expenses, design expenses and other service expenses are supported. Training expenses support covers expenses of training service that employees working in the project will get regarding machine-

equipment and software from the service provider from which machine-equipment and software are purchased.

Ineligible costs:

Enterprise can't purchase goods/services from the owner and partners and their spouse, mother, father, sibling, child, enterprises of which those are the owner/partner and shareholder/shareholders within the scope of support and if such a situation is detected, support payment is not made.

Within the scope of test, analysis and calibration support, shipment, insurance and similar expenses of products, materials, parts and samples to be subjected to test, analysis and calibration and if these services are provided in the enterprise's facilities, accommodation, transportation and food expenses of the employees providing the service are out of the scope of support.

Method of payment:

If enterprise requests, early payment is made against security. Early payment may be made at the rate of 25% of total amount based on the support specified in the first board decision.

Enterprise makes purchase request by submitting Strategic Product Support Program Payment Request Form and attached payment based documents to the Implementation Unit through SME Information System by purchasing goods and services for the expenses that are deemed appropriate. Support payment is transferred to bank account of the enterprise if it is found appropriate.

Support payment for purchased machine and equipment may also be made to the bank account of the service provider.

Application time:

Applications are always open.

Application process:

Enterprise that is invited to make a final application by the Ministry within the scope of call plan of Technology Oriented Industrialization Thrust Program and directed to KOSGEB through the portal, fills Strategic Product Support Program Application Form, uploads additional documents based on the application if there is any and approves the application.

Application evaluation:

If there are mistakes and/or deficiencies in the project and its attachments, 10 extra days are given.

An instructor examines and evaluates the enterprise on site.

Then, application is evaluated by Committee within the scope of Technology Oriented Industrialization Thrust Program Implementation Fundamentals Communication.

General conditions:

- Supports within the scope of the program are given for investment projects for production of the products in Priority Product List taking part in the call plan in line with the purpose of Technology Oriented Industrialization Thrust Program.
- Investment projects subject to the application must include at least three of expense types that are machine-equipment support, software expenses support, staff cost support, reference sample expense support and service procurement support.
- Enterprises that will apply for the project must be established at least one year before the project application.

Special conditions:

- Taxes, duties and similar expenses are excluded from the scope of support while calculating support amount.
- Enterprises whose investment project applications are rejected except for the control process of applications, can't apply to this program again with the same project.
- Enterprise benefits from this program only once.
- Enterprises that benefit from SME Technological Product Investment Support Program can benefit from this program for a different product.
- Such movables can't be sold, rented, handed over and pledged to other people, institutions/organizations in any way.

Website:

<https://www.kosgeb.gov.tr/site/tr/genel/destekdetay/6492/stratejik-urun-destek-programi>

FOREIGN MARKET SUPPORT PROGRAM

Name of the Support:

KOSGEB Foreign Market Support Program

Subject/Purpose/Target:

To contribute to small and medium-sized enterprises for enabling them to enter into the international market and to improve their export capacities in line with the international targets of the country.

Who can apply:

Enterprises that have the status of a real or legal person defined in the Turkish Commercial Code and that are registered and active in SME Information System (KBS), can apply for the program.

Support type:

Support is implemented as refundable and non-refundable.

Support amount

There is total of 300.000 TL upper limit of which 210.000 TL is non-refundable 90.000 TL is refundable.

Support rate:

Support rate is 70% in non-refundable supports.

Support rate is 30% in refundable supports.

Support period:

It is minimum 8 months and maximum 24 months. Extension of time can be granted for 6 months.

Support item:

Support Items	Support Upper Limit
Staff Cost	90.000
Equipment and Hardware Expenses	50.000
Software Expenses	50.000
Promotion Expenses	100.000

International Fair and Travel Expenses	150.000
Test, Analysis and Certification Expenses	100.000
Other Service Procurement Expenses	100.000

Eligible costs:

Staff Cost support is given for employees who have not been employed in the enterprise in the last 4 months as of the start date of the project or employed in the last 30 days as of the project start date and will work full-time.

Within the scope of **software expenses**, maximum 50.000.- TL support is given for time limited license usage fee - license fee of the software is limited to the project duration-, cloud based software license usage fee, training and consultancy expenses related to software. Grant rate rises from 70% to 85% for open source software expenses and expenses of software with domestic good certificate.

Within the scope of **hardware expenses**, maximum 50.000 TL support is given for server, desktop computer, laptop computer and other hardware expenses needed.

Within the scope of promotion, for promotion intended for international markets, support is given for;

- Digital advertising/promotion (social media advertisings, search engine optimization) expenses
- Expenses of advertisings published in magazines published abroad,
- Expenses of catalog promoting the enterprise and its products and prepared only in foreign language,
- Expenses of subscription to e-commerce websites approved by Ministry of Commerce,
- Expenses of advertising published in airline magazines.

Within the scope of **international fair and travel expenses**, it covers accommodation and economy class round-trip transportation expenses that are made maximum 3 days before the start of the fair and maximum 3 days after the end of the fair.

Test and analysis expenses support covers expenses of services that enterprises will get regarding accredited test and analysis in domestic and foreign laboratories. Within the scope of certification expenses support, support is given up to 20.000 TL for application, file review, consultancy, training, inspection, audit and document obtaining expenses.

Within the scope of **service procurement support**, support is given for training, consultancy, design, foreign brand registration, transportation and other service procurement expenses. Training and consultancy expenses include expenses of training and consultancy (including market research consultancy) that enterprises will receive for export within the scope of the project.

Design expenses include exported product/packaging design expenses of the enterprises.

Transportation expenses include all transportation and insurance expenses in transportation process of enterprises to send the exported product sample to the buyer abroad by airway/land/railway/sea. Other service procurement expenses include other service procurement expenses that can be associated with the project.

Ineligible costs:

Within the scope of software expenses, ERP, MRP and accounting software are not supported except open source software.

Method of payment:

In order to make support payment in refundable supports, security is taken from the enterprise at the amount of support before support payment.

If enterprise has tax and/or SSI debt more than the limits specified in the relevant legislation, in line with the enterprise's request in payment request form; firstly, debt amount is deducted from the support amount, remaining amount is transferred to the bank account of the relevant institution/organization and if there is any, to the bank account of the enterprise as support payment.

Application time:

Applications are always open.

Application process:

Applications for the program are made through SME Information System with Foreign Market Support Program Project Application Form.

Application evaluation:

Applications that are found appropriate as a result of the control are included in the meeting agenda of the board through SME Information System. Board evaluates applications on the agenda in line with

the Foreign Market Support Program Board Evaluation Criteria Form. If amendment is requested, extra time is given provided that it is not less than 1 month.

General conditions:

Enterprise can benefit from this program only once.

Project application must consist of minimum 3 different expense groups.

Enterprise whose project application is rejected can't apply to KOSGEB units for the same project again.

Special conditions:

Non-refundable support is given provided that there is new employment for staff costs.

Support is given to the enterprise for maximum 2 employees within the scope of the project.

Representatives of the enterprise who go abroad within the scope of international fair and travel expenses must be the enterprise's owner, partner or employee taking part in the project.

It covers accommodation and economy class round-trip transportation expenses of maximum 2 enterprise representatives related to international business trip that enterprise representatives will make for the promotion and marketing activities within the scope of the project.

Enterprise can't purchase goods/services from the owner and partners and their spouse, mother, father, sibling, child, enterprises of which those are the owner/partner within the scope of support and if such a situation is detected, support payment is not made.

Support payment request must be made maximum 4 months after board decision on completion is recorded in the document.

Project budget of the enterprise can't exceed net sales revenue of the last approved fiscal year.

Enterprise must carry out export in the last approved fiscal year. However, this is not required for enterprises operating in manufacturing sector or in the sectors specified in Priority Technology Areas Table.

Website:

<https://www.kosgeb.gov.tr/site/tr/genel/destekdetay/7139/yurt-disi-pazar-destek-programi>

SUPPORTS OF MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY AND TECHNOLOGY

INVESTMENT INCENTIVE SYSTEM

Investment Incentive System and Konya

Turkish Investment Incentive System entered into force on 15.06.2012 with Decree number 2012/3305. Investment Incentive System has taken its final form with revisions made in needed fields since 2012. Investments to be made in Konya are supported by 3 different incentive programs and 7 different incentive tools.

Investment Incentive Program and Development Agencies

Ministry of Industry and Technology General Directorate of Incentive Implementation and Foreign Capital is responsible for implementation and coordination of the investment incentive program at national level.

Mevlana Development Agency provides information to investors about investment incentive system. Development Agencies are also assigned to monitor and report progress of the incentive investments. If duty is assigned by Ministry of Industry and Technology, Development Agencies can close documents.

Investment Incentive Programs and Supports

There are 3 different incentive programs consisting of general, regional and strategic in investment incentive system. In addition to these systematic programs, support is given to investors with “Incentives for Project Based Investments” and “Technology Oriented Industrialization Thrust Program”.

Supports	General	Regional	Strategic
VAT Exemption	✓	✓	✓
Customs Duty Exemption	✓	✓	✓
Tax Reduction		✓	✓
SSI Support* (Employer's Share)		✓	✓
Interest and Profit Share Support		✓	✓
Land Allocation		✓	✓
VAT Refund**			✓

* SSI: Social Security Institution

****Strategic investments with 500 million TL of minimum fixed investment amount and building-construction expenses regarding all investments with incentive certificates to be realized in manufacturing sector between 2017-2019 can benefit from VAT refund.**

General Investment Incentive Practices

This program supports all investments that meet determined capacity requirements and minimum fixed investment amounts without exception in terms of region. Minimum fixed investment amount is 1 million TL in Konya. To benefit from the program, investment subject

Mustn't be one of the "Investment subjects that are not supported",

Must meet special criteria determined for "Conditionally Supported Investment Subjects".

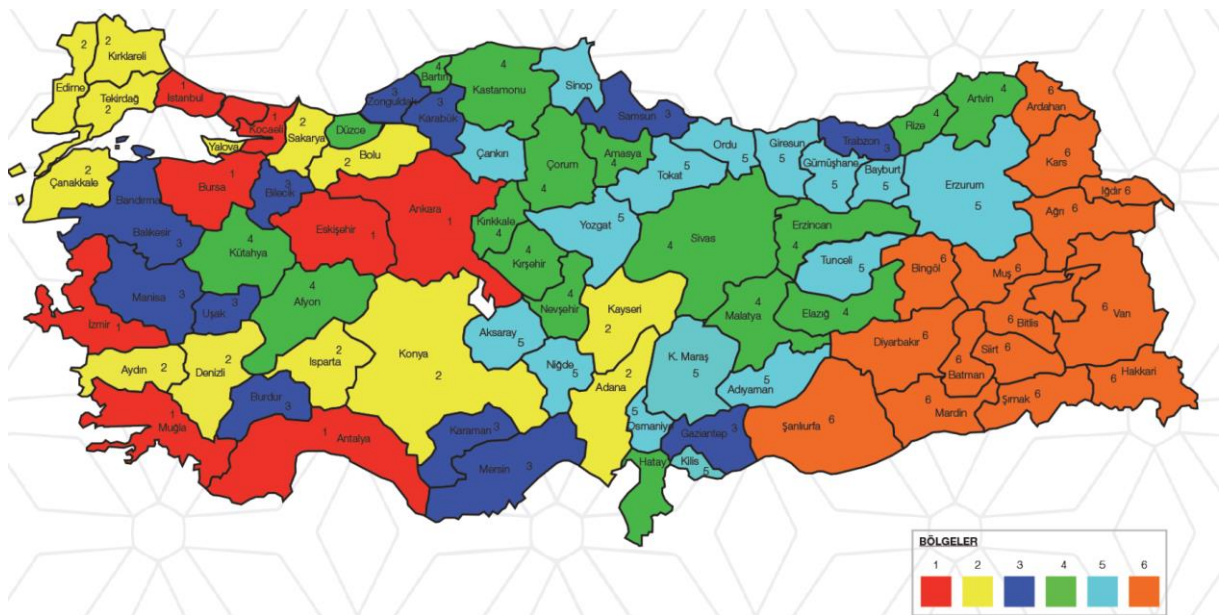
Regional Investment Incentive Practices

All provinces in Turkey are divided into 6 regions within the scope of Investment Incentive Program. According to this system, Konya is in the 2nd Region. Also, following investments benefit from a sub-region support in terms of tax reduction and social security premium support (Employer's Share):

-Investments in Organized Industrial Zones (OIZ)

-Co-investments of many companies operating in the same sector

Sectors to be supported with incentives in each province are determined depending on the competitive potential of the relevant province. There is a minimum fixed investment amount for each industry and region.



Sectors Suitable for Konya

Code	Sector Definition	Minimum Eligible Costs Konya (TL)
1	Integrated Animal Husbandry Investments	1 million
2	Fishery Production	1 million
3	Food and Beverage Production	2 million
4	Textile products manufacturing*	10 million
5	Ready made clothes manufacturing**	2 million
8	Suitcase, Handbag, Saddlery, Shoe Manufacturing, etc.	1 million
9	Wooden and Cork Products (Except Furniture)	3 million
10	Paper and Derivatives	10 million
11	Chemicals	3 million
24	Manufacture of Concrete Products for Construction	3 million
27	Base Metal Industry Except Iron and Steel	3 million
28	Metallic Products	3 million
33	Electrical Household Appliances (Those that are not listed under other categories)	3 million
38	Motorcycle and Bicycle Manufacturing	3 million
40	Furniture	3 million
41	Hotels	3-star and more
42	Dormitories	100 students
43	Cold Storage Services	1.000 m2
46	Hospital	1 million
46	Nursing Home	100 people
48	Waste recycling or disposal facilities	1 million
49	Coal Gas Production (Synthesis Gas)	50 million
50	Greenhousing	40 decares

* For a completely new investment in textile finishing

** For expansion investments more than 2 Million TL

SUPPORT ELEMENTS IN REGIONAL INVESTMENT INCENTIVE PRACTICES

INCENTIVES			KONYA	MIDDLE HIGH TECHNOLO	PRIORITY
VAT Exemption			✓	✓	✓
Customs Duty Exemption			✓	✓	✓
Land Allocation			✓	✓	✓
Interest or Profit Share Rate Support	TL	Foreign	X	4 Points	5 Points
		Foreign	X	1 Points	2 Points
Tax Reduction	Investment Contribution Rate (%)	Out of an OIZ*	20	30	40
		Inside an OIZ	25	30	40
	Discount Rate (%)	Out of an OIZ	55	70	80
		Inside an OIZ	60	70	80
Social Security Premium Support (Employer's Share)	Support Period	Out of an OIZ	3 years	6 years	7 years
		Inside an OIZ	5 years	6 years	7 years
	Investment Contribution Rate (%)	Out of an OIZ	15	25	35
		Inside an OIZ	20	25	35

*OIZ: Organized Industrial Zone

Medium High Technology Investment Subjects

According to technology density definition of Organization for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD), investments for production of products in medium-high technology class will be able to benefit from 4th Region supports regardless of the investment region.

US-97 CODE	MEDIUM-HIGH TECHNOLOGY INVESTMENT SUBJECTS
24 (Except 2423)	Manufacture of chemical substances and products (except manufacture of chemical and herbal products used in drugs/pharmacy and medicine)
29	B.Y.S. Machine and Equipment Manufacturing
3110	Electric Motor, Generator and Transformer Manufacturing
3120	Electricity Distribution and Control Devices Manufacturing
3140.0.03	Lead Acid Accumulators for Starter Piston Engines
3140.0.05	Nickel-Cadmium, Nickel-Iron and Other Electric Accumulators
3190	B.Y.S. Electrical Equipment Manufacturing
34	Motor Land Vehicle Manufacturing
352	Manufacture of Railway and Tram Locomotives and Wagons
3591	Motorcycle Manufacturing
3592.2	Disabled Carriers Manufacturing

Priority Investments

Investment incentive system defines some investment areas as "priority" and offers them regional supports given to 5th Region within the scope of Regional Investment Incentive Practices regardless of the region of the investment. If fixed investment amount is 1 billion TL or more in priority investments, tax reduction support will be implemented by adding 10 points to the investment contribution rate applicable in 5th Region.

Particularly important investment subjects to be supported by 5th Region's elements regardless of the region in which it is located, are as follows:

INVESTMENT SUBJECTS
Tourism accommodation investments
Mining, mine extraction/exploration investments
Airline-sea transportation or passenger transportation investments
Defense industry investments
Test centers, wind tunnels and similar investments
Training investments
International trade fair investments
Investments for production of products or parts developed by an R&D project
Min. 300 million TL for investments in motor vehicles sector, min. 75 million TL for motor investments and min. 20 million TL for investments in engine parts
Energy generation investments where mines specified in 4-b group of Article 2 of current mining law are used as input
Energy efficiency projects investments
Investments for electricity generation by means of waste heat recovery (except power generation plants based on natural gas)
Liquefied natural gas (LNG) investments and underground natural gas storage investments at the amount of minimum 50 million TL.
Investments for production of carbon fiber or composite materials
Investments for manufacture of products in high technology industry class
Investments for manufacture of turbine and generator for renewable energy generation and manufacture of wing used in wind energy generation
Investments for integrated flat aluminum products manufacturing
Licensed storage investments
Nuclear power plant investments
Investments for laboratory complex including research and reference laboratory, consumer safety and infectious disease reference laboratory, pharmaceutical and medical device analysis and control laboratory and experimental animal production test and research center units.
Investments for greenhouses based on automation (containing computer controlled air conditioning, irrigation, fertilization and fertilization system) containing domestic greenhouse technologies at the amount of maximum 6 million TL produced domestically on 50 decares and more except İstanbul province.
Dairy oriented integrated husbandry investments with a minimum capacity of 5.000 bovine animals and completely new and expanded meat oriented integrated husbandry investments with a minimum capacity of
Investments for waste recovery at the amount of minimum 5 million TL and/or investments for disposal facility at the amount of minimum 5 million TL.
Investments for elderly and/or disabled care villages and wellness facility within the scope of health tourism.

Program of Incentives for Project Based Investments

Ongoing investment incentive system in accordance with Decision on Government Supports for Investments number 2012/3305, generally aims at promotion of investments for increasing production and employment, encouraging regional and strategic investments, increasing international direct investments, reducing regional development differences and supporting R&D activities.

Decision number 2016/9495 on Grant of Project-Based Government Support for Investments aims to support innovative, R&D intensive and high value-added investments that will meet the critical needs of our country in the present or future, ensure supply security, reduce dependence on foreign sources, realize technological transformation on a project basis.

New project-based incentive system includes new support elements such as qualified personnel support, energy support, grant support, capital contribution, infrastructure support and allocation, permit, license, registration and permission given by law and exception for other restrictive provisions or facilitating regulation in legal and administrative processes and public purchase guarantee in addition to the existing incentive system.

Technology Oriented Industrialization Thrust Program

This program is a special program to give the focus of support and incentives provided by the Ministry of Industry and Technology and its affiliated institutions to the medium-high and high technology sectors in order to increase value added production. In the program, it is aimed to improve production capacity of the products that have critical importance for Turkey and high future potential within the country. Within this scope, it is anticipated to provide investment incentives given by the Ministry and project supports given by KOSGEB and TÜBİTAK for Priority Product List determined by considering various criteria such as reduction of import dependency by the Ministry, competition intensification, domestic production capabilities, development trend of global demand, future potential with single window mechanism. Within the scope of the Program, it is aimed to actualize investment projects that will contribute to technological development needed by our country with an end to end governance and support model.

You can visit www.hamle.gov.tr to access Priority Product List and program details.

SUPPORT ELEMENTS		REGIONS					
		1 st	2 nd	3 rd	4 th	5 th	6 th
VAT Exemption		YES					
Customs Duty Exemption		YES					
Insurance Premium Worker		7 years for high technology product					
Income Tax Withholding Support		10 years					
Investment Place Allocation		YES					
VAT Refund		YES					
Insurance Premium	Support Period	7 years					10 years
Interest or Profit Share Support	Internal Loan	10 points for high technology product production,					
	Foreign Currency / Foreign Currency Indexed Loan	2 Points					
	Maximum Amount	50 Million TL (Maximum 20%)					
Tax Reduction	Investment Contribution Ratio (%)	50%					

Strategic Investment Incentive Practices

This investment incentive application supports investments that meet the following criteria:

- Production of imported intermediate and final goods where domestic production capacity is less than import
- Minimum fixed investment amount that is 50 million TL
- If investment is not in refined oil or petrochemical production, production of minimum 40% added value

Total import value of the goods to be produced must be minimum 50 million \$ in the last one year (This can't be applied to goods that are not produced domestically).

Support Elements in Strategic Investment Incentive Practices

INCENTIVES		ALL REGIONS
VAT Exemption		✓
Customs Duty Exemption		✓
Land Allocation		✓
Social Security Premium (Employer's Share)		7 years
VAT Refund*		✓
Tax Reduction	Investment Contribution Rate	50

	Discount Rate (%)	90
Interest or Profit Share Rate Support	TL Loans	5 Points
	Foreign Currency Loans	2 Points

*For construction expenses of strategic investments that are more than 500 million TL only

Support Elements

Value Added Tax (VAT) Exemption: Within the scope of the investment incentive certificate, VAT is not paid for machines and equipment to be supplied domestically and from abroad.

Customs Duty Exemption: Within the scope of the investment incentive certificate, customs duty is not paid for machines and equipment to be supplied from abroad.

Tax Reduction: Income and corporate tax is calculated based on reduction rates until total reduced tax amount reaches investment contribution rate. Investment contribution rate refers to rate of total fixed investment amount that is subject to tax reduction.

Social Security Premium Support (Employer's Share): Social security premium worker's share calculated based on legal minimum wage for additional employment provided by the investment is covered by the state.

Interest or Profit Share Rate Support: Interest or profit share support is a financing support provided for at least one year term investment loans used within the scope of investment incentive certificate. A certain portion of the interest or dividend to be paid for the loan used up to 70% of the fixed investment amount registered in the investment incentive certificate is covered by the state provided that it is paid for maximum first five years.

Land Allocation: Investment land is allocated for investments for which investment incentive certificate is issued, in accordance with procedures and principles determined by Ministry of Environment and Urbanization depending on the availability of land.

VAT Refund: VAT collected for building-construction expenses made within the scope of strategic investments whose minimum fixed investment amount is more than 500 million TL, is refunded.

Website:

<https://tuys.sanayi.gov.tr/page.html?sayfald=ac3721d7-2cc8-427c-90ad-8a068d4dcbae&lang=tr>

SUPPORT OF THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND FORESTRY

RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT SUPPORT PROGRAM

Name of the Support

Research and Development Support Program

Subject/Purpose/Target

The aim of the program is to support the development of knowledge and technologies in priority issues that the agricultural sector needs, with projects prepared by universities, TUBITAK R&D units, non-governmental and professional organizations and the private sector in order to transfer these knowledge and technologies to farmers and agricultural industrialists.

Who can apply

- a) Universities.
- b) TÜBİTAK R&D units.
- c) Civil society and professional organizations.
- ç) Private sector (capital companies, except sole proprietorships and ordinary partnerships).

Institutions / Organizations to Apply	Priority Subject Groups
Universities and TUBITAK R&D units	I. Group
Civil society and professional organizations	I. Group
Private sector (Private companies and capital companies excluding ordinary partnerships)	I. and II. Group

Support type

Non-refundable

Support amount

- a) The Ministry's upper limit of support for Group I Priority Issues is 300.000 TL per project.
- b) II. The upper limit of the Ministry support for Group Priority Issues is 1.000.000 TL per project.

1st Group Priority R&D Topics
Determination of combat methods of citrus long-antenna beetle <i>Anoplophora chinensis</i> .
Development of artificial intelligence-based prediction warning models in important plant disease, pest and weed control
Development of rootstocks suitable for in-vitro reproduction and development of new varieties in apricot and pistachio
Development of drought-resistant outdoor ornamental plant varieties
Development of portable devices to determine pre-harvest pesticide residue levels in fruit and vegetables
Developing and expanding varieties that are resistant / tolerant to abiotic and biotic stress factors and suitable for market demands by using advanced technologies in sunflower, cotton, sugar beet, corn, green lentil and bean plants
Medicinal aromatic plants and dye plant studies for industrial integration
Breeding studies on sea bass, bream and trout
Development of breeding systems and technologies for increasing yield in livestock and aquaculture
Organic, organomineral and bio-fertilizer production from local sources
Evaluation of liquid fermented product from biogas plants as fertilizer
Meteorological data processing and model development with meteorological stations placed on ships
Studies to increase agricultural productivity in climate change adaptation efforts
The use of semiconductor nanocrystals in greenhouse cultivation
In agricultural water management; developing new techniques and technologies in water quality, irrigation system materials and drainage studies
Investigation of the usability of olive black water and pomace in food industry
Ensuring that materials supplied from abroad such as analytical standards and reference materials used in food and feed analysis and proficiency tests are produced in our country
Production and commercialization of alternative vegetable protein extracts by local means
Gelatin production for the food industry from animal sources
Farming Economy
Development of policy recommendations on the determination of waste and losses at the stages of production, marketing of agricultural products and until reaching the end consumer, developing and reducing the identification methodology on a national basis
Determination of sustainable agricultural business size on a regional basis
Impact analysis of the Ministry's R&D Support Program
Group 2 Priority R&D Topics
Production and licensing of commercial forms of biopesticides against harmful organisms in cultivated plants by developing locally
Development of endemic geophyte species (Galantamine-containing endemic geophyte species and / or Colchicum species) that can be considered as pharmaceutical raw materials, and production of commercial products such as pharmaceutical and / or pharmaceutical raw materials from these developed species

Development of domestic mycelium production for trade in exotic mushroom species found naturally in our country (such as Morel, Oyster, Shitake, Çaçır, Ear, Reishi, Truf mushroom)
Developing new varieties using local winter vegetable (cauliflower, beetroot, celery, spinach, carrot, lettuce) or minor vegetable gene sources
Development and optimization of indoor crop production technologies
Development of remote sensing and artificial intelligence-based systems in determination of crop production areas and yield estimation
Developing systems to reduce the impact of geothermal energy facilities on agricultural production and the environment
Development of systems for analysis / measurement and reduction of greenhouse gas emissions in agriculture and animal husbandry
Development of low carbon production technologies that reduce greenhouse gases emitted to the atmosphere in agriculture
Development of appropriate methods for the use of olive black water and pirin in agriculture
Developing precision agriculture technologies
Development of self propelled spraying machine (24 or 32 meters) in agricultural struggle
Development of domestic harvesting machines
Development of in-barn automation, robotic systems and software in animal husbandry
Development of live / inactive vaccine for production under GMP conditions against the genotypes common in our country for Newcastle disease in poultry (At least 1000 doses of pilot production)
Development of an inactive rabies vaccine against rabies under GMP conditions (pilot production of at least 1000 doses)
Development of an inactive vaccine for production under GMP conditions against West Nile Virus disease of horses (At least 1000 doses of pilot production)
Development and production of synchronization hormones used in animal husbandry by local means
Production and optimization of metal-amino acid chelates, organic minerals, vitamins as food and feed additives
To reveal the physicochemical properties of highland honeys
Production of enzymes and products needed in the field of food and feed on a commercial scale by microbiological means.
Development of offshore (50 m. Depth) cage technologies for fish breeding in the Black Sea

Budget / Expenditure Items	Group I Ministry Support Upper Limit (TL)	Group II Ministry Support Upper Limit (TL)	Explanation
MACHINE-EQUIPMENT (Total purchases of tools, machinery, ready-made software / software and hardware)	150.000	500.000	The total of machinery and equipment budget items cannot exceed the upper limit specified by groups. Ready software / program purchases in the said item cannot exceed the upper limit specified by groups.
	15.000	15.000	

Ready software / program purchases			
SERVICE PROCUREMENT	Supported to the extent required by the Research Project	Supported to the extent required by the Research Project	Although there is no upper limit for the total of the service procurement budget item, it cannot exceed the upper limit specified by groups for the expenditure items given on the right.
Rental fees of agricultural tools and equipment (Tractors, combines, seeders, plows, spraying machines and similar agricultural tools and equipment required to be used in the project)	50.000	50.000	
Survey service purchases	75.000	75.000	
Trial, analysis and similar service procurement	100.000	100.000	
Software service procurement	50.000	50.000	
Design service procurement	20.000	20.000	
Maintenance and repair fees for devices, equipment and similar materials used in the project in the executing institution / project partner institution	50.000	50.000	
Maintenance and repair expenses of greenhouses and similar structures	20.000*	20.000*	
Vehicle rental expenses (excluding fuel)	50.000	50.000	
CONSUMPTION	Supported to the extent required by the Research Project	Supported to the extent required by the Research Project	The materials that are necessary for the execution of the project and that will be used and consumed in the project are written. Although there is no upper limit for the total of consumable budget items, consumable expenditure items written in quantities

			that can be used for commercial production are not supported.
TRAVEL (Total including domestic travel expenses and participation to meetings, conferences, symposiums and similar organizations related to the project subject)	50.000	50.000	The total costs of transportation, accommodation, daily expenses, and participation in meetings, conferences, symposiums and similar organizations related to the project subject (including transportation, participation fee, accommodation and food costs) are within the limit of 50.000 TL for domestic travel. . In case of car rental, the related expenses should be shown in the service purchase item, not in the travel item.
Meetings, conferences, symposiums and similar projects related to the subject of the project in the country expenses for participating in organizations (including transportation, participation fee, accommodation and food costs)	5.000	5.000	

* Within the scope of the project, the total amount of the materials to be used in the greenhouse, taken from the maintenance and repair expenses of the greenhouse and similar structures, should not exceed 20,000 TL.

Support Rate

Institution / Organizations to Apply	Support Rate (Maximum)
Universities and TUBITAK R&D units	% 100
Civil society and professional organizations	% 70
Private sector (sole proprietorships and capital companies excluding ordinary partnerships)	% 70

Support items

- a) Except for those with a size and capacity for commercial production; tool, machinery, equipment, software and hardware purchases.
- b) Rental fees of agricultural tools and equipment (Tractors, combines, seeders, plows, spraying machines and similar agricultural tools and equipment required for the execution of the project).
- c) Purchases of consumables, excluding those in quantities that can be commercially produced
- ç) Purchase of feed, seed, medicine, fertilizer and similar inputs in the amount and extent required by the research.
- d) Service procurement expenses required for survey, testing, analysis, econometric modeling, design and similar projects.
- e) Maintenance and repair fees for devices, equipment, greenhouses and similar materials used in the project, except for buildings such as buildings and laboratories.
- f) Registration, patent and certification fees.
- g) Domestic travel expenses.
- ğ) Vehicle rentals.
- h) Shipping costs.
- ı) Expenses for participation in meetings, conferences, symposiums and similar organizations related to the project subject (including transportation, participation fee, accommodation and food costs) in the country.

Ineligible costs

- a) All kinds of capital usage costs, promotional material, marketing and commercial advertising expenses.
- b) Project preparation, application and contract expenses, development and final reports and their printing expenses.
- c) Expenses to be made to transform the results of the project into commercial applications, excluding registration, patent and certification expenses.
- ç) Among those specified in the expenditures to be supported from the support program budget, excluding the capacity / quantities required by the research project, large capacity / amount of tools, equipment, animals (cows, sheep, goats, buffalo, chicken and the like) and consumables (feed, seed, medicine, fertilizer and the like) purchases.
- d) Purchase of agricultural tools and equipment (tractor, combine harvester, seeder, plow, spraying machine, etc.).
- e) Heating, lighting, communication and water expenses.
- f) Construction and infrastructure expenses are not paid.

- g) Scholarships, salaries and similar fees to be paid to personnel who are or are not included in the project.
- ğ) Labor fees.
- h) Consultancy and training fees.
- ı) Financial service costs such as money order, insurance, bank costs.
- i) Building / land purchases and leases,
- j) Vehicle purchase.
- k) Items financed from another funding source.
- l) Expenses related to organizations such as workshops, fairs, promotions and meetings.
- m) Travel abroad including the Turkish Republic of Northern Cyprus.
- n) Computer, camera, printer, camera, external memory, telephone, projector and similar purchases.
- o) Expenses not related to the project.

Method of payment

There is no prepayment.

Application time

Priority issues for which the final decision has been made by the Board, once in each calendar year, is announced by the secretariat on the TAGEM website and a project call is made.

Application process

Applications are carried out online.

Application evaluation

The Board evaluates projects that are successful in the pre-evaluation according to the following criteria.

- a) Compliance of the project with the needs and priority of the agricultural sector.
- b) R&D nature of the project.
- c) The width of the target audience expected to benefit from the project outputs.
- ç) The problem-solving nature of the project in production / agricultural industry / marketing and export.
- d) Feasibility of the project (Project team, infrastructure, etc.).
- e) Whether the project outputs are concrete and measurable.

- f) Applicability of the project outputs.
- g) Realism of the budget requested in the project.

General conditions

Applications for the support program are made only within the project application period.

Project application is made with the cover letter of the executive institution.

Universities, TUBITAK R&D units, non-governmental and professional organizations, and private sector (capital companies, excluding private companies and ordinary partnerships) can apply to the support program.

Real persons, sole proprietorships and ordinary partnerships cannot apply for a project.

Partnership is mandatory for project applications. (Except for projects to be applied for from priority issues in the field of agricultural economy)

The project manager must have at least a master's degree and a Turkish citizen. (Except for preparatory classes, those who graduated from faculties with at least five years of undergraduate education are considered to have completed a master's degree.)

The executive institutions can apply from the priority topics within the priority subject groups to which they can submit projects.

Project coordinators cannot be an executive in a new project until the final report of their ongoing project within the scope of the support program is approved by the Board.

A project supported by another institution / organization cannot be applied.

The project supported by the Ministry cannot be supported by any other institution / organization.

The short CV of each of the project director and assistant researchers and the list of their main publications should be included in the project form annex.

Proforma invoice, offer letter and similar documents regarding the amounts of the project expenses, excluding the travel item, must be attached to the project form.

Budget tables in the project form should be filled in accordance with the proforma, offer letter and similar documents, and should not be left blank. (The amounts obtained by converting into TL over the effective sales rates of the CBRT on the date of regulation in proforma, the amount of which is a foreign currency, must be written in TL in the budget tables of the project, and must be shown with calculation on the proforma.)

All signatures on the acceptance commitment statements page in the project form must be completed. The signatures of the project coordinator and the supervisor / supervisors (rector / president / director and the like) who are authorized to represent the project partner / executive institution and who are authorized to sign, approve and send the project must be completed.

Copies of the project form (in word format) and its annexes must be attached to the project form in a CD.

The blind (word format) copy of the project form must be attached to the project form in a separate CD.

Special conditions

Universities and TUBITAK R&D units	<p>It can apply to the priority topics in the priority group I group.</p> <p>It is compulsory to have a project partnership with at least one private sector for projects other than those to be applied for, which are among the priority issues in the field of agricultural economy.</p>
Private sector (sole proprietorships and capital companies excluding ordinary partnerships)	<p>I. and II. The group can refer to the priority topics in the priority topic group.</p> <p>Institutions / organizations with ongoing projects cannot apply for a project within the scope of a new call before their project results are approved by the Board.</p> <p>During the same project application period, only one project can be applied as the executive institution.</p> <p>It is obligatory to make a project partnership with at least one of the institutes for other projects, except for projects to be applied for in economy priority issues.</p> <p>Private sector organizations whose turnover is at least the amount of support requested from the Ministry in the previous year of the year in which they applied for the project (except for sole proprietorships and ordinary partnerships, capital companies) can apply for the support program. (These companies are required to submit a document from the tax office showing the annual net sales amount (turnover).) Indicates that the executive institution or the project partner institution has the physical infrastructure (building, laboratory and production-related machinery and equipment) that can carry out the project and commercialize its output, excluding agricultural economy issues. must submit fixture records and photographs, if any.</p> <p>The private sector has to submit the Trade Registry Gazette record and a copy of the signature circular attached to the project application form.</p>

Civil society and professional organizations	<p>It can apply to the priority topics in the priority group I group.</p> <p>During the same project application period, only one project can be applied as the executive institution.</p> <p>Institutions / organizations with ongoing projects cannot apply for a project within the scope of a new call before the final reports of their projects are accepted by the board.</p> <p>It is obligatory to make a project partnership with at least one of the institutes for other projects, except for projects to be applied for in economy priority issues.</p> <p>The inventory records and photographs of the executing institution or the project partner institution must be submitted, if any, showing that they have the physical infrastructure (building, laboratory and production-related machinery and equipment) that can carry out the project and commercialize the outputs, excluding agricultural economy issues.</p>
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Website:

<https://www.tarimorman.gov.tr/TAGEM/Menu/7/Ar-Ge-Destek-Programi>

SUPPORTS OF MINISTRY OF COMMERCE

GLOBAL SUPPLY CHAIN SUPPORT

Name of the Support

Supporting Market Penetration Certificates-Global Supply Chain (KTZ) Competency Project Support

Subject/Purpose/Target

It is aimed to support certification processes of foreign market penetration certificates obtained by companies in order to comply with technical legislation regarding environment, quality and human health and expenses made for increasing intermediate goods production and export competencies in order to ensure their inclusion in global supply chain as more effective suppliers.

Who can apply

Companies engaged in industrial and/or commercial activities in Turkey can apply.

Support type

Non-refundable

Support amount

- Support which is up to maximum 250.000 USD is given annually per company for Market Penetration Certificates. Annual 250.000 USD upper limit per company is calculated based on applications made within a calendar year.
- Companies' expenses stated in the project within the scope of Global Supply Chain Competency Project are supported up to 1.000.000 USD.

Support Rate

50%

Support Period

For Market Penetration Certificates: Support does not have time period. Applications must be made within 6 (six) months from the date of issue of Market Penetration Document.

For Global Supply Chain Competency Project: 2 years

Support items

Purchase expenses regarding documents specified in List of Market Penetration Certificates within the scope of Support are supported.

Expenses regarding development activities within the scope of inclusion in Global Supply Chain are supported.

Eligible costs

Market Penetration Certificates Support

- a) Application and document review expenses
- b) Certification audit expenses
- c) Certificate usage fees for the first year
- ç) Test/analysis report expenses
- d) Compulsory Registration Fees
- e) Health/security certificate fee for agricultural products analysis
- f) Accreditation fee for agricultural products analysis

Global Supply Chain (KTZ) Competency Projects

- a) Machine, Equipment, Hardware Purchase
- b) Foreign Office-Warehouse Expenses
- c) Software Purchase
- ç) Training, Consultancy and Customer Visits
- d) Certification, Test/Analysis, Product Verification Expenses

Ineligible costs

- a) Training and consultancy services
- b) Travel expenses
- c) Supervision fee
- d) Inspection fees for agricultural products

Method of payment

Application is made to affiliated exporters' association within 6 months after making expenses approved by the Ministry. Expenses (including indirect taxes) in the documents submitted for payment are paid in Turkish Lira (TL). The ones in foreign currency are paid from Support and Price Stabilization Fund in USD equivalent TL based on cross rates and exchange buying rates specified in the List of Indicative Exchange Rates Announced by the Central Bank of Turkey on the date of proof of payment.

Application time

Program is always active.

Application process

Support applications are made to İBGS (General Secretariat of Exporters' Associations) of which they are members within 6 (six) months from the date of issue of market penetration certificate subject to support together with documents specified in the list of documents required for application. While calculating 6 (six)-month period, İBGS documents entry date is taken as a basis.

KTZ Competency Project support applications are made to the Ministry with necessary documents. After the Ministry inspects it on-site, approval is given to the company following special meeting in the Ministry. Expenses are made following approval. After the expenses, proof of payment is submitted by project owner suppliers to affiliated İBGS within 6 (six) months at the latest as of the date of issue together with documents required to be submitted for KTZ support payments. While calculating 6 (six)-month period, İBGS documents entry date is taken as a basis.

Application evaluation

Applications submitted to the Ministry are examined in terms of content, form and integrity. In preliminary examination study conducted for submitted documents, company's current production competence and development potential, financial performance, information systems management, organization and human resources are examined. In addition to the preliminary examination study, Ministry officials may examine applicant supplier on-site when deemed necessary. Provision period of missing documents related to the project application file is 3 (three) months from the date of notification of the missing documents determined by the Ministry to the supplier. Ministry evaluates each of the activities in the project together with competence of the project. Ministry can completely or partially approve or reject the activities presented. Projects and activities that are found appropriate are included in the scope of the support and notified to the supplier and İBGS of which the supplier is a member.

General conditions

Companies that benefit from the supports within the scope of this Decision can't benefit from the same supports provided by other public institutions and organizations.

Special conditions

Expenses of companies within the scope of this Decision are also evaluated within the scope of support if these expenses are made over the companies with which they have organic bonds with at least 51% shareholding.

Website:

<https://ticaret.gov.tr/destekler/ihracat-destekleri/teblig-bazinda-destek-mevzuati/2014-8-sayili-pazara-giris-belgelerinin-desteklenmesine-iliskin-karar>

DESIGN AND PRODUCT SUPPORT

Name of the Support

Design Support

Subject/Purpose/Target

It is a support for promotion, advertising, marketing, employment, consultancy expenses to be made by designer companies/design offices and cooperation institutions in order to ensure establishment and extensification of design and innovation culture in Turkey and expenses related to design and product development projects that companies will carry out to develop high value added products for foreign markets and expenses related to the units they will open abroad.

Who can apply

Cooperation institutions, designer companies, design offices and companies established within the framework of provisions of Turkish Commercial Code.

Support type

Non-refundable

Support amount

Supporting Designer Companies

For the purpose of recognition and branding of designer companies abroad;

a) Promotion expenses that they will make abroad and stated in the Circular, are supported by 50% and at the amount of maximum 300.000 USD annually,

b) Overseas units’;

1) Installation/decoration expenses and concept architectural works are supported by 50% and at the amount of maximum 100.000 USD annually,

2) Gross rent expenses and consultancy expenses related to renting these units and tax/duty/fee expenses are supported by 50% and at the amount of maximum 200.000 USD annually,

c) Expenses related to patent, utility model and industrial design registration and expenses related to registration, renewal and protection of trademarks abroad are supported by 50% and at the amount of maximum 50.000 USD annually,

ç) Gross salary expenses of employed designers and styler are supported by 50% and at the amount of maximum 150.000 USD annually,

d) Expenses related to consultancies stated in the Circular and they will receive in order to increase competitive advantage in international markets are supported by 50% and at the amount of maximum 200.000 USD annually.

Supporting Design Offices

For the purpose of recognition and branding of design offices abroad;

a) Promotion expenses that they will make abroad and stated in the Circular, are supported by 50% and at the amount of maximum 150.000 USD annually,

b) Units they will open abroad;

1) Installation/decoration expenses and concept architectural works are supported by 50% and at the amount of maximum 50.000 USD annually,

2) Gross rent expenses and consultancy expenses related to renting these units and tax/duty/fee expenses are supported by 50% and at the amount of maximum 100.000 USD annually,

c) Expenses related to patent, utility model and industrial design registration and expenses related to registration, renewal and protection of trademarks abroad are supported by 50% and at the amount of maximum 50.000 USD annually,

ç) Gross salary expenses of employed designers and stylists are supported by 50% and at the amount of maximum 200.000 USD annually,

d) Expenses related to consultancies stated in the Circular and they will receive in order to increase competitive advantage in international markets are supported by 50% and at the amount of maximum 100.000 USD annually.

Supporting Cooperation Institutions

(1) Expenses related to visual and written promotion to be made for the purpose of establishment and extensification of design culture of cooperation institutions and promotion, marketing and branding of Turkish designers and their products in domestic and international markets, expenses related to exhibitions, bienals, design fair and design contest participations and organizations and expenses related to these activities' promotion, advertising and marketing are supported by 50% and at the amount of maximum 300.000 USD per project.

(2) All of the annual overseas education expenses of maximum 60 designers coming in design competitions organized by the cooperation institutions and maximum 1.500 USD monthly living expenses of them to be covered by cooperation institutions are supported for a maximum of two years.

Supporting Design and Product Development Projects

- a) Gross salaries of employed designers, stylists and engineers are supported at the amount of maximum 1.000.000 USD in total,
- b) Tool, equipment, material and software expenses are supported at the amount of maximum 250.000 USD in total,
- c) Travel and website registration expenses are supported at the amount of maximum 150.000 USD in total,
by 50% on a project basis.

(1) Maximum one project of a company is supported.

(2) Maximum two of the employed designers can be foreigners.

Expenses of companies operating in ship and yacht sector for design services that they will receive from companies located in Turkey supported for maximum 5 years by 50% at the amount of maximum 200.000 USD per year.

Other

Expenses of companies operating in ship and yacht sector for design services that they will receive from companies located in Turkey supported for maximum 5 years by 50% at the amount of maximum 200.000 USD per year.

Support Rate

50%

Support Period

There are different support periods in different support groups.

Eligible costs

Supporting Designer Companies and Design Offices

Within the scope of promotion activities, transportation expenses for participating in conferences, congresses, panels and seminars are supported provided that they are limited to economy class airplane, train, ship and bus ticket prices.

Supporting Expenses Related to Overseas Units

In order for the designer company and design offices to benefit from rent support, leaser and leasee company mustn't be related parties and rented place mustn't be used as a residence. Leasing service received by designer company and designer office within the scope of the support from the company's own dealer/representative is not considered within the scope of the support.

In order for installation/decoration expenses related to foreign units to be supported, rent expenses must be within the scope of the support.

Gross rent expenses for aisle, shelf, shop in shop, kiosk, floor display, sales area allocated for product display frame rented regarding their branded products included in the scope of support in showroom/department store/markets where different brands are sold, municipal expenses, commissions, concept architectural work expenses and appropriate site research and legal consultancy expenses for renting and installation/decoration expenses related to these units are supported. Basic rent expenses including mandatory taxes, are supported within the scope of gross rent.

Expenses to be made by overseas units of designer companies and design offices within the scope of the support for signboard showing the brand and logo, shutter system, camera security system, security system for products, alarm system, floor and wall coverings, plasterboard/drywall/paint/whitewash, lighting system and materials, central, immovable ventilation system, shelf and cabinet showcase, assembly/disassembly labor expenses, profile hanger are supported within the scope of fixture/decoration expenses.

Supporting Patent, Utility Model, Industrial Design and Trademark Registration Expenses

Design companies' and design offices' brands';

- a) All necessary expenses for registration and renewal of the registration abroad (brand-patent bureau service, consultancy expenses, research and review expenses to be made regarding whether the trademark is registered in the name of another company in that country),
- b) All expenses related to protection of trademarks registered abroad (telephone, fax, attorney fees),
- c) All expenses made in Turkey and abroad regarding patent, utility model and industrial design registration (telephone, fax, attorney fees)

Supporting Designer and Styler Expenses

Gross wages of designers and styler authorized to spend and employed by the company in Turkey or abroad are supported.

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Consultancy Support

Consultancy services purchased from corporations, consultants that have capacity to provide consultancy services and that are real and legal persons who are not related and that are authorized to act legally in accordance with the provisions of the legislation in force although they are not legal entity

Supporting Cooperation Institutions

Expenses to be made related to design competitions to be organized by cooperation institutions

Supporting Design and Product Development Projects

Support is given for gross wages of designer/styler/engineer authorized to spend and employed by the company in Turkey or abroad and company whose design and product development project is found appropriate

Employer's premium and overtime, social relief, bonus, premiums and other benefits are not considered within the scope of gross wage.

Gross wages that are paid to designer/styler/engineer partners and other similar payments are not considered within the scope of the support.

Ineligible costs**Supporting Designer Companies and Design Offices**

Within the scope of promotion activities,

Accommodation expenses,

Shipping costs of promotion materials,

Turkish promotion expenses,

Domestic promotion expenses,

Expenses related to promotion broadcasted in media organs in Turkish abroad are not supported.

Supporting Designer and Styler Expenses

Gross wages that are paid to designer partners and other similar payments are not considered within the scope of the support.

Employers' premium and overtime, social relief, bonus, premium and other benefits are not supported for designers and styler benefiting from employment support.

Supporting Designer and Styler Expenses

Gross wages that are paid to designer partners and other similar payments are not considered within the scope of the support.

Employers' premium and overtime, social relief, bonus, premium and other benefits are not supported for designers and styler benefiting from employment support.

Consultancy Support

Transportation and accommodation expenses made within the scope of consultancy service are not considered within the scope of the support.

Ministry may request report from the company within the scope of support for the suitability of the consultancy services received in terms of current value and content and these reports will be obtained from experts, expert or specialized institutions/organizations determined by the Ministry. Expenses regarding the report are not considered within the scope of the support.

Supporting Design and Product Development Projects

Employer's premium and overtime, social relief, bonus, premiums and other benefits are not considered within the scope of gross wage.

Gross wages that are paid to designer/styler/engineer partners and other similar payments are not considered within the scope of the support.

Method of payment

By taking "proof of payment" of expense documents as a basis, it is submitted by designer companies, design offices within maximum twelve months and by companies within maximum six months to İBSG of which they are members and it is submitted by cooperation institutions within maximum six months directly to the Ministry.

Application time

Applications are always open.

Application process

Designer Companies and Design Offices

Designer companies and design offices must apply to Turkish Exporters Assembly (TİM) General Secretariat (Secretariat TURQUALITY®). Application form and attached documents are submitted to the Ministry by General Secretariat of TİM.

Cooperation Institutions

Cooperation institutions must apply to the Ministry with their activity based projects containing budget. Cooperation institutions must submit their applications to the Ministry by the end of December every year if there are also activities related to organizing design competitions in their projects.

Companies Operating in Ship and Yacht Sector with Design and Product Development Projects

Companies operating in ship and yacht sector with design and product development projects
It applies to the general secretariat of exporters union of which it is a member together with project application form and attached documents to be forwarded to the ministry.

Application evaluation

Designer Companies and Design Offices

As a result of the final examination carried out by the Ministry by taking consultation opinion of the Design Support Committee in order to determine levels of designer companies and design offices that have been determined to meet conditions as a result of preliminary examination of the documents submitted by Designer Companies and Design Offices in the fields of

- a) Strategic planning (Business plans),
- b) Brand Management,
- c) Marketing, customer and trade management,
- d) Design process management (Information systems management is evaluated within this scope),
- e) Organization and human resources

It is determined whether they are taken within the scope of the support relevant designer company and the design office are informed.

Cooperation Institutions

If cooperation organizations apply to the Ministry with their activity based projects including budget and if deemed necessary, project should be included in the scope of support by the Ministry after evaluations to be made by taking consultation opinion of the Design Support Committee.

Cooperation institutions must submit their applications to the Ministry by the end of December every year if there are also activities related to organizing design competitions in their projects. Ministry

determines design competitions to be supported for the next calendar year as a result of the evaluation it will make regarding all applications.

Companies Operating in Ship and Yacht Sector with Design and Product Development Projects

During preliminary examination to be made by the Ministry, following issues are determined;

- a) Companies' current design competence and development potential,
- b) Top management's level of ownership for the project,
- c) Qualification of the project team
- a) Their competence in their fields
- b) Appropriateness of the project budget for the company's financial structure
- c) Whether project is directly related to design and product development.

After completion of the preliminary examination, Ministry determines whether project of the applicant company is included in the scope of the support within the framework of the preliminary examination report and, if necessary, by considering consultation opinion of the Design Support Committee related to the subject.

Website:

<https://ticaret.gov.tr/destekler/ihracat-destekleri/tasarim-destegi>

SUPPORTS OF TÜBİTAK

1501- SUPPORT PROGRAM FOR INDUSTRIAL RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT

Name of the Support:

1501- Support Program for Industrial Research And Development

Subject/Purpose/Target:

Support is given for R&D projects that are carried out regarding production of a new product in all sectors and technology areas, development, improvement of an existing product, raising product quality or standard or development of new cost decreasing techniques, new production technologies. With the program, it is aimed to support project-based research-technology development and innovation activities of small and medium-sized enterprises (SME).

Who can apply:

Only enterprises in the nature of SME can apply for the program.

Representative offices and branches of limited liability companies that are located in Turkey and whose legal and business headquarters are located abroad, foundations, associations and their commercial enterprises, cooperatives, unions, sole proprietorships and ordinary partnerships can't make application within the scope of this program.

Support type:

Non-refundable

Support amount

There is no budget limit in the program.

Support rate:

Support rate for each period of the project is fixed and it is 75%. Additional 15 points in case of domestic product.

Support period:

Projects are supported by being monitored by auditor(s) in six-month periods. Support period is maximum thirty six (36) months on a project basis.

Support item:

- a) Staff costs,
- b) Within the scope of travel expenses of the project staff; expenses regarding intercity and international economy class transportation by airplane, train, bus, ship,
- c) Tool, equipment, software and publishing purchase expenses,
- d) Material and consumable expenses,
- e) Domestic and international consultancy services and other service procurement expenses,
- f) Expenses regarding R&D services gotten from universities in Turkey, R&D units affiliated to TÜBİTAK, private sector R&D enterprises and similar R&D institutions and enterprises.
- g) Feasibility report costs (up to 20.000 TL)

Ineligible costs:

- Value Added Tax
- Contract costs
- Amortizations
- Promotion, distribution and advertising/marketing expenses
- Patent, utility model, industrial design, geographical indication and trademark registration expenses
- Labor and transportation expenses of staff working
- Accommodation expenses
- Fuel expenses
- Shipping within the city (excluding shipping from customs and ports) and mail expenses
- Rent a car expenses in travels
- Office machines, stationery expenses
- Heating, lighting, electricity, communication expenses
- Office, warehouse, stand rent expenses
- Construction and installation expenses

Method of payment:

Payment is made as non-refundable in the form of post-financing.

In the program, prepayment can be made provided that twenty five percent (25%) of the project's total estimated budget and 2.000.000 TL of limit are not exceeded.

However, for projects with project budget that is 100.000000 TL (one hundred million Turkish Liras) and above, upper limit of 2.000.000.-TL (Two million Turkish Liras) is not applied for each transfer payment to be made within the scope of the project.

Application time:

Applications are received by call during the year.

Application process:

Project applications for the support program can only be made electronically through online application (Project Evaluation and Monitoring System - PRODİS) by visiting <http://eteydeb.tubitak.gov.tr>. Project applications must be made in line with the information and explanations in the relevant address.

After preliminary information of the project is entered in PRODİS, Project Pre-Registration Form produced by the system is taken and sent to TÜBİTAK with its annexes. After pre-registration is approved by TÜBİTAK, online project application is made and technical expert of the project is appointed.

Application evaluation:

Project proposals are evaluated according to the following three dimensions:

1st Dimension: Industrial R&D Content, Technology Level, Innovative Aspect (35%)

2nd Dimension: Appropriateness of the Project Plan and Establishment Infrastructure to the Project (23%)

3rd Dimension: Transformation of Project Outputs into Economic Benefit and National Earnings (42%)

Projects are reported to TÜBİTAK after they are evaluated by referees who are expert in their fields by visiting the companies. Final decision is made based on the evaluation reports after projects are evaluated by relevant technology group executive committee.

In determining the projects to be supported, the outputs and effects of previous supported projects (if any) and attempts of benefiting from alternative non-public fund sources (especially the applications made to the EU Framework Programs) of companies will be considered. If project is in prioritized areas, it will be taken into consideration as well. The “commercialization performance” additional score will have a high weight in evaluation process. In order to make sure that the project gets the deserved score, it is important to provide information about all previously completed TUBİTAK projects and commercial gains obtained from these projects with numeric values.

One or more of the following objectives will be taken into consideration during the evaluation phase:

- Increasing the company's capacity to develop technological products or processes for the international market.
- Transforming solution suggestions targeting customer needs or market void into a commercial prototype
- Conducting joint project studies of SMEs operating in the same or different fields
- Project development in cooperation with the university
- Product and technology development in high technology fields

General conditions:

Organizations can make joint project proposal application. Joint project application is submitted in the form of a single project application. Activities and budgets of organizations in the project must be prepared for each organization.

Organizations that will make joint project application do not have to become partners.

If organization applying for the project purchases R&D service from another organization and this service constitutes an important part of the project, organizations may be asked to make joint project application or to make separate project application at the same time in order to evaluate and monitor all R&D activities in the project.

Projects to be supported are expected to include all or some of the following activities:

- a) Concept development,
- b) Technological/technical and economic feasibility studies,
- c) Laboratory and similar studies included in transition process from developed concept to design,
- d) Design, design application and design verification studies,
- e) Prototype production,
- f) Installation of the pilot plant,
- g) Test production and type tests,
- h) Solution activities for design problems encountered in field tests.

Special conditions:

- If all or some of the outputs (technology, product, process, module, method, software, data, report, etc.) targeted in the project proposal have been promised to a public institution or organization in return for its price by the organization applying for the project on the project start date and before, its project proposal is not evaluated.
- Organizations can benefit from other supports provided by public institutions for the projects they apply for. Between start and end dates of the project support, non-refundable supports provided by other public sources must be stated in the proposals and/or support applications. Moreover, benefit gained by the Project from international supports doesn't prevent it from being supported within the framework of these implementation principles.

- Within the scope of the call, priority is given to the projects in technology areas specified in the link in the section named "Special Conditions for Call". You can reach list of priority areas from the link below:
https://www.tubitak.gov.tr/sites/default/files/289/tubitak_cp2020_son.pdf
- For the call of 2020/2 please see:
https://www.tubitak.gov.tr/sites/default/files/18842/1501-cagri_duyurusu_2020-2_v2_30temmuz2020toplanti.pdf

Website:

<https://tubitak.gov.tr/tr/destekler/sanayi/ulusal-destek-programlari/icerik-1501-tubitak-sanayi-ar-ge-projeleri-destekleme-programi>

1501 2021-1. Call

Name of the Support:

1501-Industry R&D Support Program 1st Call for 2021

Subject/Purpose/Target:

Within the scope of this call, Small and Medium Enterprises (SME) scale organizations with projects, companies;

- Increasing international competitiveness and export capacities,
- Acquisition of competitive domestic technologies in technologies that are dependent on abroad
- Development of technological products with strong commercialization potential
- Gaining the competence to do joint R&D and innovation projects,
- Supporting project-based research - technology development and innovation activities,
- It is aimed to gain the competence to carry out R&D and innovation projects in cooperation with universities.

Who can apply:

Only SMEs can apply to the program.

R&D projects that will increase the technological competitiveness of the company will be supported in the fields of a new product design and development work in all sectors and technology fields, improvement of an existing product, product quality or development of new techniques and new production technologies with a cost-reducing nature.

Application time:

Call Calendar for 1501	
Call Opening Date	4.01.2021
Pre-Registration Deadline	12.02.2021
Call Closing Date	4.03.2021

Application evaluation:

1. The referee evaluation process of projects whose preliminary evaluation is deemed appropriate is started.
2. If the following critical determinations are made, the project is rejected without taking the technological competence assessment (without starting the peer assessment process).

- All R&D activities in the project were completed by the organization before the project application, and there is no technical / technological problem that the organization has to solve.
- The organization does not contribute to R&D studies. R&D studies in the project will be carried out by the service provider.
- The project output has no technical / technological / legal / legal possibility to be made, used or turned into an industrial application.
- It is an investment-intensive project aimed at establishing a project production infrastructure.
- As of the project application date, there is no project staff member of the company who has at least a bachelor's degree related to the project subject.
 - o Employees who have a bachelor's degree in a field different from the project subject will also take into account the adequacy of their experiences if they present their experiences with the project subject in their CV
- The project proposal was previously submitted to TÜBİTAK Support Programs and was rejected. The project was presented again without changing the grounds for rejection of the previously submitted project.
- The information presented in the project proposal is insufficient to evaluate the project, limited information is provided.

3. After the referee evaluation, if the critical determinations specified in the second article are made, the projects are rejected by the board without scoring.

4. Board Evaluation Threshold Value is 60 points. Projects scoring at and below the threshold are rejected.

The evaluation processes of projects that score above the threshold are continued.

5. The project score is created based on the referee and board evaluations regarding the projects.

6. Additional points are awarded for projects proposed to be accepted by the relevant Executive Board, if the following criteria are met.

- o Commercialization performance of previously supported TUBITAK projects *
- o The company has applied for a project to international funds.
- o The project proposal is in one of the Priority Areas presented in the link below

*: The commercialization performance additional score will have a weight of 5-10% in the evaluation process.

In order to ensure that the submitted project proposal gets the score it deserves, it has been completed in the past

It is important to provide information about all TÜBİTAK projects and to indicate the commercial gains obtained in these projects in numerical values.

7. The final decision is made for the projects, taking into account the score of the projects and the call budget.

Special conditions:

Board Evaluation Threshold Value: 60

Priority Areas: https://www.tubitak.gov.tr/sites/default/files/21566/tubitak_cp2021.pdf

Website:

For the call text:

https://www.tubitak.gov.tr/sites/default/files/21566/1501-cagri_duyurusu_2021-1.pdf

1505 – UNIVERSITY – INDUSTRY COLLABORATION SUPPORT PROGRAM

Name of the Support:

1505 – University – Industry Collaboration Support Program

Subject/Purpose/Target:

With this program, it is aimed to contribute to commercialization of information and technology in universities/public research centers and institutes by transforming them into a product or process and transferring them to the industry in line with the needs of organizations located in Turkey and promising to implement project results in Turkey.

Who can apply:

Customer Organization (stock corporations) and Executive Organization (higher education institutions, foundation universities, education and research hospitals within the scope of the Higher Education Law and public research centers and institutes assigned to conduct R&D in the relevant legislation) can apply jointly for the program.

Support type:

Non-refundable

Support amount

Project budget up to 1 million TL can be supported.

Support rate:

Budget rate to be covered by TÜBİTAK is 75% if Customer Organization is SME, 60% if it is large scale. Remaining amount is covered by Customer Organization.

Support period:

Maximum support period is 24 months.

Support item:

Executive organization's;

- Contracted staff & scholarship holder
- Travel (transportation and accommodation)
- Tool and equipment

- Material and consumable expenses
- Service expenses (maximum 20% of the total project budget) including VAT are supported.

Eligible costs:

Executive Organization may get service from Customer Organization provided that it doesn't exceed 10% of the periodic budget and expenses of the project manager of the customer organization may be supported. Thus, some of the contribution provided by the customer organization to the project can be paid back to the customer organization in exchange for service procurement.

Ineligible costs:

Consultancy fees are not supported.

Goods and equipment can't be purchased from the customer organization.

Expenses that are not related to the project are not supported and expenses mentioned below are out of the scope of the support;

- All kinds of profits, opportunity costs, capital utilization costs, contract costs,
- Amortization, deposit and advance payments,
- Distribution, marketing and advertising expenses,
- Patent, utility model, industrial design, geographical indication, trademark registration expenses
- AGY105, AGY115, AGY305, AGY315 document preparation expenses and expenses regarding having them prepared, administrative expenses such as accounting, secretariat etc.,
- Food and service transportation expenses given to the staff in cash or in kind,
- Investment weighted expenses to establish infrastructure that is not related to the project R&D activities,
- Office machines such as photocopy machine, projector, office furnishing,
- Costs of energy consumed for heating, lighting and production, water expenses
- Telephone, fax, communication, internet usage costs,
- Expenses that are not accepted in tax legislation,
- Office, warehouse, stand rent expenses,
- Construction and installation expenses,
- CE (excluding test costs) and quality certification expenses,
- All kinds of bank charges of project's special account,
- Purchases to be made from the customer organization except for service procurement

Method of payment:

Amounts to be transferred by the Customer Organization and TÜBİTAK to the project's special account to be opened by Executing Organization are made in proportion to the project expenses in installments and in 6-month periods defined so as to start from the project start date.

Project Incentive Premium is paid to the researchers in the project team after technical evaluation of the 6-month periods is made.

Application time:

Applications are always open and can be made online by visiting eteydeb.tubitak.gov.tr every day of the year.

Application process:

Project preliminary information is entered through PRODİS (TÜBİTAK Project Evaluation and Monitoring System) on the internet and pre-registration form which is created is sent to TÜBİTAK with its annexes. After project pre-registration is approved, online project application is made and it is evaluated for approval.

Before project application is made, private sector organization referred to as Customer Organization and university or public research center and institute referred to as Executing Organization sign a Cooperation Agreement. Production of a new product, development, improvement of an existing product, raising product quality or standard or development of new cost decreasing techniques, new production technologies that will be performed by Executive Organization within the framework of this contract are financed by TÜBİTAK and Customer Organization.

Application evaluation:

Project proposals are evaluated according to the following three dimensions:

1st Dimension: Industrial R&D Content, Technology Level, Innovative Aspect

2nd Dimension: Appropriateness of the Project Plan and Establishment Infrastructure to the Project

3rd Dimension: Transformation of Project Outputs into Economic Benefit and National Earnings

Referees assigned to evaluate project review project proposal document submitted by companies within the framework of Guidelines for implementation of this program and agreement made with them in accordance with evaluation report and guidelines and prepare the report in accordance with the guidelines in the electronic environment on PRODİS and send it to TÜBİTAK. Projects are reported to TÜBİTAK after they are evaluated by referees who are expert in their fields by visiting the companies

when necessary. Final decision is made based on the evaluation reports after projects are evaluated by relevant technology group executive committee.

General conditions:

- Researchers from different universities can take part in the same project team.
- While auditor is visiting the Executive Organization, Project Coordinator is expected to make a presentation regarding the subject and the project coordinator and project team are expected to be present during the visit. Auditor may request necessary explanations from the Project Coordinator.
- Rights on the product which are likely to emerge at the end of the project, are transferred by TÜBİTAK to the executive organization with a project contract. Executive organization may let customer organization use these rights within the framework of the cooperation agreement or transfer them completely.

Special conditions:

- Partners of customer organization or those working in its management bodies by being paid or not paid and their first-degree relatives can't take part in the project team.
- There must be only 1 (one) executive organization and 1 (one) customer organization. Customer organization can take part in more than one project for the project 1505.
- Customer Organization Project Manager must have at least a bachelor's degree regarding project subject.
- Customer organization doesn't have to contribute to R&D works. However, customer organization may support project works by enabling its manufacturing infrastructure or its employees to be utilized.
- It can be applied to feasibility support before project application. Support amount is maximum 10.000 TL. Whole support amount is covered by TÜBİTAK.

Website:

<https://www.tubitak.gov.tr/tr/destekler/sanayi/ulusal-destek-programlari/icerik-1505-universite-sanayi-isbirligi-destek-programi>

<https://www.tubitak.gov.tr/sites/default/files/1505sunumu-180213-1.pdf>

https://www.tubitak.gov.tr/sites/default/files/universite_-_sanayi_isbirligi_destek_programi_uygulama_esaslari_1.pdf

1507 - SME R&D START-UP SUPPORT PROGRAM (EUREKA)

Name of the Support:

SME R&D Start-up Support Program

Subject/Purpose/Target:

It aims SMEs (Small and Medium Sized Enterprises) to be more competitive by developing their technology and innovation capacities, to be able to design systematic projects, to develop products with high added value, to have a corporate research technology development culture, to take part in national and international support programs more effectively.

Who can apply:

R&D projects of stock corporations specified in SME definition, located in Turkey and creating added value at company level regardless of the sector that will increase technological competitiveness of the company in the areas of product design and development studies, improvement of an existing product, development of new techniques, new production technologies regarding product quality or cost decreasing, will be supported.

Organizations can make joint project proposal application. Joint project application is submitted in the form of a single project application. Activities and budgets of organizations in the project must be prepared for each organization.

Support type:

Non-refundable

Support amount

600.000 TL

Support rate:

75%

Support period:

Support period is maximum eighteen (18) months on a project basis.

Support item:

Purchases of goods and services required by the projects and paid within the scope of the program.

Eligible costs:

- Staff costs
- Within the scope of travel expenses of the project staff; expenses regarding intercity and international economy class transportation by airplane, train, bus, ship
- Tool, equipment, software and publishing purchase expenses
- Material and consumable expenses
- Domestic and international consultancy services and other service procurement expenses,
- Expenses regarding R&D services gotten from universities in Turkey, R&D units affiliated to TÜBİTAK (Scientific and Technological Research Council of Turkey), private sector R&D enterprises and similar R&D institutions and enterprises
- AGY101 (Project Proposal Information Form) and AGY301 (R&D Fund Request Form) Project preparation expenses and expenses regarding having it prepared (If it is prepared by getting consultancy service, these expenses are covered by a maximum 10.000.-TL (ten thousand) support for each project.)
- Certified public accountant expenses (Certified public accountant fees are supported based on Certified Public Accountant certification fee applicable in R&D fund supporting processes carried out by TÜBİTAK and stated in "Independent Accounting, Independent Accountant Public Accountant and Certified Public Accountant Minimum Wage Tariff.)
- In projects submitted by Tech-venture stock corporations to 1507 SME R&D Start-up Support Program, project general expenses support is given for expenses regarding support staff, electricity, water, heating, maintenance-repair, communication, etc. within the scope of the project in order to carry out R&D activities of the project. (Project's general expenses are calculated by adding 10% of expense amount based on periodical support determined for each AGY301 of the project to expense amount based on periodical support. Total support based expense amount of the projects within this scope including general expenses can't exceed 550.000.- TL (five hundred and fifty thousand Turkish Liras).)

Ineligible costs:

- Value added tax,
- All kinds of profits, opportunity costs, capital utilization costs, contract costs,
- Amortizations, deposits, advance payments,
- Distribution, marketing and advertising expenses,
- Patent, utility model, industrial design, geographical indication, trademark registration expenses
- Administrative expenses such as accounting, secretariat etc.,
- Daily allowance, membership fees paid to executive director, premium payment in addition to gross wage excluding bonuses,
- Food and service transportation expenses given to the staff in cash or in kind,

- Social solidarity foundation payments of establishment partners,
- Accommodation expenses,
- Shipping within the city (excluding shipping from customs and ports) and mail expenses,
- Rent a car expenses during travels and expenses regarding fuel used during travels,
- Infrastructure investment intensive expenses for production that is not related to the project R&D activities,
- Office machines such as photocopy machine, projector, office furnishing,
- Costs of energy consumed for heating, lighting and production, water expenses,
- Telephone, fax, communication, internet usage costs,
- Expenses that are not accepted in tax legislation,
- Office, warehouse, stand rent expenses,
- Construction and installation expenses,
- Stationery expenses,
- CE (excluding test costs) and quality certification expenses.

Method of payment:

As a result of evaluating appropriateness of periodical expenses and outgoings within the framework of the supported projects, support based expense amount is determined and calculated periodical support amount is deposited into the bank account reported by the organization to TÜBİTAK.

Application time:

Call Calendar for 1507	
Call Opening Date	4.01.2021
Pre-Registration Deadline	11.02.2021
Call Closing Date	1.03.2021

Application process:

Project proposal application to the program is made through PRODİS (Project Evaluation and Monitoring System) after pre-registration of the organization and approval of TÜBİTAK for pre-registration. As project application date, the date on which project proposal is sent by the organization to TÜBİTAK through PRODİS is recorded in the system. Organization waiting for pre-registration approval can continue to prepare project proposal information through PRODİS. Project proposal application is prepared with desired content and form in accordance with AGY101 preparation guide.

Application evaluation:

- 1) **Preliminary assessment:** Project proposal for which application has been made to TÜBİTAK, is assessed preliminarily by a determined project technical specialist. In preliminary assessment, project proposal file is evaluated in terms content and form. Project proposal that is found sufficient in terms of content and form, is sent to one or more referees determined in order to be evaluated by considering their area of specialization.
- 2) **Referee selection:** Referees who will evaluate the project are generally selected from universities or research institutions provided that they are specialized in the technology areas which the project is related to.
- 3) **Referee evaluation:** TÜBİTAK may request referee to make the project evaluation by visiting or without visiting. In the evaluation to be made by referee without visiting, referee examines the Project Proposal Information Form (AGY101) and evaluates. In the evaluation to be made by referee by visiting, referee is asked to make an examination in the institution where the R&D activities will be carried out in addition to examination of AGY101.
- 4) **Making decision about the project:** As a result of referee evaluation, TÜBİTAK project technical specialist requests the organization to revise, improve the project proposal based on the referee reports or create draft project decision to help relevant committee for making decision. Decision regarding the project proposal is made by technology group executive committee which the project is related to. Draft decision prepared by TÜBİTAK project technical specialist (Project Information Form), AGY101 submitted by the organization and other additional information are examined by the committee and decision is made based on the information and evaluations contained in AGY201 (Project Proposal Evaluation Report) prepared by the referees.

Special conditions:

- Compulsory and complementary consultancy and service obtained from abroad for the project can be supported by evaluating based on the project provided that main R&D activities are carried out in Turkey.
- Rate of total consultancy and service obtained from abroad within the scope of the supported project is limited to 20% in total of periodic support based expenses of the project. This is implemented separately in AGY301 where relevant expenses and outgoings abroad are reported.

Website:

<https://www.tubitak.gov.tr/tr/destekler/sanayi/ulusal-destek-programlari/icerik-1507-tubitak-kobi-ar-ge-baslangic-destek-programi>

1509 - SUPPORT PROGRAM FOR INTERNATIONAL INDUSTRIAL R&D PROJECTS

Name of the Support:

Support Program for International Industrial R&D Projects

Subject/Purpose/Target:

With the program, it is aimed to increase support to be given to organization located in Turkey and engaged in R&D and innovation projects, technical competence and knowledge in our country, to enable organizations to reach technological knowledge and to ensure transfer, to enable technological knowledge and experience to be accelerating and guiding factor in the development of original technologies by being interiorized by organization and to contribute to presence of organizations in international markets.

Who can apply:

Companies located in Turkey can apply.

Support type:

Non-refundable

Support amount

There is no upper limit for the project budget. However, maximum amount of support to be given to an organization and/or a project in a calendar year can be limited. Maximum support limits determined are published by TÜBİTAK (Scientific and Technological Research Council of Turkey) on the website of TEYDEB (Technology and Innovation Funding Programs Directorate).

Support rate:

75% for SMEs and 60% for large-scale organizations.

Support period:

Support period of the project is the period required to perform activities included in project support and accepted by TÜBİTAK. Project is supported between start and end dates of the international project. If international project is brought forward, outgoings and expenses related to activities between the start date in the project contract and current international start date may be supported

with relevant committee decision if there is any. In this case, current international end date is taken as end date of the project. Additional budget is not given to the project due to these changes.

Support item:

- Concept development
- Technological/technical and economic feasibility studies
- Laboratory and similar studies included in transition process from developed concept to design
- Design, design application and design verification studies
- Prototype production
- Installation of the pilot plant
- Test production and type tests
- Activities for solving problems arising from product design after sales

Eligible costs:

- Staff costs
- Within the scope of travel expenses of the project staff; expenses regarding intercity and international economy class transportation by airplane, train, bus, ship
 - Tool, equipment, software and publishing purchase expenses
 - Material and consumable expenses
 - Domestic and international consultancy services and other service procurement expenses,
 - Expenses regarding R&D services gotten from universities in Turkey, R&D units affiliated to TÜBİTAK, private sector R&D enterprises and similar R&D institutions and enterprises

Ineligible costs:

- Investment-intensive projects for production or production infrastructure (including plant and counter purchase) and projects that include activities without R&D content are not supported because they are not suitable for the program's objectives.
 - Value added tax,
 - All kinds of profits, opportunity costs, capital utilization costs, contract costs
 - Amortizations, deposits, advance payments
 - Distribution, marketing and advertising expenses
 - Patent, industrial model, utility model, geographical indication and trademark registration expenses
 - AGY103 (*Project Proposal Information Form*), AGY303 document preparation expenses and expenses regarding having them prepared, administrative expenses such as accounting, secretariat etc.,
 - Daily allowance, membership fees paid to executive director, premium payment in addition to gross wage excluding bonuses,
 - Food and service transportation expenses given to the staff in cash or in kind

- Premiums for social security organization for artisans and the self-employed and social solidarity foundation payments of establishment partners,
- Accommodation expenses, rent a car expenses and expenses regarding fuel used during travels,
- Expenses of shipping within the city (excluding shipping from customs and ports) and mail expenses
- Infrastructure investment intensive expenses for production that is not related to the project R&D activities
- Office machines such as photocopy machine, projector, office furnishing
- Costs of energy consumed for heating, lighting and production, water expenses
- Telephone, fax, communication, internet usage costs
- Expenses that are not accepted in tax legislation
- Office, warehouse, stand rent expenses
- Construction and installation expenses
- Stationery expenses
- CE (excluding test costs) and quality certification expenses), expenses such as membership fees paid to international organizations, etc.) expenses regarding consultancy and service received from national and international project partners (excluding domestic universities or research institutions)

Method of payment:

Within the scope of the projects supported within the framework of the program, in order for periodical outgoings and expenses related to the project activities to be included in the expenses to be supported, payments must be made within the framework of the rules specified in the financial report preparation guide. After outgoings and expenses paid within the scope of the project are evaluated by TÜBİTAK within the framework of these Implementation Principles, relevant support rate is applied to support based expense and non-refundable (grant) support is provided to the organization.

Application time:

Support is always active.

Application process:

Project proposal application to the program is made through PRODİS (*Project Evaluation and Monitoring System*) after pre-registration of the organization and approval of TÜBİTAK for pre-registration. As project application date, the date on which project proposal is sent by the organization to TÜBİTAK through PRODİS is recorded in the system. Organization waiting for pre-registration approval can continue to prepare project proposal information through PRODİS. Project proposal

application is prepared with desired content and form in accordance with AGY103 (*Project Proposal Information Form*) preparation guide.

Application evaluation:

Project proposal for which application has been made to TÜBİTAK, is assessed preliminarily by a determined project technical specialist. In preliminary assessment, project proposal file is evaluated in terms content and form. Sufficiency of the information presented is examined in order to evaluate the project. During this study, research can be done about other project applications of the organization and project applications of other organizations for the same subject.

After preliminary assessment, project which is found sufficient in terms of content and form is submitted for evaluation of referee. Referee contact information is notified to the company electronically. Preliminary contacts can be initiated by the referee or the firm for the referee's company visit.

As a result of referee evaluation, TÜBİTAK project technical specialist requests the organization to revise, improve the project proposal based on the referee reports or create draft project decision to help relevant committee for making decision. Decision regarding the project proposal is made by technology group executive committee which the project is related to. Draft decision prepared by TÜBİTAK project technical specialist (Project Information Form), AGY103 submitted by the organization and other additional information are examined by the committee and decision is made based on the information and evaluations contained in AGY203 (Project Proposal Evaluation Report) prepared by the referees.

General conditions:

Research and development projects with international partners that are submitted to programs making joint project calls within the scope of EUREKA, ERA-NET and European Union Framework Programs and to similar international programs are supported.

In project applications, first of all, explanations on the website of the relevant international program must be examined and application rules and procedures required by the program must be followed.

Special conditions:

Organizations can benefit from other supports provided by public institutions for the projects they apply for. Between start and end dates of the project support, non-refundable supports provided by other public sources must be stated in the proposals and/or support applications.

Website:

<https://www.tubitak.gov.tr/tr/destekler/sanayi/uluslararasi-ortakli-destek-programlari/icerik-1509-tubitak-uluslararasi-sanayi-ar-ge-projeleri-destekleme-programi>

1511- SUPPORT PROGRAM FOR PRIORITY AREAS RESEARCH TECHNOLOGY DEVELOPMENT AND INNOVATION PROJECTS

Name of the Support:

1511- Support Program For Priority Areas Research Technology Development and Innovation Projects

Subject/Purpose/Target:

It is aimed to support target and need oriented projects with traceable results in the priority areas of our country. With the supports to be provided within the scope of the program, it is aimed to increase technological competence and knowledge, to evaluate existing talents in different areas, to develop unique technologies and to gain momentum in technological development.

Who can apply:

Companies located in Turkey can apply.

Support type:

Non-refundable

Support amount

Maximum amount of support to be given to an organization and/or a project in a calendar year can be limited. Maximum support limits determined are published by TÜBİTAK (Scientific and Technological Research Council of Turkey) on the website of TEYDEB (TÜBİTAK Technology and Innovation Funding Programs Directorate).

Support rate:

75% for SMEs and 60% for large-scale organizations.

Support period:

Support period of the project is the period required to perform activities included in project support and accepted by TÜBİTAK. Support period is as much as project period specified in the call announcement at the most.

Eligible costs:

- Staff costs

- Within the scope of travel expenses of the project staff; expenses regarding intercity and international economy class transportation by airplane, train, bus, ship,
- Tool, equipment, software and publishing purchase expenses,
- Material and consumable expenses,
- Domestic and international consultancy services and other service procurement expenses,
- Expenses regarding R&D services gotten from universities in Turkey, R&D units affiliated to TÜBİTAK, private sector R&D enterprises and similar R&D institutions and enterprises,
- Expenses made within the scope of the project in order to carry out R&D activities of the project regarding support staff, electricity, water, gas, maintenance-repair, communication, etc. (Project's general expenses is 10% of expense amount based on periodical support determined for each AGY311 (R&D Fund Request Form) of the project and this amount is added to expense amount based on periodical support.)
- Certified public accountant fees

Ineligible costs:

- Value added tax,
- All kinds of profits, opportunity costs, capital utilization costs, contract costs,
- Amortizations, deposits, advance payments,
- Distribution, marketing and advertising expenses,
- Patent, utility model, industrial design, geographical indication and trademark registration expenses,
- AGY111 (*Project Proposal Information Form*), AGY311 (R&D Fund Request Form) document preparation expenses and expenses regarding having them prepared, administrative expenses such as accounting, secretariat etc.,
- Daily allowance, membership fees paid to executive director, premium payment in addition to gross wage excluding bonuses,
- Food and service transportation expenses given to the staff in cash or in kind,
- Social solidarity foundation payments of establishment partners,
- Accommodation expenses,
- Shipping within the city (excluding shipping from customs and ports) and mail expenses,
- Rent a car expenses during travels and expenses regarding fuel used during travels,
- Infrastructure investment intensive expenses for production that is not related to the project R&D activities
- Office machines such as photocopy machine, projector, office furnishing,
- Costs of energy consumed for heating, lighting and production, water expenses,
- Telephone, fax, communication, internet usage costs,
- Expenses that are not accepted in tax legislation,
- Office, warehouse, stand rent expenses,
- Construction and installation expenses,
- Stationery expenses,
- CE (excluding test costs) and quality certification expenses.

Method of payment:

As a result of evaluating appropriateness of periodical expenses and outgoings within the framework of the supported projects, support based expense amount and support rate are determined and calculated periodical support amount is deposited into the bank account reported by the organization to TEYDEB.

Application time:

Always Active (Call Method)

Application process:

Call Announcement

Project application start dates and deadlines, lower and upper limits of the project budget and period, other issues specific to the call and call subjects under the call title are published on the TEYDEB's website. There is information such as subject and scope of the call, targeted expectations, call schedule in the call. Organizations make their project applications within the framework specified in the call announcement.

Accepting

Project proposal application to the program is made through PRODİS (Project Evaluation and Monitoring System) after pre-registration of the organization and approval of TÜBİTAK for pre-registration. As project application date, the date on which project proposal is sent by the organization to TÜBİTAK through PRODİS is recorded in the system.

Preliminary Examination of the Project

ÇPDK (Advisory Board for Invited Projects) carries out preliminary examination of project applications made within the scope of the call. In preliminary examination of the projects, projects that are not directly related to subject and scope of the call or that don't have an employee having at least Bachelor's degree directly related to the project subject, are presented to the committee with rejection proposal without appointing a referee.

ÇPDK requests the organization to complete the insufficient information and missing documents in the project application within a defined date range after preliminary examination. At the end of this period, evaluation process of the projects continues regardless of whether the deficiency has been made up or not.

If project applicant has other projects submitted to TÜBİTAK programs that cover similar content and activities during evaluation, project submitted to this program is not evaluated and presented to the committee with rejection proposal.

Application evaluation:

Projects that are found sufficient in the preliminary examination are evaluated by the relevant ÇPDK after being evaluated by a referee. Considering number of projects submitted to the call and area of specialization required for the evaluation of the projects, panels can be created from people with expertise in the subject and scope of the call with recommendation of the relevant ÇPDK and approval of the committee. Among the projects that are evaluated, projects whose project content is not suitable for the subject and scope of the call are presented to the committee with a rejection proposal.

If there are projects that are suitable for the subject and scope of the call, they are evaluated, scored and reported by ÇPDK by considering the referee reports if there is any. Scoring is done according to the criteria listed under the following three dimensions:

- a) Industrial R&D content, technology level, innovative aspect of the project
- b) Suitability of project plan and infrastructure of the organization,
- c) Transformation of project outputs into economic benefit and national earnings

Referee/panelist selection

Referees/panelists who will evaluate the project are appointed by President of TEYDEB with recommendations ÇPDK and approval of committee among the people who have expertise in the technology areas that the project is related to. In selection of referee/panelist, criterion of being an expert in one of the technology areas of the project is required.”

Referee evaluation

A contract is signed between TEYDEB and referees who will evaluate the project. Referees perform separate and independent examinations in the organization where the R&D activities will be carried out. Project Proposal Evaluation Report (AGY211) prepared after the examination is submitted to TEYDEB. In projects submitted jointly, each organization in the project is examined on-site within the scope of the project.

ÇPDK / Panel evaluation and decision notification

- Project technical specialist creates the scope of draft support in order to help evaluation of relevant ÇPDK based on the referee reports. In ÇPDK, scope of the draft support, project proposal application form, referee evaluations and other additional information are examined and projects are scored.
- Projects that are scored as a result of ÇPDK evaluation are submitted to the committee.
- TÜBİTAK Vice Presidency to which TEYDEB is affiliated, determines the project with the lowest score for which acceptance proposal will be made by considering budget possibilities among the projects proposed to be supported by the committee. This project that is determined and all projects above this project's score are accepted and those under such score are rejected.

Finally, execution of a contract

Special conditions:

Within the scope of this program, at least one employee with Bachelor's degree or Master's degree related to the project subject is required to work in the organization as of the date of application. Applications that doesn't meet this requirement are not evaluated.

Proportional support implementation

- If tools, equipment, molds (except computer and software) that must be purchased or produced for the project are used in mass production, relevant expenses are included in the scope of the support with a monthly rate of 2% in proportion to the project period. Support based expense amounts for this cost is determined as "cost x project period (month) x 2%". Lower limit of the rate to be found in multiplication "project period (month) x 2%" is 40%. However, lower limit of the proportional support can be reduced to 25% by committee decision for compulsory expenses regarding components that will be used in routine production activities during the most part of their useful life after being used for project activities without being changed significantly.
- Purchases that form part of the company's R&D infrastructure such as testing, analysis and measuring devices are supported by a periodical support rate based on its full cost. However, if purchases such as testing, analysis and measuring devices are allocated to production activities rather than R&D after project activities, they are considered as an expense in proportion to project period.
- Although prototype products that will be obtained as a result of the design, design application, development activities that constitute the subject of the project will be used in production or will be commercialized within the company because they are main elements of support to be provided for the project, purchases of materials, modules, systems and service that will create an input to these are supported by the periodical support rate based on entire cost price.

Website:

<https://www.tubitak.gov.tr/tr/destekler/sanayi/ulusal-destek-programlari/icerik-1511-tubitak-oncelikli-alanlar-arastirma-teknoloji-gelistirme-ve-yenilik-p-d-pteknoloji-odakli>

1512-TECH-VENTURE CAPITAL SUPPORT PROGRAM (BİGG)

Name of the Support:

1512-Tech-venture Capital Support Program (BİGG)

Subject/Purpose/Target:

It is aimed to support activities from the idea stage to the market in order to enable entrepreneurs to transform their technology and innovation oriented business ideas into attempts with high potential of creating added value and qualified employment, to promote qualified entrepreneurship and to create start-up companies that have international competitiveness power and can develop innovative, high technology products and services.

Who can apply:

Within the scope of the program,

- University students who are in undergraduate, master or doctoral programs,
- People with bachelor's, master's or doctor's degree can apply for this program.

Support type:

Non-refundable

Support amount

Support amount to be given in Stage 2 is maximum 200.000 TL grant without guarantee letter.

Support rate:

100%

Support period:

Start date, period and end date of tech-venture capital support are specified in the project contract.

In addition;

Support period of the activities to be carried out with support provided for implementing organization within the scope of TÜBİTAK (Scientific and Technological Research Council of Turkey) Support Program for Increasing Capacity on Innovation and Entrepreneurship Fields in Stage 1 is specified in the call for determination of implementing organization.

Support period of project activities related to the business plans within the scope of Stage 2 is maximum eighteen (18) months including additional times.

For the projects to be supported within the scope of Stage 3, support periods specified in Implementation Principles for TÜBİTAK SME (Small and Medium Sized Enterprises) R&D Start-up Support Program are valid.

Eligible costs:

- Staff costs
- Within the scope of travel expenses employees who will take part in the business plan activities; expenses regarding intercity and international economy class transportation by airplane, train, bus, ship
- Tool, equipment, software and publishing purchase expenses
- Material and consumable expenses
- Expenses regarding service received domestically and from abroad

Ineligible costs:

- Value added tax,
- Staff costs corresponding to the works of the partners of the relevant organization if partners of the organization other than instructors in higher education institutions are subject to sub-paragraph (a) or (c) of the first paragraph of Article 4 of the social insurance and general health insurance law number 5510 outside the organization/company
- All kinds of profits, opportunity costs, capital utilization costs
- Amortizations, deposits, advance payments, contract costs
- Distribution, marketing and advertising expenses
- Patent, utility model, industrial design, geographical indication and trademark registration expenses
- Daily allowance, membership fees paid to executive director, incentive, motivation, etc. in addition to gross wage Premium expenses
- Food and service transportation expenses and social reliefs given to the staff in cash or in kind,
- Insurance premiums of the partners of the organization within the scope of sub-paragraph (b) of the first paragraph of Article 4 of the social insurance and general health insurance law number 5510
- Expenses of shipping within the city (excluding shipping from customs and ports), cargo and mail expenses
- Rent a car expenses during travels and expenses regarding fuel used during travels
- Infrastructure investment intensive expenses for production that is not related to technological verification activities
- Expenses that are not accepted in tax legislation
- Construction and installation expenses
- CE (excluding test costs) and quality certification expenses
- Agy112, agy312 document preparation expenses and expenses regarding having them prepared, administrative expenses such as accounting, secretariat etc.,

- Office machines such as photocopy machine, projector, office furnishing and stationery equipment
- Costs of energy consumed for heating, lighting and production, water expenses
- Telephone, fax, communication, internet usage costs
- Office, warehouse, stand rent expenses
- Accommodation expenses

Method of payment:

- The first payment regarding the budget included in the support is transferred to the support special account after the project contract is signed.
- Interim payments are transferred to the support special account after Business Plan Progress Reports (AGY312) regarding the activity periods of the support are sent to TÜBİTAK through PRODİS (Project Evaluation and Monitoring System) application.
- Final payment is transferred to the support special account after technical and financial examination of Business Plan Progress Report (AGY312) for the last period of the support. If time extension for the business occurs in the final period, remaining final payment is made after new deadline of the business plan.

Application time:

Calls can open during the year.

For the 2021/1 call, application are accepted within April 5th- July 30th, 2021.

Application process:

People who have qualifications specified in the call for tech-venture capital support present their business ideas within the scope of Stage 1 to the Implementing Organizations.

Entrepreneur presents his business plan that he has prepared with the support of the implementing organization through PRODİS in accordance with the tech-venture capital support call schedule. Implementing organization is responsible for submitting application in the form and nature requested by TEYDEB (Technology and Innovation Support Programs Directorate) together with the entrepreneur. Business plan is evaluated by TEYDEB after Implementing Organization finds it appropriate,

Application evaluation:

Entrepreneurs getting through business idea application evaluation processes of the Implementing Organization and whose business idea is found appropriate by the Implementing Organization can

apply to the 2nd stage of the program. Business plan applications (AGY 112) are made through PRODİS in the date range specified in the call for tech-venture capital support.

Business plan proposals to TÜBİTAK for tech-venture capital support are evaluated by panel method.

By considering distribution of panel evaluation scores for business plan applications, it is decided to support business plan applications whose scores are above the threshold value determined by the TÜBİTAK Presidency with the proposal of the TEYDEB President upon the proposal of the boards. Entrepreneurs who are found appropriate to be supported are asked to establish a stock corporation in accordance with the definition of establishment specified in Implementation Principles until the date announced on TÜBİTAK's website.

Website:

<https://www.tubitak.gov.tr/tr/destekler/sanayi/ulusal-destek-programlari/icerik-1512-girisimcilik-destek-programi-bigg>

1512 BiGG 2021/1 Call Pre-Applications

Business idea applications will be received by 63 Implementing Agencies between 5 April 2021 and 30 July 2021. Implementing Organizations provide training, guidance, incubation, etc. for collecting and evaluating the business ideas of entrepreneurs, transforming the selected business ideas into business plans. They will perform activities such as verifying business ideas with services and approving the business plan proposals to be submitted by the entrepreneur to TUBITAK.

Application Start Date: April 5, 2021

Application Deadline: July 30, 2021

Subject and Scope of the Call

Within the scope of the call, business idea applications that will be transformed into innovation-oriented, commercially validated products and services in the following areas will be accepted.

Which of the 6 thematic areas the entrepreneurs who made the Stage 2 application applied to will be notified to TÜBİTAK through the Implementing Institutions. If the notified thematic area is not found suitable, TÜBİTAK may make changes in the thematic areas of the applications.

I. Intelligent Transportation

- Unmanned Aerial, Land and Sea Vehicles,
- Automotive and Sub-Industry,

- Autonomous / Electric Vehicles,
- Road Safety etc.

ii. Intelligent Production Systems

- Industrial Informatics,
- Layered / Fast Production,
- Machine manufacturing,
- Automation,
- Robotics,
- High Performance Materials etc.

iii. Energy and Clean Technologies

- Intelligent Buildings,
- Smart Cities,
- Energy from Waste,
- Bioenergy,
- Environment,
- Energy,
- Energy Storage,
- Energy efficiency,
- Materials / Chemical Technologies,
- Renewable Energy, etc.

iv. Communication and Digital Transformation

- Information security,
- Cloud computing,
- Big Data,
- Education,
- Electronic Systems,
- Wearable Technologies,
- IOT,
- Contact,
- Measurement-Test-Analysis,
- Decision Support Software,

- Mobile Applications,
- Virtual / Augmented Reality,
- Audio / Image / Text Processing,
- Tourism Technologies,
- Web Applications,
- Artificial Intelligence, etc.

v. Health and Wellness

- Biomaterial,
- E-Health,
- Medicine,
- Cosmetic,
- Sports Technologies,
- Diagnostic and Analysis Kits,
- Medical devices, etc.

vi. Sustainable Agriculture and Nutrition

- Smart and Clean Agriculture,
- Phytosanitary,
- Functional Food,
- Food Safety,
- Food safety,
- Animal Health and Welfare,
- Fisheries,
- Water Efficiency,
- Seeds, etc.

Application Conditions for the Call

Applicants will be able to apply to the Program if they meet the following conditions;

- 1) Not having received support from the Ministry of Industry and Technology Technology Entrepreneurship Capital Support or within the scope of TUBITAK 1512 Program Phase 2,
- 2) Not being included in the partnership structure of any enterprise as of the pre-application date.

Call Budget:

Techno-entrepreneurship Capital Support upper limit is 200.000 TL.

For the BiGG 2020/2 Call for Text and more information:

https://www.tubitak.gov.tr/sites/default/files/21566/1512_2021-1cagri_duyurusu.pdf

1515 - FRONTIER R&D LABORATORY SUPPORT PROGRAM

Name of the Support:

TÜBİTAK 1515 - Frontier R&D Laboratory Support Program

Subject/Purpose/Target:

To increase research specifications of Turkish scientists and to enable our country to be a global center of attraction in certain science and technology areas.

Who can apply:

Structuring of companies that aim to establish R&D Laboratory in our country and to create leading technologies in their field, in the form of stock corporation can apply.

The company that declares letter of intent to TÜBİTAK and that creates national and international leading technologies in the field to which the organization is affiliated;

- Must have minimum 1% R&D intensity on average in the last three years,
- Must have minimum two billion TL net sales on average in the last three years.

Support type:

Non-refundable

Support amount

Upper limit is 10 Million TL

Support rate:

75%

Support period:

5 years

Support item:

- Staff costs
- Consulting and training fees
- General expenses
- Support before application

Eligible costs:

Participation fee of project staff in scientific events such as congress, conference, symposium etc. is supported in Consultancy and Training support if they make oral or poster presentations in these events. In travels carried out by the project staff to participate in supported training and scientific activities, expenses regarding intercity and international economy class transportation by airplane, train, bus, ship are supported.

Ineligible costs:

Provided that average monthly cost within the scope of the support is related to duty of relevant staff, staff costs;

- a) Can't exceed 30 times gross minimum wage in the relevant year for R&D Laboratory Manager,
- b) Can't exceed 20 times gross minimum wage in the relevant year for Project Coordinator,
- a) Can't exceed 15 times gross minimum wage in the relevant year for Researchers.

In Consultancy and Training support, accommodation expenses are excluded from the scope of the support.

Method of payment:

Support amount can be paid in the form of prepayment or within the scope of expenses approved after the organization makes.

Application time:

It is a program that is always open for application. Applications can be made on any working day of the year.

Application process:

Application starts when candidate national/international organization declares letter of intent to TÜBİTAK.

Structurings of organizations whose Letter of Intention is approved by TÜBİTAK and that have been/to be found in Turkey in the form of stock corporation, fill out relevant documents and present to TÜBİTAK.

Application evaluation:

If letter of intention is found appropriate, Application Form submitted to TÜBİTAK by the organization is evaluated by Executive Committee.

Applications that are found appropriate are submitted to Executive Committee for review. During panel evaluation, applicant organization is invited to the panel to make a presentation about the application.

General conditions:

Organization can apply alone or finding partner(s) from abroad or from Turkey. Partner organization(s) doesn't have to meet the required criteria for the organization that can apply.

Special conditions:

- Minimum %50 of total number of employees to be included in the scope of staff costs support must be Turkish citizen and minimum one third of them must have a PhD.
- In case of a joint application, these conditions are required for each partner institution/organization.

Monthly costs of Turkish and Foreign National R&D Staff to be included in support and Project Incentive Bonus are evaluated within the scope of staff costs.

In consultancy and training support, total of domestic and international consultancy and training service fees can't exceed 25% of R&D laboratory's budget taken into the scope of the support. Total of international consultancy and training service fees can't exceed 15% of R&D laboratory's total budget taken into the scope of the support.

Website:

<https://www.tubitak.gov.tr/tr/destekler/sanayi/ulusal-destek-programlari/icerik-1515-oncul-ar-ge-laboratuvarlari-destekleme-programi>

1515-LABORATORIES SUPPORTED WITHIN THE SCOPE OF FRONTIER R&D LABORATORY SUPPORT PROGRAM

Mobility Technologies Laboratory of the Future- AVL Türkiye Araştırma ve Mühendislik Sanayi ve Ticaret Ltd. Şti.

Ericsson Research Turkish Laboratory- Ericsson Araştırma Geliştirme ve Bilişim Hiz. A.Ş.

Turkish Layered Manufacturing Technologies Research Laboratory- GE Aviation

İMPET Frontier R&D Laboratory- TUSAŞ Türk Havacılık ve Uzay Sanayii A.Ş.

1601 SUPPORT PROGRAM FOR INCREASING CAPACITY IN INNOVATION AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP AREAS

Name of the Support:

TÜBİTAK Support Program for Increasing Capacity in Innovation and Entrepreneurship Areas

Subject/Purpose/Target:

Within the scope of the program, it is aimed to improve national innovation and entrepreneurship ecosystem by supporting mechanisms that will enable the public supports provided in the fields of R&D, innovation and technological entrepreneurship to be used more effectively and efficiently.

Who can apply:

Stock corporations located in Turkey, higher education institutions within the scope of the Higher Education Law and foundation universities, public research centers and institutes, chambers of industry, chambers of commerce, chambers of commerce and industry, organized industrial zones and exporters' associations can apply. However, organizations that can apply for it may be restricted in call announcement.

Support type:

Non-refundable

Support amount

In staff costs support, limit is applied as follows;

1. Maximum 12 times gross minimum wage that is valid for the relevant period for project staff with PhD degree,
2. Maximum 10 times gross minimum wage that is valid for the relevant period for project staff with at least Bachelor's degree and if there is more than 48 months from graduation date until project application date, maximum 6 times gross minimum wage for project staff if there is less than 48 months from graduation date until project application date,
3. Maximum 4 times gross minimum wage that is valid for the relevant period for project staff with associate degree.

In Project Incentive Bonus support;

For project staff who allocate 40% of working time to the project, the contribution rate to the project is deemed full and Project Incentive Bonus is calculated accordingly. Project Incentive Bonus to be given to staff who allocate less than 40% of working time to the project is calculated by considering contribution rate (% time to to be allocated to the project/ 40%) and duration of work in the project.

In general expenses support;
15%

Support rate:

Up to 100% support can be provided.

Project budget upper limit and support rate are stated in the call announcement.

Support period:

Upper limit of the support period is specified in the call announcement provided that it does not exceed 36 months including time extension.

Support item:

- Staff costs
- Project Incentive Bonus (PTİ)
- Scholarship expenses
- Travel expenses of project team related to the project activities
- Service procurement
- Tool, equipment, software and publishing expenses
- Meeting, promotion, organization and reward expenses
- Certified public accountant expenses
- General expenses

Eligible costs:

- Within the scope of travel expenses of project team related to the project activities; expenses regarding intercity and international economy class transportation by airplane, train, bus, ship and daily pay and accommodation fees are paid within the limits determined by Science Committee.
- Within the scope of service procurement, domestic and international consultancy and training expenses are supported.
- Within the scope of meeting, promotion, organization and reward expenses, travel, accommodation and daily pay expenses of the project team and participants, promotional material, printing and publication expenses, postal/cargo and communication expenses, web service expenses, meeting hall rent, catering service, stationery etc. expenses are supported.
- Within the scope of certified public accountant expenses, certified public accountant fees in fee tariff applicable in R&D fund processes carried out by TÜBİTAK and stated in certified public accountant minimum wage tariff published by Ministry of Finance every year are supported.

- Within the scope of general expenses support, amount corresponding to 15% of budget included into scope of the project support for expenses to be made in order to carry out project activities such as support staff, water, gas, maintenance-repair, communication, materials and consumables etc.

Ineligible costs:

As well as supported items, ineligible items may also be specified in call announcement.

A monthly payment can't be made to a person for the same or different projects at the same time as both Project Incentive Bonus and project staff costs.

Scholarship holder can't get scholarship from two different programs of TÜBİTAK at the same time.

Method of payment:

Project Incentive Bonus payments are made to relevant people.

Scholarship support is deposited into bank account of scholarship holder at the end of the month worked.

Project special account related to supported project is opened by the relevant organization and account information is reported to TÜBİTAK. Payments to be made to the organization by TÜBİTAK related to the supported project are made within the scope of expenses approved after the organization makes. In addition, transfer payment/prepayment can be made to the organization.

Application time:

Project applications are announced through call announcements published on TÜBİTAK's website.

Application process:

In the announcement to be made, it may be requested to send project proposals to TÜBİTAK by printing or electronically through PRODİS application. Application instructions are announced by call.

Application evaluation:

Project proposals are evaluated in Advisory Board or in the panel created. Evaluation criteria are specified in the relevant call announcement. Project proposals are evaluated by considering criteria specified in the call, they are scored and panel report is prepared.

General conditions:

Organizations can benefit from other supports provided by public institutions for the projects they apply for.

Within the scope of staff cost support, average monthly cost of the project staff is determined by considering gross wages on the project proposal date, SSI employer's shares, SSI unemployment employer's shares and if there is any, bonuses.

Special conditions:

- Within the scope of this program, different calls can be made in accordance with the goals.
- Issues that contain information that may be found or may be changed specifically to the call, that will constitute an exception to the articles specified in the implementation principles when necessary such as determined call subject and scope, organizations (implementers) who can apply, target group (beneficiaries), application and evaluation criteria, project period, project budget, support rate, call schedule, are announced in the Call Announcement.
- Within the scope of staff costs support, monthly wages are not paid to those who work at public institutions and organizations and universities (including foundation universities) and take part in the project and PTİ is given to those people. PTİ is considered within the project budget.

Within the scope of Project Incentive Bonus;

A project staff can get PTİ within the scope of TÜBİTAK Support Programs as being maximum;

- a) Coordinator in two projects or
 - b) Coordinator in one project and researcher/assistant staff in two projects or
 - c) researcher/assistant in four projects at the same time.
- A monthly payment can't be made to a person for the same or different projects at the same time as both Project Incentive Bonus and project staff costs.
 - If scholarship holder takes part in more than one project at the same time within the scope of the scholarship support, scholarship payment is made from only one project. Scholarship holder can't get scholarship from two different programs of TÜBİTAK at the same time.
 - Rector and vice-rector in universities, chief physician, deputy chief, physician, hospital manager, general manager and deputy general manager in other institutions and organizations can't take part in the project team as coordinator if their duties continue during the application.

Website:

<https://www.tubitak.gov.tr/tr/destekler/sanayi/ulusal-destek-programlari/icerik-1601-yenilik-girisimcilik-alanlarinda-kapasite-artirilmasina-yonelik-dp>

1602 PATENT SUPPORT PROGRAM

Name of the Support:

1602 - TÜBİTAK Patent Support Program

Subject/Purpose/Target:

It aims to increase the number of national and international patent applications originating from our country, to encourage real and legal persons to apply for patent and to increase the number of patents in our country.

Who can apply:

Citizens of Republic of Turkey who take application number by applying any of TPE, WIPO, EPO, JPO or USPTO or companies, universities, public institutions and organizations located in our country can apply for this support. However, representative offices and branches located in Turkey and belonging to limited liability companies whose legal central offices are abroad and foundations (except foundations established by law), associations and their commercial enterprises can't apply for support under this program.

Only real persons, universities and SME companies can apply for the National Patent Registration Award and International Patent Registration Awards.

Support type:

Non-refundable

Support amount

Application and research report fees are covered. Detailed table is as follows:

Patent Supports	Support Amount
Patent Application support	
PCT (1)	Application and research fee announced by WIPO (World Intellectual Property Organization)
Review Report Support (2)	
USPTO (3)	5.000 TL
EPO (4)	5.000 TL
JPO (5)	10.000 TL
SIPO (6)	5.000 TL
KIPO (7)	5.000 TL
TÜRKPATENT Preliminary Examination Report	Application and research fee announced by WIPO (World Intellectual Property Organization)

Patent Registration Award (Each USPTO, EPO, JPO, SIPO or KIPA registration)	10.000 TL
Explanations: (1)PCT: Patent application made in accordance with Patent Cooperation Treaty. (2) It is given for examination reports after entries into the country following PCT applications made to WIPO using TÜRKPATENT as the admission office. (3)USPTO: US Patent Office (4)EPO: European Patent Office (5)JPO: Japan Patent Office (6)SIPO: People's Republic of China Intellectual Property Office (7)KIPO: Korean Intellectual Property Office	

Support rate:

In International Patent Application Support, whole amount of patent application made in accordance with Patent Cooperation Treaty is covered provided that it doesn't exceed the stated amounts if TÜRKPATENT is selected as International Research and Examination Authority and 50% of the amount is covered if TÜRKPATENT is not selected.

Support item:

Within the scope of this program, patent applications to Turkish Patent Institute (TPE), World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO), European Patent Office (EPO), Japan Patent Office (JPO), United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO) are supported.

In National Patent Applications to be made to Turkish Patent Institute (TPE);

- Research Report Support is given,
- Examination Report Support is given,
- Representative support is given for applications using representative,
- In case of obtaining patent, Patent Registration Award is given to the patent owner and the patent lawyers of the application processes.

In patent applications made to WIPO, EPO, USPTO and JPO;

- Application and Research Report Support is given,
- Examination Report Support is given,
- In case of obtaining patent from EPO, USPTO or JPO, patent award is given.

Ineligible costs:

Within the scope of this support program, support is not given for processes of patent applications that have turned into utility model applications after National Patent Application Research Report Support.

Method of payment:

Supports are deposited into bank account of TÜRKPATENT as stated in the protocol signed between TÜBİTAK and TÜRKPATENT and TÜRKPATENT covers the amounts to be received related to these supports. Payment is not made to applicants directly in relevant processes.

Award supports are deposited by TÜBİTAK to bank accounts reported by real and legal persons to TÜBİTAK.

Application time:

Application can always be made.

Application process:

In National Patent Applications;

Applicant also requests National Patent Application Research Report Support/National Patent Review Report Support through www.tpe.gov.tr by filling the form while requesting a research report/examination report electronically through website of TPE (Turkish Patent Institute).

Applications for Patent Registration Award, Representative Support and Patent Registration Representative Award are made to TÜBİTAK.

In International Patent Applications;

In PCT applications to WIPO, Turkey has to be selected as admissions office. Within this scope, requests for International Patent Application Support that will be requested for PCT applications will be made directly to TPE.

Requests for International Patent Application Support regarding patent applications to EPO, JPO and USPTO, International Patent Review Report Support, Applications regarding International Patent Registration Awards will be made to TÜBİTAK.

General conditions:

- Real persons can benefit from supports for maximum 5 (five) patent applications in a calendar year, legal persons can benefit from supports for maximum 20 (twenty) patent applications in a calendar year.
- If patent is obtained as a result of supported applications, all intellectual and industrial rights related to the relevant patent belong to the applicant.
- Total of International Patent Review Report Support amounts that can be obtained for a patent can't exceed 30.000 TL.
- Monetary amounts in the table are gross amounts and payment is made after legal deductions.

- In the transactions that must be made in foreign currency, exchange rate of the bank where transaction is made is taken as a basis as of the date of transfer of the foreign currency to the relevant account.

Special conditions:

National patent registration award is given to patents in the same patent family and registered by TÜRKPATENT according to only one of the following situations.

- a) If patent application made directly to TÜRKPATENT turns into a patent specification.
- a) If patent application made to TÜRKPATENT based on PCT turns into a patent specification.
- c) If EPC based patent registration certificate gains validity.

Website:

<https://www.tubitak.gov.tr/tr/destekler/sanayi/ulusal-destek-programlari/icerik-1602-tubitak-patent-destek-programi>

https://www.tubitak.gov.tr/sites/default/files/3654/270_bk_islenmis_hali_0.pdf

SME SUPPORT CALL FOR ORDER-BASED R&D PROJECTS (ORDER R&D - 2020) PROGRAM

Name of the Support:

SME Support Call For Order-Based R&D Projects (Order R&D - 2020)

Subject/Purpose/Target:

To support partnered projects that SMEs will develop with R&D and that enable innovative products/processes with potential customers to be developed in company with a Customer Organization, thus to increase their cooperation and to ensure public resources allocated for R&D supports to be used more efficiently.

Who can apply:

Supplier Organization will be on SME scale. Customer Organization may be SME or Large sized. Stock corporations with such pros and located in Turkey can apply for the project.

Support type:

Non-refundable

Support amount

Maximum 2.500.000 TL per project

Support rate:

40%

Support period:

Maximum 48 months.

Project period consists of two stages; 1st one is product/process development and 2nd one is commercialization. Product/process development stage is maximum 24 months. Even if the support period is extended, this period can't be exceeded.

Commercialization stage: It is the time used to monitor project results. It is maximum 24 months. TÜBİTAK determines this period for the projects decided to be supported. Expenses regarding this stage are not supported. Assumed commercialization period for all projects will be 24 months initially.

Support item:

- Staff costs
- Travel Expenses
- Consultancy expenses
- Service procurement expenses
- Tool, equipment, software, publishing purchase expenses
- Material and consumable expenses

Eligible costs:

Only following expenses of Supplier Organization for the product/process development stage of the project are supported.

Ineligible costs:

Expenses regarding consultancy and service that project partners receive from each other are not supported.

According to the Corporate Tax Law Number 5520 and provisions of the relevant legislation, consultancy and service expenses received from the organizations that are related to Customer or Supplier Organization are not supported.

General expense support is not given.

Expenses of Customer Organization are not supported.

Expenses regarding commercialization stage are not supported.

Method of payment:

Customer Organization deposits 40% of periodical expense amount into bank account of the Supplier Organization until YMM report date and then term report is submitted to TÜBİTAK. TÜBİTAK evaluates Term report and determines Support Amount. TÜBİTAK pays 40% of Accepted Expense Amount to Supplier Organization.

Prepayment is not made within the scope of the call.

Application time:

Pre-registration: August 17, 2020 – Hour 17.00

Application: June 15, 2020 - August 31, 2020 (Hour 17.00)

Application process:

After the pre-registration process is completed, project proposal will be sent online through <https://eteydeb.tubitak.gov.tr/>.

Application evaluation:

Projects are evaluated within the framework Referee Evaluation and Decision, Section 1 of Part 5 of Innovation Support Program Implementation Instructions).

Referees evaluates by visiting.

General conditions:

There are no subject and sector limitations in this call. R&D projects from all sectors and all technology areas with high commercialization potential will be supported.

Special conditions:

In project proposals, market research and technical feasibility analysis must also be presented.

While determining support scope of the project, product/process development time and commercialization time are specified separately. Assumed commercialization period for all projects that are decided to be supported is 24 months initially. After reports submitted in the final period of the project are evaluated, GYK can shorten or remove the time when commercialization will be monitored.

Website:

https://www.tubitak.gov.tr/sites/default/files/21566/sipari_ar-ge_cagri_metni.pdf

PATENT BASED TECHNOLOGY TRANSFER SUPPORT PROGRAM (PATENT LICENSE)

Name of the Support:

Patent Based Technology Transfer Support Program (Patent License– 2020 – 1)

Subject/Purpose/Target:

With Patent License - 2020 - 1 Call, it is aimed to transfer technologies that are protected by being patented and emerge as a result of research, development and innovation projects carried out by higher education institutions, research infrastructures, public institutions, public research centers and institutes and early stage technology companies to stock corporations located in Turkey by means of licensing or handing over.

Who can apply:

Stock corporations answering to description of customer organization or higher education institutions, research infrastructures, public institutions, public research centers/institutes, technology transfer offices answering to description of technology provider organization or stock corporations operating in technology development region in accordance with Law number 4691 can submit project proposal within the scope of this Call.

Support amount

30.000.000 TL per project

Support rate:

Support rate upper limit for large scaled customer organizations is 60%, and support rate upper limit for SME customer organizations is 75%.

Support period:

Maximum 60 months

Eligible costs:

Technology provider organizations associated with higher education institutions, academicians and students of the relevant institution can apply to this Program in order to license or transfer patents they own. In this case, a copy of the contract signed between patent applicant and technology provider organization is also submitted to TÜBİTAK by being attached to the project application.

Service purchases from technology provider organization regarding training and consultancy works to be made by customer organization in order to put technology that is transferred into practice are evaluated within the scope of the support.

Method of payment:

Support amount is transferred to the bank account reported by customer organization to TÜBİTAK. Customer organization may request prepayment against security in accordance with provisions of Innovation Support Program Implementation Instructions.

Application time:

Pre-registration: August 17, 2020 – Hour 17.00

Application: June 15, 2020 - August 31, 2020 (until 17:00)

Application process:

After pre-registration process is completed, project proposal is sent to TÜBİTAK through PRODiS.

Application evaluation:

Projects will be evaluated under three dimensions mentioned below on a 30 point scale, on a 10 point scale for each dimension.

- Technological and/or technical competence of the project
- Technology preparation level
- Advantage(s) when compared to competing technologies
- Project Feasibility
- Business plan
- Technological development plan
- Incorporation capacity of customer organization
- Effect of the Project
- Scalability
- Economic and social benefits of technology

General conditions:

Patents to be licensed or transferred to the customer organization within the scope of the project must be registered. Applications can also be made with patents that have a research report but that have not been registered yet. However, support is given for transfer or license fees after these patents are registered.

Special conditions:

Only joint applications will be accepted to call.

An organization answering to description of customer organization and at least one organization answering to description of technology provider organization apply to this Call in jointly. More than one technology provider organization can be project partners.

There can't be more than one customer organization in the application.

Amount of training and consultancy services included within the scope of the support in the period can't exceed 25% of the total amount included within the scope of the support.

10% is added to the support rate for patents registered at EPO, JPO, KIPO, CNIPA or USPTO.

Technology provider organizations associated with higher education institutions, academicians and students of the relevant institution can apply to this Program in order to license or transfer patents they own. In this case, a copy of the contract signed between patent applicant and technology provider organization is also submitted to TÜBİTAK by being attached to the project application.

Website:

<https://www.tubitak.gov.tr/tr/destekler/sanayi/ulusal-destek-programlari/icerik-patent-tabanli-teknoloji-transferi-destekleme-cagrisi>