# 2215 GRADUATE SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM FOR INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS (2013)

## **Scholarship Description**

The Scientific and Technological Research Council of Turkey (TÜBİTAK) grants scholarships for international students seeking to pursue a graduate degree in Turkey in the fields of Natural Sciences, Engineering and Technological Sciences, Medical Sciences, Agricultural Sciences, Social Sciences and Humanities. The program aims to promote Turkey's scientific and technological collaboration with countries of the prospective students. Preference will be given to candidates who demonstrate the potential to contribute significantly to Turkey's goal of international cooperation in scientific and technological development.

## Who Can Apply

The scholarship is open to all students who want to undertake a graduate degree program in Turkey on the following conditions:

- Applicants must be 30 years old or younger for the MSc/MA programs and 35 years old or younger for the PhD programs on the first day of the application period.
- Applicants should be non-Turkish citizens. Applicants who hold dual citizenship with Turkey are not eligible to apply.
- Applicants who hold a Bachelor's degree or who are currently enrolled in their fourth year of college are eligible to apply for scholarship for the MSc/MA programs.
- Applicants who are currently enrolled in an MSc/MA program in Turkey are also eligible for the scholarship on the condition that they have not yet completed their third semester in the program.
- Applicants holding an MSc/MA degree or currently enrolled in a master's program who
  intend to enroll in a PhD program in Turkey are eligible to apply for the scholarship.
- Applicants who are currently enrolled in a PhD program in Turkey are also eligible to apply on the condition that they have not yet completed their six semester in the program.

Applicants who are medal winners at any branch of the International Science Olympiads will be given priority.

### **Award Details**

The scholarship will consist of

- A monthly stipend of 1.500 Turkish Liras (TL) for MSc/MA students
- A monthly stipend of 1.800 Turkish Liras (TL) for PhD students
- A monthly allowance for health insurance coverage for the award holder only.
- Maximum duration for the scholarship is 2 years for the Masters and 4 years for the PhD program.
- Awardees must begin their graduate program within one year of having been notified of the award.
- All scholarship awardees who successfully complete a Master's program will be rewarded scholarship for a PhD program on the condition that they are admitted to a program at a Turkish University.

## **Application Deadlines**

Applications will be accepted twice a year. The deadline for the applications will be announced at TÜBİTAK's website. Candidates are encouraged to visit the official website often for details of the program as terms and conditions are subject to change each year.

Application deadlines for 2013 are:

- April 12th for the Spring Semester (Applications will be accepted beginning on March 1st)
- September 27th for the Fall Semester (Application will be accepted beginning on August 16th).

## How to Apply?

Information about the required application documents can be obtained from the program website at <a href="http://www.tubitak.gov.tr/bideb/2215">http://www.tubitak.gov.tr/bideb/2215</a>. All applications must be submitted electronically via TÜBİTAK scholarship application portal, which can be found at <a href="http://e-bideb.tubitak.gov.tr/">http://e-bideb.tubitak.gov.tr/</a>. All accompanying required documents must also be uploaded electronically.

#### **Terms and Conditions**

All applicants will be required to sign a letter of commitment agreeing to comply with all conditions of the TÜBİTAK scholarship.

While proof of acceptance to a graduate program is not a prerequisite to apply for the scholarship, awards will only be granted on the condition of enrollment in a graduate program within one year of the notification of the award.

The responsibility of gaining acceptance to a graduate program in Turkey belongs to the candidate. Candidates must meet all requirements for admission as set by respective universities.

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