

THE TURKISH LANGUAGE PROGRAM FOR PUBLIC OFFICIALS AND ACADEMICIANS 2026-2027

The Turkish Language Program for Public Officials and Academicians (KATİP) is a comprehensive fellowship program for the foreign public officials, diplomats, academicians, and researchers who wish to learn Turkish and get closely familiar with Türkiye. 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, KATİP 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, KATİP 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 2026
- To have **English** proficiency
- Not to be residing in Türkiye
- Not to have benefited or be currently benefiting from other Türkiye Scholarships programs

Scope of the Program

- The scholarship program lasts for **8 months**.
- The scholarship covers the expenses of Turkish language education, monthly stipend, round trip airfare tickets, accommodation expenses, residence fee and the cost of all the trips and cultural activities during the program.
- There will be monthly stipend.
- 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 B2 level Turkish language certificate at the end of 8 months.
- **80 percent attendance is mandatory** for the classes, seminars and other events.
- The financial support is reduced **by 20% for the participants who fail the level exams**.
- If the participants continue to be absent in the classes or unsuccessful for the exams, the support provided to the participant will be canceled and the amount of support provided until that date will be collected from the participant.

Selection and Interview Process

- 1. Program Overview** The Turkish Language Program for Public Officials and Academicians (KATİP) aims to provide foreign public officials, diplomats, academicians, and researchers with an opportunity to learn Turkish and gain a deeper understanding of Türkiye.
- 2. Selection Process** Applications for KATİP are assessed based on professional career success, professional credentials, and other relevant criteria. Initial screening ensures candidates meet minimum academic standards and other prerequisites.
- 3. Evaluation** Eligible candidates undergo comprehensive evaluation by Expert Committees, considering professional achievements, career objectives, and personal statements. Shortlisted candidates proceed to interviews.
- 4. Interview Process** Shortlisted candidates are interviewed by committees comprising academicians and experts. Interviews assess motivation, professional knowledge, and career goals.
- 5. Selection** Interview results are reviewed by a selection committee to determine scholarship awardees who will contribute to Türkiye's international relations through enhanced cultural understanding and institutional cooperation.
- 6. Admission** Successful applicants receive acceptance letters via the Türkiye Scholarships Application System (TBBS) and email. They must complete necessary procedures before commencing the program in Türkiye.

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.
- It is important that the nominated public officials **have career-related motivations** to learn Turkish and are expected to be involved in policy planning in the future. Technical specialists who are expected to use their Turkish language skills for specific and limited services such as secretarial work, interpretation and language instruction are not eligible for the program.
- 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.
- **It is mandatory** for candidates **to attend all trainings, institutional visits and other cultural events** held in parallel with the language course.

- The program accepts applications from the candidates who do not have Turkish knowledge. Besides, because the language of communication will be English for the co-curricular activities, the candidates are expected to have English proficiency.
- **Spouse or families are not allowed** to accompany the participants.
- The beginning and end dates of the program are tentative, there might be **minor changes in the schedule**.

Application Guide

Application and registration procedures will be carried out at <https://tbbs.turkiyeburslari.gov.tr/>. Application options in Turkish, English, Arabic, Russian, Spanish, Persian, French and Bosnian are available in the system.

Candidates can also get detailed information from <https://katip.ytb.gov.tr/>.

Application and registration steps are as follows:

1. Candidates must **create an account** with a valid e-mail address at tbbs.turkiyeburslari.gov.tr.
2. After registration, personal and educational information, work experiences etc. must be filled in in the relevant sections on the left sidebar.
3. Finally, candidates must go to home page to access KATIP 2026-2027 application and upload the necessary documents to finalize the application (Submission deadline: **June 1, 2026**).
4. **Online interviews** will be carried out with the shortlisted candidates.
5. 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

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