**Turkish – Moroccan Scientific and Technological Cooperation**

**TÜBİTAK-CNRST Joint Call for Proposals**

The Scientific and Technological Research Council of Turkey (TÜBİTAK) and the National Center for Scientific and Technical Research of Morocco (CNRST) invite Turkish and Moroccan researchers active in research to submit joint proposals for scientific and technological cooperation.

1. **Background and objectives**

TÜBİTAK and CNRST support cooperation between Turkish and Moroccan institutions in scientific research, technological development and education for the preparation and implementation of joint projects, organization of joint scientific workshops and exchange of individual scientists.

1. **Legal Basis**

Under the Protocol on Cooperation in Science and Technology signed on 05.11.2013 between the Scientific and Technological Research Council of Turkey (TÜBİTAK) and the National Center for Scientific and Technical Research of Morocco (CNRST), the Parties invite Turkish and Moroccan researchers to submit joint proposals for scientific research and development projects.

1. **Thematic Fields**

The thematic priorities for the 2020-2021 joint call are in the fields of:

* Basic and Applied Sciences
* Engineering
* Social Sciences
* Renewable and Sustainable Energy
1. **Who can apply?**

The proposals should involve one or more research entities from both sides. The joint application must include one Turkish and one Moroccan Principal Investigator, who will be responsible for the technical as well as administrative coordination of the project and its periodic scientific and financial reporting to TÜBİTAK and CNRST respectively.

1. **Duration of Projects**

The duration of each project is maximum 24 months.

1. **Project Budget**

Funds will be awarded as non-repayable grants.

This program allows for scientific visits from one side to the other (from Turkey to Morocco and vice-versa). The Sending Party will cover the international travel costs. The Receiving Party will be responsible for the organization and full costs of the event and will cover full costs of stay for a period of up to **7 days**.

For Turkish Project Team:

Research Mobility Projects: Only travel support will be provided to applicants who apply for research mobility projects.

Moroccan researchers travelling to Turkey are paid 20 Euros/per day (equivalent in Turkish currency) to cover accommodation expenses, inter-city travel, food and beverage costs. They are also given accommodation fees corresponding to the cost of university guesthouse or equivalent.

Research and Development Projects: In addition to travel support, research support will be provided in the maximum amount of 720.000 TRY/per project (not including Project Incentive Fees (PTI) and Overheads).

For Moroccan Project Team:

Only research mobility is supported. **CNRST will cover the travel expenses (plane tickets) of the Moroccan researchers and accommodation expenses of Turkish researchers (750 MAD/per day).**

1. **Decision Making Procedure**

Full proposals will be evaluated independently by TÜBİTAK and CNRST using their own procedures. Only proposals approved by both sides will be eligible for funding.

1. **Submission**

Turkish and Moroccan applicants shall prepare joint applications using the same application form. Identical applications in English shall be submitted to both TÜBİTAK and CNRST. More information on the application procedure shall be provided in the webpage of each institution.

**Unilateral applications are not accepted and will be returned without evaluation.**

In Turkey:

Turkish researchers must apply using the online submission system which can be accessed through the link below:

<http://uidb-pbs.tubitak.gov.tr>

The deadline for online applications is **February 15, 2019**. After completion of the online application, the system will indicate the forms and documents which must be signed. The signed documents must be sent to TÜBİTAK and CNRST at the below addresses by no later than March 2, 2019.

Address for signed documents:

**In Turkey:**

TÜBİTAK Başkanlık Binası

Uluslararası İşbirliği Daire Başkanlığı

İkili ve Çoklu İlişkiler Müdürlüğü

Tunus Caddesi No: 80

06100 Kavaklıdere Ankara

**In Morocco:**

Service de la Coopération

Centre National pour la Recherche Scientifique et Technique

Angle Av. des FAR & Av. Allal El Fassi

BP 8027 NU 10102 Rabat (Maroc)

**Soft copy to be sent to:** **cnrtubi@cnrst.ma** **by February 15th, 2019.**