

Research Fellowships Program « PRESTIJ » 2025

France and Turkey have historical cooperation in the field of higher education and research. Considering the high scientific potential of the two countries, it is proposed to expand this cooperation, particularly in areas of common interest.

This is why the French Embassy in Turkey and its *Service de Coopération et d'Action Culturelle (SCAC)* launch the 'PRESTIJ research fellowship program' to strengthen or initiate new collaborations between French and Turkish research institutions in areas of excellence.

These fellowships are a real opportunity to bring the French and Turkish scientific communities closer, and are aimed to launch large-scale projects that could apply to the Hubert Curien Bosphorus Program or Horizon Europe funding.

The PRESTIJ program offers the following research fellowships:

- High level scientific fellowships for young researchers
- High-level scientific fellowships for experienced researchers

Research themes 2025:

This research fellowship program is open to all themes, but particular attention will be given to the Franco-Turkish bilateral cooperation thematic priorities in relation to those of the TÜBİTAK for 2024/2025:

- 'Green transition' and adaptation to climate change
- Natural risks (management and forecasting)
- Oceanography and marine sciences*
- Digital transition
- Architecture, urban planning, archaeology

**France will host the United Nations Ocean Conference (UNOC) 2025 in Nice in June 2025.*

RESEARCH FELLOWSHIPS FOR YOUNG RESEARCHERS

(high-level scientific fellowships)

Eligible public:

- PhD students or post-doc in their early career (0 to 5 years after PhD).

Eligible host institutions:

- Any research institutions in France

Theme:

- All theme, with particular attention given to the bilateral cooperation priorities mentioned in the introduction

Duration of the fellowship:

- 1 month or 2 months (*the duration initially chosen by the candidate cannot be changed*)
- Period of the stay: between 1st March and 31 December 2025

The scholarship includes:

- 1704 € / month
- Exemption of visa fees
- Social security cover
- International flight (round-trip from Turkey to France in economy class)
- Transport to the place of stay covered (French airport to host site)

Eligibility requirements:

- Turkish nationality only (dual nationals are not eligible)
- PhD students or post-doc in their early career (0 to 5 years after PhD) currently researcher in Turkish institution.

Documents to be provided with the application:

- CV
- Copy of your passport
- Application form

- 2-pages cover letter explaining your research project in France and its contribution to cooperation between your laboratory and the host institution in France. Indicate the existence of a partnership agreement between the two laboratories.
- Invitation letter from the host institution in France or copy of the research stay agreement. The document must mention the dates of the stay.
- Recommendation letter from the Director of your research laboratory.

Incomplete applications or applications submitted after the deadline will not be considered.

All documents may be submitted in French or English.

Application:

Candidates should send their applications by e-mail only to: burslar@ifturquie.org.

A selection committee, chaired by the SCAC, will choose the laureates.

Selection criteria:

- Scientific excellence
- Quality and expected impact of the research project
- Research theme
- Outlook for publications or co-publications
- Existing partnership between the 2 laboratories
- Possibility of evolving towards an application to the PHC Bosphorus or to European programs.

Calendar and selection process:

Date	Step
31 January 2025	Deadline for application
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21 February 2025	Announcement of results

Candidates will be informed by e-mail only.

No results will be published on the Embassy's website or communicated by phone.

The dates of stay in France must be between 15 March and 31 December 2025.

RESEARCH FELLOWSHIPS FOR SENIOR RESEARCHERS

(high-level scientific fellowships)

Eligible public:

- Senior researchers (5 years after PhD)

Eligible host institution:

- Any research institution in France

Theme:

- All theme, with particular attention given to the bilateral cooperation priorities mentioned in the introduction.

Duration of the fellowship:

- 15 days, 1 month or 2 months (*the duration initially chosen by the candidate cannot be changed*)
- Period of the stay: 1st March and 31 December 2025

Benefits granted to beneficiaries:

- 2055 € / month
- Exemption of visa fees
- Social security cover
- International flight (round-trip from Turkey to France in economy class)
- Transport to the place of stay covered (French airport to host site)

Eligibility requirements:

- Turkish nationality only (dual nationals are not eligible)
- Senior researcher (5 years after PhD) currently researcher in Turkish institution.

Documents to be provided with the application:

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Indicate in the subject line of the e-mail:

« First Name LAST NAME - PRESTIJ Application »

The Embassy reserves **the right to organise a new call for applications in March 2025**, for mobility between 1st September and 31 December. Projects that did not receive a grant during the 1st call will be eligible only.

The laureates of the PRESTIJ program will be invited to events organised by the French Embassy as part of the France Alumni Turkey network.

