Türkiye Scholarships (Türkiye Burslari) Guideline

Turkish Government fully funded scholarships – Associate, Bachelor's, Master's and PhD – 2027 round

Please note: this guideline was compiled from public scholarship websites that quote the official Türkiye Scholarships pages (turkiyeburslari.gov.tr). The official site itself could not be opened directly. The 2027 call had **not been officially announced** in the sources reviewed (checked mid-October 2026), so 2027 dates are based on the usual annual calendar and must be confirmed on the official website.

1. Overview

Türkiye Scholarships (Türkiye Burslari), founded in 1992, is the Turkish government's international scholarship program, run by the Presidency for Turks Abroad and Related Communities (YTB). It funds international students at associate, undergraduate, master's and PhD level at Turkish universities and includes university placement, tuition, accommodation, health insurance, a Turkish language year and travel support under program rules. Citizens of most countries can apply, except Turkish citizens and persons who lost Turkish citizenship. Undergraduate scholarships may be regionally defined and limited to certain countries, so check the country list for your nationality.

Provider	Presidency for Turks Abroad and Related Communities (YTB), Republic of Türkiye
Study levels	Associate, Bachelor's, Master's and PhD (subject to program availability); also research programs
Application fee	None (direct applications are free)
Application portal	TBBS: tbbs.turkiyeburslari.gov.tr (available in several languages)
Program preferences	Up to 12, depending on your educational background

2. Important Dates

Stage	Date
Application window (annual pattern)	**10 January – 20 February**. For 2027: expected 10 January to 20 February 2027 (about 41 days), **not yet officially announced**. YTB usually posts the call around late December.
Evaluation	March–April 2027
Interviews (and bachelor's test)	April–June 2027
Results	Early August 2027
Initial procedures	August 2027
Travel to Türkiye	September 2027, followed by the Turkish language year

The application window is short and deadlines are not extended, so prepare all documents **before January**.

3. Benefits

- **Full tuition** for the whole program, plus university and department placement
- **Monthly stipend** (see table below)
- **Accommodation:** undergraduate dormitory fees are covered during study. Master's and PhD students get first-year dormitory access, then a housing allowance (the official page describes TRY 6,000 in Istanbul and Ankara and TRY 5,000 in other cities; check your award documents).
- **Health insurance**
- **One-year Turkish language course** (students without Turkish C1 must reach C1, including those placed in English-taught programs)
- **Flights** at the beginning of studies and upon graduation, under program conditions

Study level	Currently published monthly stipend
Associate and Bachelor's	TRY 6,500
Master's	TRY 9,500
PhD	TRY 13,000

These are the figures on the official pages at the time of review and may be revised for the 2027–2028 cycle. Some older websites list lower amounts (TRY 4,500 / 6,500 / 9,000); those are outdated. Keep personal transport, phone and discretionary spending in a separate budget.

4. Eligibility

Level	Age limit	Minimum academic result	Previous qualification
Associate / Bachelor's	Under 21	70%	Secondary school
Master's	Under 30	75%	Bachelor's degree
PhD	Under 35	75%	Master's degree
Medicine, Dentistry, Pharmacy	As level above	90%	—

- Meeting the minimum makes you eligible for consideration; it does not secure an award. Follow the date-of-birth rules in the application system rather than calculating the cutoff yourself.
- Applicants already enrolled in a Turkish university at the same level they apply for are excluded.
- Graduates, and students who will graduate before August of the intake year, may apply (use the temporary documents the portal accepts). One source states the prior degree must be completed or on track to be completed by August 2027.
- Do not automatically convert a GPA (for example 3.0/4.0) to a percentage; provide your institution's grading scale and follow the portal's instructions.

• The graduate scholarship (master's/PhD) **excludes health sciences**; undergraduate medicine availability does not mean medical master's or PhD programs are covered.

• A separate Success Scholarship exists for international students who already study in Türkiye at their own cost.

5. Documents to Prepare

From the official application instructions:

• Valid identity document or passport, and a photograph taken within the previous year

• Diploma or temporary graduation certificate, and academic transcript

• National examination results, if available

• International admission-test results, if the selected university or program requires them

• Accepted international language-test result, if required

• **PhD only:** research topic proposal and an example of research you have written

• Letter of intent (written in the TBBS application)

Recommendation letters, a medical certificate and certified translations are **not** universal requirements in the general checklist at the initial stage; follow any additional requests in your application account. Before uploading, check that names, dates, stamps and all pages are legible.

6. How to Apply (TBBS)

1. **Create your account** on tbbs.turkiyeburslari.gov.tr with an email you can reliably access, entering your name consistently with your ID/passport.

2. **Complete your education and personal records,** checking nationality, date of birth, qualifications, graduation dates and grading system against your documents.

3. **Compare programs** available to you (teaching language, exam requirements and academic fit) and rank up to 12 preferences with a coherent list you would actually attend.

4. **Write a specific letter of intent:** connect your previous work to the skills you want to gain and what you will do afterwards; follow the portal's text limits.

5. **Review, submit and keep a record:** save your preferences, statements and the submission confirmation, and monitor your email and account.

6. **Selection:** eligible applications are checked and reviewed by expert committees; shortlisted candidates are interviewed.

Creating a portal account is different from submitting an application in an open round. Uploading early leaves time to fix problems but gives no preferential selection.

7. Language Requirements

English-taught programs may require an accepted language certificate and an admission test; do not assume IELTS is accepted wherever TOEFL is listed. Check each program's accepted certificates in TBBS. Award holders without Turkish C1 certification take the one-year Turkish language course.

8. Test and Interview

- Bachelor’s applicants may sit a quantitative test (about 30 mathematics, geometry and logic questions in 60 minutes); some countries have different arrangements, so follow your invitation.
- Interviews generally last 15–30 minutes and cover your documents, motivation, academic knowledge and career goals.
- Review your submitted application so that your answers stay consistent with it, and practise explaining one project and why you chose your field.

9. How Applications Are Evaluated

The official evaluation considers academic achievement, qualifications, interests, career plans, consistency of preferences, the letter of intent and social activities. Only a small share of applicants receive awards (one guide says about 2.5%). No agent or strategy can guarantee selection, and you do not need to pay anyone to apply.

10. Frequently Asked Questions

Q. When do 2027 applications open?

The annual calendar is 10 January to 20 February. The cycle-specific 2027 announcement had not been published in the sources reviewed; verify on the official site.

Q. How much is the monthly stipend?

Currently published: TRY 6,500 (associate/bachelor’s), TRY 9,500 (master’s) and TRY 13,000 (PhD). Subject to revision.

Q. Is a 70% result enough to win?

It only meets the general minimum for associate/bachelor’s. Graduate applicants need 75% and medicine, dentistry and pharmacy need 90%.

Q. Can I apply before graduating?

Yes, if you will graduate before August under the cycle’s rules; use the documentation the portal accepts.

Q. Do I need IELTS?

It depends on the program. Check the accepted certificates for each program.

Q. Is accommodation free for the whole degree?

Undergraduates: dormitory fees covered. Master’s/PhD: first-year dormitory, then a housing allowance.

Q. Do I need to pay an agent?

No. Applications are direct and free.

11. Official Links

- Official site: turkiyeburslari.gov.tr (eligibility, programs, application steps, calendar, selection process)
- Application portal: tbbs.turkiyeburslari.gov.tr

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