

**THE TURKISH LANGUAGE PROGRAM FOR PUBLIC OFFICIALS AND
ACADEMICIANS
2022-2023**

The Turkish Language Program for Public Officials and Academicians (KATIP) is a comprehensive fellowship program for the foreign public officials, diplomats, academicians, and researchers who wish to learn Turkish and get closely familiar with Turkey. The program is aimed at contributing to the creation of communication networks which will serve for further development of the relations between Türkiye and fellow countries.

Besides Turkish language instruction, KATIP Program offers a wide variety of activities whereby the participants can better acquaint themselves with the Turkish culture and society. With seminars on diverse topics by eminent professors, cultural trips around Türkiye, workshops on classical Turkish arts and traditional sports activities, KATIP participants will have a chance to experience Türkiye's cultural atmosphere closely. Throughout the program, the interaction of the participants with public institutions, think-tanks, media organizations and universities will also be encouraged through joint events and short-term internship opportunities to create channels of institutional cooperation in various sectors between countries.

Qualifications for the Candidates

- For public officials; to have worked at a relevant institution for at least 3 years and preferably hold a Master/PhD degree
- For academicians and researchers; to be employed at a university/research center and preferably hold a Master/PhD degree
- To be under the age of 40 as of January 1st 2022
- To have English proficiency
- To have not benefited from other Türkiye Scholarships programs

Scope of the Program

- The scholarship program lasts for 10 months.
- The scholarship covers the expenses of Turkish language education, monthly stipend, round trip airfare tickets, accommodation expenses, and the cost of all the trips and cultural activities during the program.
- Monthly stipend is 4.000 TRY for the 2022-2023 academic term.
- Health insurance is covered by the candidates themselves.
- The program is based in **Ankara**.
- The language courses start from A1 level of Common European Framework of Reference (CEFR). Successful participants are entitled to receive C1 level Turkish language certificate at the end of 10 months.
- Attendance to the classes, seminars and other events is mandatory.
- The financial support is reduced by 20% for the participants who fail the level exams.
- In case of prolonged absence and sustained failure, the support provided to the participant will be canceled and the amount of support provided until that date will be collected from the participant.

Application and Registration Procedures

Application for KATIP program is **on the basis of invitation**. The access to online application is provided only for the candidates recommended by the Turkish representations or the public authorities in the relevant countries.

Being recommended by the Turkish representation or the public authorities does not guarantee candidates' participation.

Application and registration procedures will be carried out at tbbs.turkiyeburslari.gov.tr.

Application and registration steps are as follows.

1. Candidates must create **pre-registration account** with a valid e-mail address at tbbs.turkiyeburslari.gov.tr.
2. The following information for the candidates who have created pre-registration account must be submitted to YTB by the recommending institutions through e-mail (katip@turkiyeburslari.gov.tr) until **August 1st 2022**.
 - a. User ID
 - b. Name Surname
 - c. E-mail
 - d. Workplace
3. Confirmed candidates will be sent an invitation e-mail to finalize the online application by filling out the personal information and uploading required documents. (Submission deadline: **August 5th 2022**).
4. **Online interviews** will be carried out with the shortlisted candidates.
5. The recommending institutions will be informed about the application results of the successful candidates.
6. All candidates will be informed regarding their application results by e-mail and through the application system.

Documents Required

- Passport/ ID*
- Photograph*
- Transcript*
- Diploma*
- Letter of intent*
- Document indicating the employment of the candidate*
- Document from the workplace indicating that the candidate is allowed to participate in the scholarship program*
- Letters of recommendation received from the workplace

*Files with * are required.*

Notes

- Recommendation does not guarantee that the candidate will be granted scholarship. Therefore, recommending institutions should not make any statement regarding the application status of the candidates before the announcement of the results.
- In addition to Turkish language classes, weekly **seminars and cultural activities** will be held. The participants are expected to attend these co-curricular activities regularly. Besides, they are expected to write **articles, reports etc.** on their areas of expertise. During their stays in Türkiye, the participants can work on part time basis or might continue to have certain responsibilities as a part of their employment but it must not affect their attendance and active participation.
- The program accepts applications from the candidates who either do not have Turkish knowledge or have beginner level of Turkish. Therefore, it is preferred that **the candidates with advanced level are not recommended for the program**. Besides, because the language of communication will be English for the co-curricular activities, the candidates are expected to have English proficiency.
- The beginning and end dates of the program are tentative, there might be **minor changes in the schedule**.