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1. Legal Framework

The Presidency is a public institution established by the Law no. 5978 on the 'Organization and Duties of Presidency for Turks Abroad and Related Communities' which entered into effect upon its publication in the Official Gazette numbered 27544 on 6 April 2010 and the Presidency operates as affiliated to the Republic of Turkey Ministry of Culture and Tourism as per Presidential Decree no. 4 published in the Official Gazette numbered 30479 dated 15.7.2018. One of the objectives of the Presidency is, as described in paragraph 1 (a) of Article 739 in Presidential Decree no. 4, 'to support the works to be carried out with relevant persons, institutions, non-governmental organizations and professional organizations in order to develop economic, social and cultural ties with sister and relative communities and to ensure that these activities are coordinated within the scope of a plan' as well as 'to ensure the continuation of our relations with the countries where students live after their graduation' as described in paragraph 1 (a) of Article 741 in the same Decree.

On the other hand, regarding the supports to be provided by the Presidency, paragraph (b) of Article 740 of the same Decree describes the duties of the Presidency as "to support the activities planned by individuals and organizations within the country and at abroad aimed at realizing the goals indicated in this Section on an administrative, financial or grant basis".

The applicants to the Academic Incentive Program prepared for this purpose are required to review the application guide and prepare and submit their applications in line with the explanations in this guide.

2. Objectives and Priorities of the Program

The objective of the Turkey Alumni Academic Incentive Program is to encourage and award the academic studies by the graduates of Turkey Alumni Program on Turkey, Turkish language, Turkish culture and history.

The priority topics are as follows:

· Promoting the studies by the scholars and researchers, who are graduates of Turkey Alumni Program, on our country's culture, language and history

· Enabling the scholars and researchers, who are graduates of Turkey Alumni Program, to make contributions to the scientific literature

3. Priority Project Topics

The Program will award the following studies by the scholars and researchers, who are graduates of Turkey Alumni Program:

· The articles published in the international journals that are screened in the prominent academic indexes (SSCI, SCI, AHCI).

Priority will be given to:

· Academic works that promote Turkey, Turkish language, Turkish culture and history,

· Articles containing at least one of these keywords in its abstract and/or tag: Turkey, Turkish language, Turkey/Turkish history, Turkish culture etc.

4. Types of Projects to be Supported

Graduates who will apply to the program   a r e
expected to apply for support within
the scope of the program's objectives
and priorities covering the following
contents.

1. The research or study must be in article format,
2. The articles in question must have been published in international academic journals scanned in SSCI, SCI-Expanded or A&HCI academic indexes,
3. The article must be written 1 year before the project application date at most,
4. If the article has more than one author, it will be supported only if all authors must be graduates of Turkey Alumni Program.

5. Activities not Included under the Project

Projects that include the following types of activities are not eligible:

- Activities that do not match with the objectives and priority topics stated above,
- Activities contrary to the law, public order, public health and morals of the society,
- Activities that are ideologically biased,
- Activities supporting political parties,
- Profit seeking activities,
- Activities that started before the signing of the support contract.

6. Amounts and Periods of Supports

The amount of support to be provided for each article by the Presidency is as follows:

- **Minimum support amount: 100 USD**
- **Maximum support amount: 500 USD**

7. Who may apply to the Program?

Foreign national researchers who are registered to Turkey Alumni Information System and have completed a part of their academic education in Turkey may apply to the incentive program.

8. Duration of the Program

An article must be written 1 year before the application date at most in order to be eligible for incentives within the scope of the program.

9. Application Address, Form and Documents

Project applications will be made online after the one-time membership registration at the following address by filling out the application form created for the program:

http://www.turkiyemezunlari.gov.tr

The standard format should be adhered to while filling out the application form, and the information and instructions on the system should be followed carefully.

If a deficiency or inconsistency is detected in the application form or required documents, then the application will be evaluated ineligible.

Additional explanation may be requested if the information provided is unclear and if this prevents a fair evaluation.

The mandatory documents for application are as follows:
1. Complete application form (online)
2. ORCID Number.
3. Full text of the published article

10. Evaluation of the Applications

The following criteria will be taken into consideration during the evaluation of the applications to the program;

1. The application form must be filled out completely,
2. Required documents must be submitted in full,
3. The article subject to the incentive application must be directly related to the objectives and priorities of the incentive program,
4. The article subject to the incentive application must be contributing to the literature on Turkey, Turkish language, Turkish culture and history
5. The article subject to the incentive application must contribute to the relations between Turkey and the home country of the graduate,
6. Academic competence and experience of the applicant,
7. Previous researches in the relevant field,

The application will be evaluated by answering the questions below. Considering these questions, possible deficiencies in the application should be completed.

The application will be evaluated in the light of the criteria determined by the Presidency and projects achieving 70 or higher score will be eligible for support.

TITLE		Max Score	Achieved Score
1.	Does the application match with the goals and objectives of the program?	15	
2.	Does the application meet the basic criteria of the Presidency within the scope of the program?	15	
3.	Does the article meet the requirement that the article be written no more than 12 months before the application date?	10	
4.	Does the title or the abstract of the article includes such concepts and keywords as Turkey, Turkish language, Turkish culture, Turkish history, etc.?	20	
5.	Does the article contribute to the literature in the relevant field?	10	
6.	Does the author of the article have the necessary experience and competence in the relevant field?	20	
7.	Is the journal in which the article is published is scanned in the indexes specified in the program conditions? (Journal Citation Reports will be taken into consideration in the evaluation)	10	
	TOTAL SCORE:	100	

11. Announcement of Evaluation Results

The results of the evaluation will be notified to the applicants through the system used for application.

12. Special Conditions of the Program and Application Procedures

1. Applications will be in the form of online applications on the specified dates.
2. Project applications by other means (e-mail, mail, in person, etc.) will not be accepted.
3. A copy of the article will be attached to the application.
4. The Presidency reserves the right to make changes regarding the objective, scope and budget of the program.