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"METU Research Highlights" is designed with the aim of publicizing the research events and highlighting the research funding opportunities for researchers.

In order to provide up-to-date information about the research opportunities, METU Research Highlights comprises the announcements of both national and international Calls for Proposals. Calls under 7th Framework Programme, TÜBİTAK and Other are to be updated monthly to inform the researchers about the recently published Open Calls and their deadlines. Under the heading of Events, research events organised both by METU and other related organisations will also be published. Did you know... section targets to convey information about on-going research-related activities in METU and opportunities for researchers.

To bring news from a wider selection of sources and improve METU Research Highlights, Send Feedback page will serve as a medium for your comments on the quality and quantity of the information provided.

FAQ part provides the required information about national and international projects' application forms and facts and figures on METU projects.
In this page, you can find open calls for proposals under three headings: TÜBİTAK, EU Framework Programme 7 (FP7) and Other.

Under the TÜBİTAK Calls, you can find the funding opportunities of TÜBİTAK for Academic Research and Development Activities (ARDEB).

Under FP7, there are four funding schemes. These are the specific programmes called: People, Ideas, Capacities and Cooperation.

- **People Specific Programme** supports for mobility and career development of researchers.
- **Ideas Specific Programme** promotes the frontier research without restriction in terms of thematic areas.
- **Capacities Specific Programme** is especially developed for convergence regions to enhance the research and innovation capacities.
- **Cooperation Specific Programme** is the main tool for integrating the European Research Area by promoting collaboration between research centers, universities and industry from different countries in key technology areas.

**EURATOM** and **Joint Research Centers** are other tools for research funding opportunities provided directly by the European Commission under FP7.

- **EURATOM** is a funding opportunity of Atomic Energy Community to contribute to the further consolidation of the European Research Area in the nuclear energy sector by promoting civil nuclear research and training activities.
- **Joint Research Centers** is a reference centre for science and technology issues by providing required infrastructure for researchers in non-nuclear research activities.

Under Other calls, you can find open calls for proposals of several national and international funding opportunities.
FP7 - CALLS

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PEOPLE

FP7-PEOPLE-2009-IAPP

Industry-Academia Partnerships and Pathways (IAPP) is a Marie Curie action which aims to foster cooperation between non-commercial research organisations and commercial enterprises based on joint research projects, and to stimulate long-term cooperation between sectors through secondment of researchers between the public and private research domains.

Publication Date: 24 April 2009
Budget: € 65 000 000
Deadline: 27 July 2009 at 17:00:00 (Brussels local time)
For further information, please see this page.

FP7-PEOPLE-2009-IEF

Intra-European Fellowships for Career Development (IEF) provides financial support for advanced training and trans-national mobility, for a period of 12-24 months (full-time equivalent), for individual projects presented by experienced researchers from Member States or Associated Countries in liaison with a host organisation from a Member State or Associated Country.

Publication Date: 18 March 2009
Budget: € 95 000 000
Deadline: 18 August 2009 at 17:00:00 (Brussels local time)
For further information, please see this page.

FP7-PEOPLE-2009-IIF

International Incoming Fellowships (IIF) aims to reinforce the scientific excellence of the Member States and the Associated countries through knowledge sharing with incoming top-class researchers active in third countries to work on research projects in Europe, with the view to developing mutually-beneficial research cooperation between Europe and third countries.

Publication Date: 18 March 2009
Budget: € 28 000 000
Deadline: 18 August 2009 at 17:00:00 (Brussels local time)
For further information, please see this page.

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

20. Who is the LEAR (Legal Entity Appointed Representative) in METU?
Assoc. Prof. Dr. İrem Dikmen Toker-Assistant to the President is the contact point of the organisation with respect to legal information on the organisation.

21. What is the PIC (Participant Identification Code)?
All organisations participating in FP7 has been assigned a PIC to be used in all proposals submissions and negotiations. METU’s PIC number is 999 643 492.

22. What is the VAT (Value Added Tax) number?
The VAT number of METU is TR6320050974.
15. Can I get support about the financial issues regarding FP7 projects?
You can get information about the financial issues from the EU and TÜBİTAK Projects Office (Phone: 210 38 60) both prior to and following project proposal submission. Support is also given during the lifetime of the project concerning the accounting issue. Before submitting your proposal, please make sure that you read the documents in detail providing information about financial issues in detail. This document is available at http://www.sgdb.metu.edu.tr/muhasebe.php.

16. Can I get support about the personnel employment and related costs and payments in EU and TÜBİTAK projects?
Since this is an important issue in EU and TÜBİTAK projects, researchers are expected to get in touch with the related office beforehand. For personnel related issues, TUBİTAK and EU Projects Office, Project Personnel Management Unit (210 35 95) can be contacted.

17. What is the ratio of overhead in FP 7 projects?
METU as a public body within the framework of research projects benefits from the transitional flat rate of 60% of the total project budget until the beginning of 2010 under FP7. In Ideas and People Programmes, the project budget covers all direct and indirect costs. However, in Coordination and Support Actions, the overhead is limited to 7% (standard flat rate) of the project budget.

18. What percentage of the requested budget does EU funding cover?
In research and technology projects, 75% of the project budget is funded by EU. In Coordination and Support Actions, as well as the projects under Ideas and People Programmes, all direct and indirect costs are funded by the Commission.

19. Who is the Authorised Representative in METU?
Prof. Dr. M. Tuncay Birand- Vice President
Project forms need to be signed by the authorised representative.

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

CALLS—FP7

FP7-PEOPLE-2009-IOF
International Outgoing Fellowships for Career Development (IOF) provides financial support for advanced training and trans-national mobility, for a period of up to 3 years, for individual projects presented by experienced researchers from Member States or Associated Countries with the aim of providing them the opportunity to be trained and acquire new knowledge in a high-level research organisation located in a third country.
Publication Date: 18 March 2009
Budget: € 28 000 000
Deadline: 18 August 2009 at 17:00:00 (Brussels local time)
For further information, please see this page.

FP7-PEOPLE-2009-RG
Marie Curie Reintegration Grants (RG) will be implemented by two sub-actions, European Reintegration Grants (ERG) and International Reintegration Grants (IRG). ERG aims at assisting experienced researchers in the (re)integration into a research career after a transnational mobility experience within the frame of Marie Curie actions. IRG aims to reinforce the attractiveness of Europe by encouraging European researchers who have carried out research outside Europe for at least three years.
Publication Date: 09 October 2008
Budget: 31.000.000 EURO
Deadline: 31 December 2009 at 17:00.00 (Brussels local time)
Cut-Off Dates: 08 October 2009 at 17:00.00 (Brussels local time)
02 April 2009 at 17.00.00 (Brussels local time)
Specific Programme(s): People
For further information, please see this page.
IDEAS

No calls are currently open for this programme.

CAPACITIES

Development of a Supercomputing Strategy in Europe

Identifier: 2009/S 99-142914
Publication Date: 26 May 2009
Budget: € 300 000
Deadline: 24 June 2009 at 16:00:00 (Brussels local time)
Specific Programme(s): Capacities
Theme: Research Infrastructures

For further information, please see this page.

COORDINATION

Information and Communication Technologies Calls

Identifier: 2009/S 89-127602
Publication Date: 09 May 2009
Budget: € 160 000
Deadline: 17 July 2009 at 16:00:00 (Brussels local time)

For further information, please see this page

Identifier: 2009/S 100-143993
Publication Date: 27 May 2009
Budget: € 225 000
Deadline: 26 June 2009 at 16:00:00 (Brussels local time)

For further information, please see this page.

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

PROJECT APPLICATION AND IMPLEMENTATION IN METU

10. How many international research projects are going on/completed in METU?
Researchers can find the updated list of completed and ongoing international research projects from the Office of EU Affairs webpage.

11. How many projects are funded by TÜBİTAK in METU?
The list of TÜBİTAK-funded projects is available at http://www.odtu.edu.tr/research/tubitak.php

12. Can I get support to fill in Part A during the project proposal submission process?
Part A is about the Administrative Information. In this part, general information about METU is to be filled in. This information can be provided by the Office of EU Affairs.
Please contact the Office: www.euoffice.metu.edu.tr

13. What does Office of EU Affairs do?
Office of EU Affairs can provide the researchers with the information about all administrative issues during the project proposal writing and submission processes.

14. What kinds of info or forms are provided by the Office of EU Affairs?
The Office of EU Affairs can supply info to the project proposal writers about the; PIC number, VAT number, LEAR and the Signing Authority.
The Office can also provide the following forms:
• Sample Grant Agreement Preparation Forms (A2.1-A2.5 Forms)
• Public Entities Form (required also for other international/national projects)
• Financial Identification Form
• Law on the Establishment of METU
• Commitment of the Host Institution
• Support Letter
• Sworn Statements
• Financial and Personnel Information
FP7 PROJECT PERSONNEL

6. How are the invited foreign researchers employed in Marie Curie Actions?
The institution that invites foreign researchers acquires Employment Permit and Certificate for the researcher from the Ministry of Labour and Social Security. The researcher is employed as having the social security insurance (SSK).

7. What kind of agreement is concluded in Marie Curie Actions between METU and those researchers having PhDs, but not employed at METU?
The aim in personnel employment under Marie Curie Actions is to employ the researcher by incorporating him/her into the social security system (SSK). Therefore, a service contract is concluded between METU as the host institution and the researcher.

8. Can researchers who continue with their education receive scholarships within the framework of Marie Curie Actions? Scholarship payments to these researchers can only be made with the approval of the coordinator. However, the researcher is responsible for his/her own individual health insurance.

9. How is the stipend of the personnel calculated?
When the stipend of the project personnel is calculated,
• If they are not employed by a public organisation, it is calculated after deducting the social security contribution, income tax and stamp tax from their gross payment.
• If they are employed by a public organisation or as academic personnel in a public university, the stipend calculation is made after deducting the income and stamp taxes only.
Transport Calls

2009/S 98-140618
Publication Date: 23 May 2009
Budget: € 500 000
Deadline: 22 July 2009 at 16:00:00 (Brussels local time)

For further information, please see this page.

2009/S 96-137211
Publication Date: 20 May 2009
Budget: € 1 000 000
Deadline: 22 July 2009 at 16:00:00 (Brussels local time)

For further information, please see this page.

EURATOM

No calls are currently open for this programme.

JRC

JRC'de Ulusal Uzman Görevlendirmesi 2009 yılı JRC Genişleme ve Entegrasyon Eylemi kapsamında JRC'nin 4 enstitüsünde farklı disiplinlerde (referans ölçümler, nükleer güvenlik, temiz enerji, küresel güvenlik, denizcilik) 8 Ulusal Uzman pozisyonu açılmış bulunmaktadır.

Başvuruların 27 Temmuz 2009 tarihine kadar yapılmış gerçekleştirilmiştir.

Bilgi için: http://www.fp7.org.tr/home.do

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

TÜBİTAK PROJE PERSONELİ

1. TÜBİTAK projelerinde kimler araştırmacı olabilir?
Proje yürütücüsü tarafından önerilen ve TÜBİTAK tarafından onaylanan kişiler, TÜBİTAK projelerinde araştırmacı olarak yer alabilirler. Bu kişilerin;
- Kurum içinde veya dışından olmaları TÜBİTAK projelerinde yer almaları konusunda bir engel teşkil etmemektedir.
- 2547 Sayılı kanuna tabi olmaları veya hiçbir yerde çalışmamaları gerekmektedir.

2. TÜBİTAK projelerinde kimler bursiyer olarak çalışabilir?
TÜBİTAK projelerinde, yüksek lisans ve doktora öğrencisiyile, doktora sonrası araştırmacılar bursiyer olarak görev alabilmektedirler. Bu şartları sağlayan öğrenciler ve araştırmacıları;
- Herhangi bir yerde çalışıp çalışamamaları, bursiyer olmaları konusunda engel teşkil etmemektedir.
- Eğitimlerine/araştırmalarına projenin yürütüldüğü üniversitede devam etmeleri şartı yoktur.

3. TÜBİTAK projelerinde yabancı uyruklu öğretim üyesi çalışabilir mi?
Yabancı uyruklu öğretim üyesi, TÜBİTAK ve AB projelerinde ücret alarak çalışamazlar.

4. TÜBİTAK projelerinde yabancı uyruklu öğrencilere çalışabilir mi?
TÜBİTAK projelerinde yabancı uyruklu öğrenciler ücret alarak çalışamaz. Ancak, yüksek lisans, doktora ve doktora sonrası eğitime devam edenlere burs ödemesi yapılabilir.

5. TÜBİTAK 1007- Kamu Projeleri’nde personel çalıştırılabilir mi?
TÜBİTAK 1007 Kamu Projelerinde, kurum içinde veya dışından personel çalıştırılabilir.
- Kurum içinde veya başka bir kurum adına çalışan personel, 2547 sayılı Yüksek Öğretim Kanunu’na tabi araştırmacı olarak çalıştırılabilir.
- Hiçbir yerde çalışmayan destek personeli ya da araştırmacı sosyal güvenlikli sağlanarak SSK’lı olarak çalışabilir.
If you would like to find THESES and DISSERTATIONS that have been completed at METU since April 2003...

You have now the web access to the database from Research button on the left side of METU Home Page or METU Library.

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**DID YOU KNOW...**

**CALLS- TÜBİTAK**

**TEKNOGİRİŞİM DESTEK PROGRAMI 2009 YILI PROJE BAŞVURU ÇAĞRISI**


Son Başvuru Tarihi: 30 Haziran 2009 saat 18:00
Başvuru adresi: www.teydeb.tubitak.gov.tr

**ULUSAL GENÇ ARAŞTIRMACI KARIYER GELİŞTİRME PROGRAMI (KARIYER PROGRAMI) (3501)**

Ulusal Genç Araştırmacı Kariyer Geliştirme Programı’nın (3501); amaç kariyerlerine yeni başlayan doktoralı genç bilim insanlarının çalışmalarını proje desteği vererek teşvik etmekti. 21. yüzyılın akademik önderliğini yüklenerek genç araştırmacıların çalışmalarını desteklenerek, hem genç bilim insanlarının kariyerlerini araştırmacı ve eğitimci olarak en iyi şekilde sürdürmeleri, hem de bilimsel düzeyimizin geliştirilmesi ve bilimin ülke kalkınmasındaki rolünün artılmasının amaçlı bir programdır.

Proje başvuruları elektronik olarak alınacaktır.
Son başvuru tarihi: 07 Ağustos 2009
Başvuru adresi: http://ardeb3501.tubitak.gov.tr
Did you know that there is a Research Centre, TEKPOL that aims to formulate relevant policies for furthering research and expanding domestic scientific and technological capabilities in response to universal developments? If you want to learn more about TEKPOL...

Founded on 1 January 1997 at METU, TEKPOL formulates relevant policies for furthering research and expanding domestic scientific and technological capabilities in response to universal developments. The research and training programme of the Centre (Academic Programme: The M.Sc. Programme and Ph.D in “Science and Technology Policy Studies”) cover an extensive domain in close relations to crucial policy questions concerning national and international regulations of science, technology and innovation, with a particular focus on the networks of inter-organisational relations on knowledge management issues. The Centre also focuses on the evolving economic, political, regional and cultural landscape so far as they can influence how knowledge production and learning processes can be managed within the context of systematic arrangements and development strategies and achieve the objectives of sustainable economic growth targets. Research and policy agenda of the Centre coincides with the fulfillment of the governmental economic and social policy research agendas, as well as with public and private research institutions, private sector, civil society organisations and other actors that are involved in the creation and diffusion of innovation culture and knowledge aimed at building a sustainable economic development policy agenda.

Please visit http://www.stps.metu.edu.tr/tekpol/ for more information.

An upcoming event of TEKPOL is the “Technology and Economic Development - 3rd International Conference on Innovation, Technology and Knowledge Economics” which will be held on 24-26 June, 2009.

Please visit the conference website: http://conf09.metu.edu.tr for details.
SPO will also provide funding to METU to enhance the research infrastructure of the university. The main difference between these two programmes and the Faculty Development Programme (ÖYP) is that researchers will be targeting to work in industry as technical personnel rather than being academicians at universities.

Did you know that there is an intergovernmental framework in the Field of Scientific and Technical Research for the coordination of nationally funded research on a European level? If you want further information about this programme, COST...

Founded in 1971, European Cooperation in the Field of Scientific and Technical Research (COST) is an intergovernmental framework for European Co-operation in the field of Scientific and Technical Research, allowing the coordination of nationally funded research on a European level. COST Actions cover basic and pre-competitive research as well as activities of public utility.

COST is based on Actions. These are networks of co-ordinated national research projects in fields, which are of interest to a minimum number of participants (at least 5) from different Member States. The Actions are defined by a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) signed by the Governments of the COST states wishing to participate in the Action. The duration of an Action is generally 4 years. COST funding is basically used to cover coordination costs such as contributions to workshops/ conferences, travel costs for meetings, contributions to publications and short term scientific missions of researchers to visit other laboratories.

For details about COST, please visit the following web site: www.cost.esf.org

For details about participation to COST actions from Turkey, please visit the following web address: http://www.tubitak.gov.tr/home.do?ot=5&rt=1&sid=367&pid=364&cid=9907

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For the recently announced COST actions, please refer to the Research Highlights – Calls – Other.
HIZLI DESTEK PROGRAMI (1002)

Hızlı Destek Programı (1002); üniversitelerde, araştırma hastanelerinde ve araştırma enstitülerinde yürütülecek acil, kısa süreli, küçük bütçeli araştırma ve geliştirme projelerine destek sağlamak amacıyla yönelik bir programdır.

Başvuru için zaman kısıtlaması yoktur.

Başvuru adresi: http://ardeb1002.tubitak.gov.tr


DID YOU KNOW

If you want to apply to a research grant in FP7, you are strongly advised to refer to the “flowcharts” prepared by Office of European Union Affairs...

If you are to apply to any research project in FP7, you can refer to the flowcharts showing the application and implementation process in METU.

FP7 Special Programmes:

- People.pdf
- Capacities.pdf
- Cooperation.pdf
- Ideas.pdf

Did you know that in the framework of the 2010 Call for Proposals of State Planning Organisation (SPO), METU has submitted two new project proposals in addition to the ongoing Faculty Development Programme (Öğretim Üyesi Yetiştirme Programı-ÖYP)...?

If funded by SPO, METU will start a Researcher Development Programme (Araştırmacı Yetiştirme Programı-AYP) in the following five fields: Renewable Energy and Sustainability, Biotechnology, Information Technology, Advanced Materials and Disaster, Risk and Security. Within the scope of AYP, salaries of the students to work as research assistants in the university will be covered by SPO. Post-doc researchers, as well as graduate students, may be enrolled in AYP.

Another programme proposed to be initiated with the support of SPO is Industry Development Programme (Sanayi için Lisansüstü Araştırmacı Programı-SLP). So far, protocols have been signed with 11 companies operating in the automotive, cement manufacturing and defence industries. Within the scope of this programme, salaries of the researchers will be paid by the industry and researchers will spend at least 3 days a week working in the industry and 2 days at METU throughout their graduate studies.
PLATON+: INFO DAY ON THE SUCCESS OF THE INTERDISCIPLINARY PROJECTS

Date: July 3, 2009
Place: TÜBİTAK-Mustafa İnan Konferans Salonu
Info: http://www.fp7.org.tr/home.do?ot=5&rt=&sid=0&pid=0&cid=14206

In the framework of Platon+ project founded by FP7 in Socio-Economic Sciences and the Humanities, an Info Day will be held on “Success of Interdisciplinary Projects.”

The aim of the meeting, where information will be given about project evaluation process, and the Calls to be opened in 2009 in the fields of Socio-economic Sciences and the Humanities, Security and Science in Society, is to accentuate the significance of Socio-Economic Sciences and the Humanities in articulating technology-oriented R&D projects. The Info Day will provide an opportunity for the representatives of academia and business that plan to participate in the projects in these fields.

COST

Ülkemizin üyesi bulunduğu ve Türkiye’deki bilimsel koordinatörlüğü TÜBITAK tarafından yürütülen COST (European Cooperation in Science and Technology) programı kapsamlı yeni aksiyonların listesine ulaşmak için tıklayınız.

Daha fazla bilgi için: www.tubitak.gov.tr/uidb
**EVENTS**

**Information Event on the Seventh Call for Proposals Under the E-Infrastructures Activity of the Capacities Specific Programme, FP7**

Date: 18 June 2009  
Place: Brussels  

The information event on the Seventh Call for Proposals under “e-Infrastructures” of the FP7 Capacities Specific Programme will be held in Brussels on 18 June 2009.

The event will focus on the following topics:
• INFRA-2010-1.2.1: Distributed Computing Infrastructure  
• INFRA-2010-1.2.2: Simulation Software and Services  
• INFRA-2010-1.2.3: Virtual Research Communities  
• INFRA-2010-2.3.1: First Implementation Phase of the European High Performance Computing (HPC) Service PRACE  
• INFRA-2010-3.3: Coordination actions, conferences and studies supporting policy development, including international cooperation, for E-Infrastructures.

**KAGIDER EU Days, İstanbul**

Date: 18-19 June, 2009  
Place: Istanbul

The Women Entrepreneurs Association of Turkey (KAGIDER) will hold the KAGIDER EU Days on 18-19 June 2009 in Istanbul.

The first day of the conference will focus on the European Commission's Seventh Framework Programme (FP7) and EU policy and civil society support themes will be in the focus on the second day.

**TÜBİTAK – Helmholtz Joint Workshop**

Date: June 29-30, 2009  
Place: Brussels, Belgium  

TÜBİTAK FP7 National Coordination Office is organizing a joint workshop with the Helmholtz Association on 29-30 June 2009, in Brussels, Belgium. The aim is to bring together researchers from both parties in the priority area of Health and establish collaborative ties between the researchers from Turkey and the Helmholtz Association in that area. The focus of the workshop will be on the systems biology, cancer, detection, diagnosis and monitoring, infection diseases, and human development and aging.

The Call for Proposals is expected to be published in July 2009.

For further information about the Helmholtz Association, please refer to the website of the Association: [http://www.helmholtz.de/en/](http://www.helmholtz.de/en/)

**DID YOU KNOW**

The event aims to provide a higher level of awareness and a deeper knowledge of FP7 and EU policies among non-governmental organisations (NGOs), academicians and researchers in general, and among women in NGOs, women researchers, and women entrepreneurs in particular.

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