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Subject: Call for Proposals by the Scientific and Technology Research Council of Turkey (TUBITAK) and Pakistan Science Foundation (PSF) for Collaborative Research Projects

It is for information of all concerned that the PSF, which is a premier organization working for promotion and population of science in the country with mandate to establish international linkages with resembling bodies to strengthen it’s Science and Technology (S&T) initiatives, has signed an MoU with The Scientific and Technological Research Council of Turkey (TUBITAK) to strengthen cooperation in the field of S&T between the two countries on equality and mutual benefit basis.

2. Consequently, the PSF and TUBITAK have open 1st Call for joint research projects. Details of the Call and guidelines for submission of proposals are available at the PSF website: www.psf.gov.pk.

3. In this connection, research proposals under the subject program should reach to the Office of Research Innovation & Commercialization (ORIC), IIUI, by September 15, 2015 for further processing and completion of codal formalities. Deans and Chairpersons of relevant faculties/departments are therefore, requested to circulate this information among all faculty members and encourage them to apply under the subject program to get the maximum benefit.

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CALL FOR PROPOSALS

by

The Scientific and Technological Research Council of Turkey (TUBITAK)

and

Pakistan Science Foundation (PSF)

The Call is open between 1st July 2015 and 30th September 2015.

In the framework of the Protocol on Cooperation in Science and Technology between The Scientific and Technological Research Council of Turkey (TÜBİTAK) and Pakistan Science Foundation (PSF), TÜBİTAK and PSF invite Universities, Research Centers and Institutes to submit joint proposals for R&D projects.

1st Call for Proposals for Joint Research and Development Projects with The Scientific and Technological Research Council of Turkey (TÜBİTAK) in the following priority areas;

i. Basic and Natural Sciences
ii. Engineering Sciences
iii. Environmental Sciences
iv. Earth Sciences
v. Energy
vi. Inventions & Innovations

GUIDELINES FOR PROPOSAL SUBMISSION

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

- Joint Research & Development Project must contribute towards development of Technology, Process, Technique, Prototype, Commercialization and Innovation, leading to socio-economic uplift of both countries.

- Project proposals must provide detailed information on the objectives and justification of the planned joint research work, the methodology to be followed, the composition of each research team and the intended time schedule.

- The relevant application forms (distributed by TÜBİTAK and PSF) which are approved the by the heads of institutions of the project co-directors should be duly filled and submitted by the Turkish scientists to TÜBİTAK and by the Pakistani scientists to PSF for evaluation and approval.

- Curricula vitae of both research teams should be attached.
• The duration of the projects should not exceed **two years** and the total duration of visits in one direction of a project should not be more than **two months** a year.

• The call for proposals will be announced on **30th June 2015** and the deadline for submission is **30th September 2015**.

• The present call for proposals and the required information for Turkish side about the application procedure are available on the online application system: [http://uidb-pbs.tubitak.gov.tr/](http://uidb-pbs.tubitak.gov.tr/).

The present call for proposals and the application forms for the Pakistan side are available from the PSF web site at the address [www.psf.gov.pk](http://www.psf.gov.pk)

• The applications for Turkish side are only accepted via online application system. After completion of the online application procedure, Turkish scientists must submit the required signed documents to:

  **The Scientific and Technological Research Council of Turkey (TÜBİTAK)**
  **International Cooperation Department**

  **Address:** ULAKBİM YÖK B5 Blok
  06539 Ankara, Turkey
  **Tel:** + 90 312 298 94 37
  **Fax:** + 90 312 427 74 83
  **E-mail:** uidb@tubitak.gov.tr

  The Pakistani scientists must submit one hard copy and electronic copy through email to:

  **The Pakistan Science Foundation (PSF)**

  **Dr. Mirza Habib Ali**
  Focal Person for International Linkages
  Pakistan Science Foundation
  1-Constitution Avenue, G-5/2, Islamabad
  **Telephone:** +92-51-9209664
  **Fax:** +92-51-9202468
  **E-mail:** mirzahabibali@yahoo.com

• Proposals should be submitted through proper channel to the Focal Person for International Linkages

**EVALUATION OF PROPOSALS**

• Only jointly submitted proposals will be eligible for evaluation.

• The proposals will be evaluated and approved by TÜBİTAK and PSF jointly.

• **Only the project proposals, which are approved by TÜBİTAK and PSF will be supported.**
The costs of exchange of experts, scientists and other specialists will be covered on the following basis:

1. The sending Party will meet the cost of international travel to the town where the joint work will be conducted;

2. The receiving Party will meet the cost of trips within its territory, boarding and lodging. The budget for these expenses would be included in budget estimates of each project. The current daily allowances are listed below. These will remain valid, unless they are modified by mutual written agreement of the Parties. Allowances will be periodically reviewed with regard to inflation rates.

**In Turkey:**
Free accommodation in a university guest house or equivalent
Daily allowance: 20 Euro per day (Equivalent Turkish currency)

**In Pakistan:**
Free accommodation in a university guest house or equivalent
Daily allowance: 5000 Rs.