22. Pak-Turk Researchers’ Mobility Grant Program (PT-MGP)

Program # HEC/R&D/PT-MGP/P-022
Application Form # HEC/R&D/PT-MGP/ F-022
Approving Authority:

Overview

Pak-Turk Researchers’ Mobility Grant Program provides opportunities to Pakistani and Turk researchers to interact for joint research activities.

Program Objective

The main objective of this program is to develop new scientific and technological cooperation between Pakistan and Turk higher education institutions by supporting the mobility of researchers from both sides.

Eligibility Criteria

• Applicant must hold a regular faculty position at public/HEC approved private university eligible for research funding
• The major cost of the project will be borne by the participating universities from Pakistan and Turkey.
• The program will support only mobility of the researchers to and from Pakistan.
• Active participation and mobility of young researchers, especially doctoral students (enrolled under supervision by the PI) is one of the key objectives.
• Each project must be submitted simultaneously in Pakistan and Turkey.
• The proposals must be signed by the Head of Institutions as well.
• Partner universities are required to sign Mevlana Exchange Program Protocol for Turkish side
• The host institution must guarantee having the needed capacities (e.g. working space) to accommodate the visiting fellows.
• Maximum two research projects can be submitted by one PI for funding.
• Project life will be for one to three years.

Funding Criteria

The funds will be granted on an annual basis, for maximum three consecutive years (till the life of project).

The HEC Pakistan covers;

• Travel expenses of Pakistani Researchers to Turkey @ Rs. 100,000/- round trip including inland travel:
• Living allowance to Pakistani Researchers in Turkey @ Rs. 3000/- per diem

Contribution by the Turkey covers;

• Travel and Living expenses of Turk Researchers to Pakistan

Submission (How to apply)

• Projects will be submitted on prescribed application form
• Partners will have to submit the project simultaneously in Pakistan and Turkey.
CVs of Turk and Pakistani researchers participating in the project should be attached to the application form.

Completed application (4 sets/copies) should be submitted.

**Focal Points for Linkages**

- In Turk universities: Director of International Relations in the concerned university.
- In Pakistani universities: Director (ORIC), while for non ORIC HEIs, Director Board of Advanced Studies & Research of the university.

**Evaluation**

The projects are evaluated based on the following criteria:

- Relevance to the priority areas
- Scientific quality of the proposed research
- Research track and experience of the visiting fellow
- Suitability of the Principal Investigator and the host institute
- Complementarity of co-applicants (benefit for each co-applicant)
- Potential for long-term collaboration
- Impact on economy & society

**Selection**

- Applications will be assessed and ranked according to their scientific quality.
- Active participation and mobility of young researchers, especially doctoral students is one of the primary criteria for selection.
- The proposals will be reviewed by the experts.
- A joint-committee will examine and accord approval for final selection of projects.

**Monitoring**

- The renewal of the annual funding is subject to the submission of a scientific and financial progress report at the end of each year.
- **A joint mid-term report** must be submitted.
- **A joint final report** is required no later than three months after the completion of projects.
- All progress reports will be reviewed by the experts.