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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 and TÜBİTAK 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 basic information about EU projects' application forms.

CALLS

In this page, you can find open calls for proposals from **TÜBİTAK** and **EU Framework Programme 7 (FP7)**.

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

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.

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 infrastructures for researchers in non-nuclear research activities.

LINKS

TÜBİTAK Homepage :
<http://www.tubitak.gov.tr/>

FP7 CORDIS Homepage :
http://cordis.europa.eu/home_en.html

TÜBİTAK FP7 Homepage :
<http://www.fp7.org.tr/>

METU Office of European Union Affairs:
www.euoffice.metu.edu.tr

METU Research Coordination Office: <http://research.po.metu.edu.tr>

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FP7 - CALLS

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COOPERATION	Health	IDEAS	European Research Council
	Food, Agriculture and Fisheries, Biotechnology	PEOPLE	Initial Training
	Information & communication technologies (ICT)		Life-Long Learning and Career Development
	Nanosciences, nanotechnologies, materials & new production technologies		Academia-Industry Partnership
	Energy	CAPACITIES	International Dimension
	Environment (including climate change)		Special Action
	Transport (including aeronautics)		Research Infrastructure
	Socio-economic sciences and the humanities		Research for the Benefit of SME's
	Space		Regions of Knowledge
	Security	Joint Research Centres	Convergence Regions
	Science in Society		
	Research Policy		
			International Cooperation

CALLS—FP7

PEOPLE

FP7-PEOPLE-2009-IRSES

International Research Staff Exchange Scheme (IRSES) is a Marie Curie action that aims to strengthen research partnerships through staff exchanges and networking activities.

Publication Date: 25 November 2008

Budget: 30.000.000 EURO

Deadline: 27 March 2009 at 17:00:00 (Brussels local time)

Specific Programme(s): People

Theme: PEOPLE

For further information, please see [this page](#).

FP7-PEOPLE-2009-EURAXESS

Publication Date: 22 January 2009-02-09

Budget: 2.900.000 EURO

Deadline: 22 April 2009 at 17:00:00 (Brussels local time)

Specific Programme(s): People

Theme: PEOPLE

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

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

1. Who is the Authorised Representative in METU?

Prof. Dr. M. Tuncay Birand- Vice President
Project forms need to be signed by the authorised representative.

2. Who is the LEAR (Legal Entity Appointed Representative) in METU?

Assoc. Prof. Dr. İrem Dikmen Toker-Assistant to the President the contact point of the organisation with respect to legal information on the organisation.

3. Which forms can you take from the Office of EU Affairs?

- Grant Agreement Preparation Forms (A2.1-A2.5 Forms)
- Public Entities Form
- Financial Identification Form
- Law on the Establishment of METU
- Commitment of the Host Institution
- Sworn Statements
- Financial and Personnel Information

4. What is the PIC (Participant Identification Code)?

All organisations participating in FP7 has assigned a PIC which you will be able to use in all proposals submissions and negotiations. METU's PIC number is 999 643 492.

5. What is the VAT (Value Added Tax) number?

The VAT number of METU is TR6320050974.

DID YOU KNOW...

[If you are interested in scientific research areas of defence modeling and simulation, and want to collaborate with MODSIMMER,....](#)

If you are interested in scientific research areas of defence modeling and simulation, and want to collaborate with **MODSIMMER**, you can refer to the website of MODSIMMER (<http://www.modsimmer.metu.edu.tr/>).

As a research center of METU, MODSIMMER has been carrying out research and development projects in the area of defence modeling and simulation since 1998. Having received the support of Turkish State Planning Organization in 2006, MODSIMMER is now planning to expand its activities in different areas of Modeling and Simulation based on dual-use Technologies. If you are interested in the research groups of MODSIMMER, please fill in the questionnaire at <http://www.modsimmer.metu.edu.tr/anket> by 13 March 2009.

CALLS—FP7

IDEAS

ERC – 2009 – AdG_20090415

Publication Date: 19 November 2008

Budget: € 489 538 000

Deadline: Various Deadlines for three sub-calls

Please note that ‘ERC-2009-AdG’ consists of three sub-calls:

ERC – 2009 – AdG_20090325 for the domain Physical Science and Engineering (PE), with deadline 25 March 2009, 17.00.00 (Brussels local time)

ERC – 2009 – AdG_20090415 for the domain Social Sciences and Humanities (SH), with deadline 15 April 2009, 17.00.00 (Brussels local time)

ERC – 2009 – AdG_20090506 for the domain Life Sciences (LS), with deadline 6 May 2009, 17.00.00 (Brussels local time)

Specific Programme: Ideas

Theme: ERC

For further information, please see [this page](#).

CAPACITIES

FP7 - INFRASTRUCTURES – 2009 – 1

The objective of the Research Infrastructures part of the Capacities specific programme is to optimise the use and development of the best research infrastructures existing in Europe, and to help to create in all fields of science and technology new research infrastructures of pan-European interest needed by the European scientific community to remain at the forefront of the advancement of research, and able to help industry to strengthen its base of knowledge and its technological know how.

Publication Date: 09 December 2008

Budget: € 9 600 000

Deadline: 17 March 2009 at 17.00.00 (Brussels local time)

Specific Programme(s): Capacities

Theme: Research Infrastructures

For further information, please see [this page](#).

CALLS—FP7

COOPERATION

FP7-ERANET-2009-RTD

ERANET scheme aims to develop and strengthen the coordination of public research programmes conducted at national or regional level.

Publication Date: 19 November 2008

Budget: € 12 500 000

Deadline: 21 April 2009 at 17.00.00 (Brussels local time)

Specific Programme(s): Cooperation

Themes: Environment (including Climate Change); Health; Food; Agriculture and Fisheries, and Biotechnology; Nanosciences, Nanotechnologies, Materials and new Production Technologies; Socio-economic Sciences and Humanities.

For further information, please see [this page](#).

Information and Communication Technologies Calls

FP7 – ICT – 2009 – C

Publication Date: 19 November 2008

Budget: €30 000 000

Deadlines: 24 May 2011 at 17:00:00 (Brussels local time)

24 May 2011 at 17:00:00 (Brussels local time) - For Batch_12 full STREP and CSA

25 January 2011 at 17:00:00 (Brussels local time) - For Batch_11 full STREP and CSA

28 September 2010 at 17:00:00 (Brussels local time) - For Batch_10 full STREP and CSA

06 July 2010 at 17:00:00 (Brussels local time) - For Batch_09 full STREP and CSA

26 January 2010 at 17:00:00 (Brussels local time) - For Batch_08 full STREP and CSA

22 September 2009 at 17:00:00 (Brussels local time) - For Batch_07 full STREP and CSA

26 May 2009 at 17:00:00 (Brussels local time) - For Batch_06 full STREP and CSA

20 January 2009 at 17:00:00 (Brussels local time) - For Batch_05 full STREP and CS

For further information, please see [this page](#).

DID YOU KNOW...

* HPC-Europa pays travel and living costs and provides accommodation.

* Following EC guidelines, applicants are particularly encouraged from Candidate Countries and those who do not have access to similar computing facilities at their home institute.

The next closing date for applications is Saturday 28th February.

Further information and on-line application form can be found at www.hpc-europa.org/ta.html.

[If you want to apply for Post-Doc programme in Turkey or abroad....](#)

If you want to apply for Post-Doc programme in Turkey or abroad, the following table would inform you about various funding opportunities for **Post-Doc Programmes**.

POST-DOC RESEARCH PROGRAMMES

Institution	Funds	Who Can Benefit?
TÜBİTAK BİDEP	2218 Post-Doc Fellowship Programme	Researchers, having received their PhD who are / will start studying in any university or research center in Turkey
TÜBİTAK BİDEP	2216 Research Fellowship Programme for Foreign Citizens	Researchers, having received their PhD who are / will start studying any university or research center in Turkey
TÜBİTAK BİDEP	2219 Post-Doc Fellowship Programme Abroad	Researchers, having received their PhD who are / will start studying in any university or research center outside Turkey
TÜBA	TÜBA-DSAP Post-Doc Programme	Researchers who will conduct Post-Doc research in Turkey or abroad*
Fulbright Education Committee	Fulbright Post-Doc Fellowships	Researchers who will conduct research in the US in any university
The European Commission	Marie Curie Fellowships	Researchers having received their PhD who are / will start studying in any university or research center abroad**

* The period of the fund is 2 years. The period of study abroad can not exceed one year

** In any country other than their host country in university/research center

DID YOU KNOW...

[If you want to apply to FP7 ERC Starting Grant,....](#)

If you want to apply to FP7 ERC Starting Grant, you can refer to the **METU ERC Starting Grant Committee**.

The ERC Committee was established under the Office of EU Affairs in 2008 as a part of ongoing efforts to increase the research potential of young researchers in the University. The aim of the Committee is to determine the critical success factors of European Research Council's (ERC) Starting Grant Projects and to disseminate the acquired knowledge within METU. For this purpose, the Committee functions in collaboration with TÜBİTAK and various research organizations in Europe. The collective learning model implemented in this Committee will be extended to other EU Framework Specific Programs and other research priorities.

The website of the Committee (www.erc-starting-grant.metu.edu.tr) contains useful information regarding the proposal preparation for the ERC Starting Grants. Committee's goal is to provide necessary information and guidelines that scientist and researchers may find handy while preparing their project proposals so as to increase the number of ERC applications from our university.

[If you are a researcher studying in "High Performance Computing"....](#)

If you are a researcher studying in "High Performance Computing", you can apply to **HPC-Europa Programme** to fund short visits.

HPC-Europa Programme is an EC-funded programme which allows scientist to carry out short "transnational access" research visits to collaborate with a research department working in a similar field.

Below is a summary of the key points of the programme:

* The programme is for researchers working in computational Science -it can be any field (chemistry, physics, engineering, informatics, earth sciences, bioinformatics, etc) but applicants must have a requirement to use high performance computing facilities (for large-scale computer modelling, etc).

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Information and Communication Technologies Call FP7 – ICT – 2009 – 4

Publication Date: 19 November 2008

Budget: € 801 000 000

Deadline: 01 April 2009 at 17.00.00 (Brussels local time)

Specific Programme: Cooperation

Themes: Information and Communication Technologies

For further information, please see [this page](#).

Energy Calls

FP7 – ENERGY – 2009 – BRAZIL

Publication Date: 06 January 2006

Budget: € 4 000 000

Deadline: 05 May 2009 at 17.00.00 (Brussels local time)

Specific Programme: COOPERATION

Theme: Energy

EURATOM

Nuclear Fission and Radiation Protection Calls

FP7 – Fission – 2009

The overall objective in this call is to establish a sound scientific and technical basis in order to accelerate practical developments for the safe management of long-lived radioactive waste, to enhance the safety performance, resource efficiency and cost-effectiveness of nuclear energy and to ensure a robust and socially acceptable system of protection of man and the environment against the effects of ionising radiation.

Publication Date: 19 November 2008

Budget: € 48 905 000

Deadline: 21 April 2009 at 17.00.00 (Brussels local time)

Specific Programme: Euratom

Theme: Nuclear Fission and Radiation Protection

For further information, please see [this page](#).

CALLS- TÜBİTAK

TÜBİTAK CALLS

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

1001 ARAŞTIRMA PROJELERİ

Bilimsel ve Teknolojik Araştırma Projelerini Destekleme Programı'nın amacı, yeni bilgiler üretilmesi, bilimsel yorumların yapılması veya teknolojik problemlerin çözümlenmesi için bilimsel esaslara uygun olarak yurtiçinde yapılan çalışmalarını öncelikli alanlar çerçevesinde desteklemektir.

Yayın Tarihi : 27 Ocak 2009

Son Başvuru Tarihi : 6 Mart 2009 18:00

Başvuru : <http://ardeb1001.tubitak.gov.tr>

1010 EVRENA (EVRENSEL ARAŞTIRMACI PROGRAMI)

Evrensel Araştırmacı Programının amacı; projenin vazgeçilemez önemli bir bölümünün gerçekleştirilmesi için ülkemizdeki araştırmacıların yetkinliğinin sınırlı ve yetersiz kaldığı konularda, yurt dışında çalışmakta olan bilim insanlarının projeye araştırmacı olarak dahil edilerek, araştırmacılarımızın TÜBİTAK destekleriyle yürüttüğü projelerin uluslararası boyutlarını zenginleştirmektir.

Yayın Tarihi: 6 Şubat 2009

Son Başvuru Tarihi : 6 Mart 2009 18:00

Başvuru: <http://ardeb1010.tubitak.gov.tr>

1007 ARAŞTIRMA PROJELERİ

TÜBİTAK Kamu Kurumları Araştırma ve Geliştirme Projelerini Destekleme Programı (1007 Programı) kapsamında sunulacak projeler için 2009 yılı son başvuru tarihi 01 Mayıs 2009 olarak belirlendi. Bu tarihten sonra sunulacak proje önerileri değerlendirmeye alınmayacaktır.

Yayın Tarihi: 9 Ocak 2009

Son Başvuru Tarihi: 1 Mayıs 2009 18:00

Başvuru: <http://ardeb1010.tubitak.gov.tr>

EVENTS

METU RESEARCH INFO SERIES

Date : 4-27 March 2009

Places : KKM-C, KKM-D and MM 25

Info: <http://abofisi.metu.edu.tr/ABG.pdf>

METU Research Coordination Office and the Office of EU Affairs are jointly organizing a full-month activity entitled as "Research Info Series". The activity will be conducted in seven different sessions, in which the professionals (from TÜBİTAK and METU) firstly describe the different funding schemes. Then, the experienced researchers from METU will share their experiences with the young researchers.

The Research Info Series aims to establish a ground for knowledge and experience transfer from the professionals and experienced researchers to the young researchers of the University.

Encapsulating the areas of Seventh European Framework Programme (FP7), TÜBİTAK ARDEB and National Research Supports like DPT, TÜBA and SANTEZ, the one-month activity will be the first of its kind in disseminating the basic and necessary information on research opportunities to the young researchers of the University.

ERC 2009 TURKEY CONFERENCE

Date: 13 March 2008

Place: İstanbul Military Museum

Info: <http://www.fp7.org.tr/home.do?ot=5&rt=&sid=0&cid=12618>

The successful laureates of the First ERC Advanced Grant call and panelists will come to İstanbul to share their experiences. Along with grant laureates and panelists, research council presidents, ERC Scientific Council members, ERC panelists, university chancellors, researchers and many stakeholders of ERC will have a chance, through the round table discussions, to both applaud the accomplishments of these researchers and share their opinions on frontier research as a whole and on ERC grants in particular.