

## **TÜRKIYE INTERNATIONAL EXCHANGE SCHOLARSHIP (TIES) PROGRAMME**

### **2025-2026 Application Requirements**

Türkiye International Exchange Scholarship (TIES) Program is a scholarship initiative launched by the Council of Higher Education (YÖK) and the Presidency for Turks Abroad and Related Communities (YTB) under the Türkiye Scholarships framework. Its purpose is to enhance Türkiye's international academic, cultural, and economic relations by supporting student exchanges based on bilateral agreements (excluding Erasmus+ and similar programs). The program targets international students enrolled in formal (face to face) undergraduate or graduate programs abroad, offering them the opportunity to study at selected Turkish universities for one or two semesters.

Eligible students must not hold Turkish citizenship or dual citizenship including Turkish citizenship, must not be enrolled in distance or open education, and must not be in preparatory or thesis stages of their studies. The scholarship covers a monthly stipend, accommodation support (primarily through KYK dormitories), and round-trip travel expenses. Applicants must be nominated by their university, meet academic and language proficiency requirements set by the host institution, and complete their application through the Türkiye Scholarships system. The students will be guided to Türkiye Scholarship Information System for registration and submission of the required documents after they have been selected and approved by the Turkish universities.

#### **Application conditions and exchange principles**

Application conditions for the TIES Program within the scope of Türkiye Scholarships are as follows:

- a) Having a citizenship other than the Republic of Türkiye citizenship. Citizens of the Republic of Türkiye and those who have dual citizenship, one of whom is Turkish citizenship or who have lost Turkish citizenship for any reason, cannot apply to the TIES Program.
- b) Students registered in formal education programs of higher education institutions abroad can participate in the TIES Program; students registered in open, external, informal or distance education-training cannot benefit from the program.
- c) The student exchange period covers a minimum of one and a maximum of two semesters. The semester calculation can be changed by taking the education system into consideration. However, the total duration of the exchange cannot exceed one academic year.
- c) Students studying in the preparatory or first year of associate and undergraduate programs and master's and doctoral students in the preparatory or scientific preparation periods cannot benefit from this program for the first semester they start their main education.
- d) Academic success criteria may be determined by the relevant universities that accept students.
- e) Universities may request a language document from applicants showing their proficiency in the language of instruction.

## **Application documents**

The documents that must be submitted for application are as follows:

- a) A valid ID or passport,
- b) Transcripts showing the courses taken by the candidate during their associate, undergraduate, master's and doctoral education and their success status,
- c) An official document indicating that doctoral candidates who do not have transcripts are registered as doctoral students.