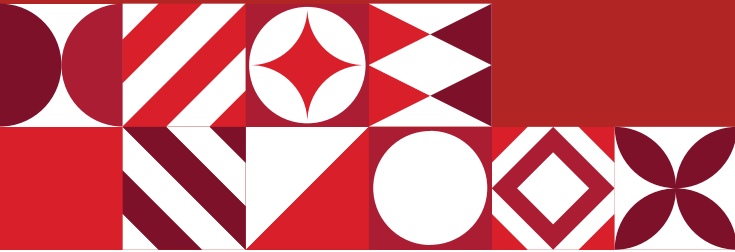




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KATİP

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The Turkish Language Program for Public Officials and Academicians (KATİP) is a comprehensive fellowship program for foreign public officials, diplomats, academicians and researchers who wish to learn Turkish and get closely familiar with Türkiye.

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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 co-operation in various sectors between countries.





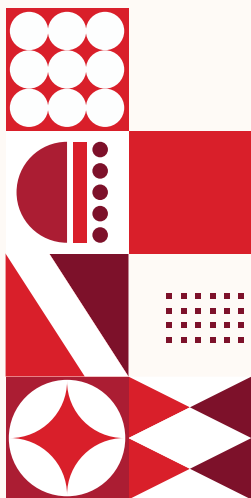
THE SCOPE OF THE PROGRAM



**Turkish Language
Education
(8 month)**

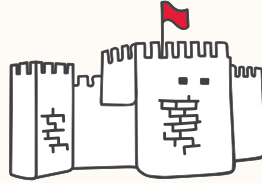


**Accommodation
Expenses**

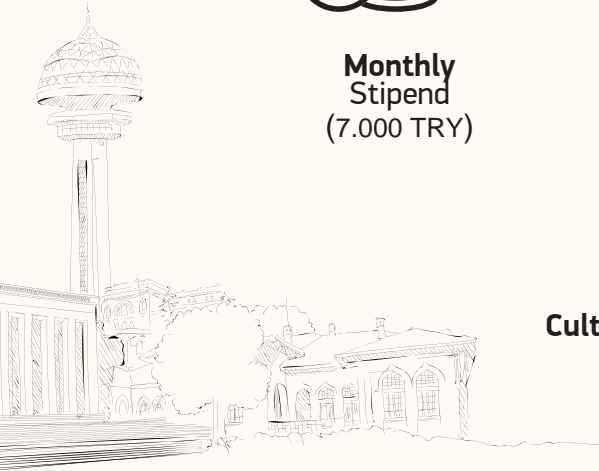




**Monthly
Stipend**
(7.000 TRY)



**Trips and
Cultural Activities**



**Round Trip
Airfare Tickets**



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 researchers and scientists; to be working at a university/research center and to have completed or to be currently pursuing a doctoral degree



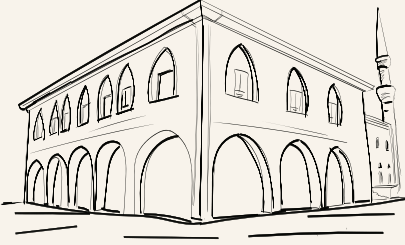
For researchers and scientists; preferably to be working on a subject or in a social sciences field related to Türkiye



To have English proficiency (speaking and listening skills)



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for Public Officials and Academicians



Preferably to have basic knowledge of Turkish (Beginner level)



Not to be a Turkish citizen



Not to be residing in Türkiye



Not to be over 40 years-old



Not to have benefited or be currently benefiting from other Türkiye Scholarship programs



Spouse or families are not allowed to accompany the participants



APPLICATION AND REGISTRATION PROCESS

” The scholarship program starts
in the Fall term only. “

Application and registration procedures will be
carried out at **tbbs.turkiyeburslari.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 2023-2024 Scholarship Program application and upload the necessary documents to finalize the application (Submission deadline: **August 14th 2023**).
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.





TURKISH LANGUAGE COURSE



KATIP participants receive language training given by Ankara Hacı Bayram Veli University Language Center for 8 months in Ankara. Turkish education generally starts from the beginner (A1) level.



Candidates who successfully complete the course exams are entitled to receive a B2 training certificate at the end of 8 months.

Attendance at the classes of 80% each month is mandatory.

If the participants continue to be absent in the classes or unsuccessful for the exams, the scholarship will be suspended.

SEMINARS

As part of KATİP program, weekly seminars led by expert academics in various fields, including international relations, history, regional studies and art. These seminars provide our participants with a well-rounded education and a deeper understanding of the world around them.



CULTURAL TRIPS

KATİP participants find the opportunity to discover Türkiye's cultural and historical values with the cultural trips organized during the program.



INSTITUTIONAL VISITS

Institutional visits to both public and private institutions in Türkiye are organized during the program for KATIP participants.



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



PARTICIPANT OPINIONS ON KATİP PROGRAM

FATIMA CAROLINA FUNES

OCIPEX, Researcher

ARGENTINA

” The KATİP experience will remain in my memory and heart forever. “

Through this program, I was able to explore Türkiye and immerse myself in its rich culture, unique characteristics, and friendly people, while also learning Turkish. As a scholarship recipient, I had the chance to visit various cities and experience the country's diverse cultural, religious, and social landscape. One of the places that truly stood out for me was Mardin, with its remarkable social, religious, and linguistic diversity. I believe that Mardin is a model that the world can learn from, demonstrating how people with different identities can coexist and thrive in peace. Join us for a life-changing journey in Türkiye.

The KATİP scholarship offers much more than just a language scholarship - it provides a unique opportunity to experience Türkiye's deep and rich culture, explore its historical and natural wonders, and learn about its fascinating history. Living in Istanbul, in particular, is a privilege that not everyone has.



AMARA DOUCOURE

Ministry of Foreign Affairs Regional Cooperation and
Burkinabe Abroad

Interpreter

BURKINA FASO

KATIP program is a cultural and educational program of the Turkish government for the civil servants, diplomats and researchers from all around the world. I believe that this program plays an important role in the international cultural exchange between Türkiye and friendly countries.

This training is a significant advancement in my career and a great opportunity to leverage important assets, including contributing to my country's influence on the international stage. My Turkish knowledge, which is spoken by millions of people worldwide, will create great wealth for citizens of developing countries, including my own, and strengthen relations between our countries.



CLAUDIA BEATRIZ MAGANA RODRIGUEZ

Ministry of Foreign Affairs Executive
Assistant to the Vice Minister

EL SALVADOR



I liked all the topics chosen for our seminars, because the political, economic and social aspect of Türkiye is that these topics are explained in more depth and give more details. I was able to understand Türkiye's geopolitical complexity and its relations with its neighboring countries, especially in the region and around the world.

The interesting thing about this program was that we also visited different government institutions. They explained their future projects, strategies, and goals in order to build Türkiye's future and strengthen its relations with its partners.

SOUKKHAPHONE SISAMOUTH

Ministry of Foreign Affairs

Third Secretary

LAOS



During the KATIP program, my main goal was to learn Turkish as a public official from Laos. However, I gained much more than just language skills. In addition to learning Turkish history, culture, and politics, I had the opportunity to exchange ideas with other participants from around the world about our own cultures and perspectives. Although Turkish was difficult for me compared to my mother tongue and other languages like French and English, I found it to be a beautiful language with a logical structure. Overall, the KATIP program was an invaluable experience that taught me much more than just language.

Despite the difficult times caused by the COVID-19 epidemic and the global competition that can affect Türkiye, YTB still organized cultural trips to Ankara and Cappadocia, as well as various trips within Istanbul.

As Laos and Türkiye, I visited many Turkish government institutions that I hope will have deep relations in certain areas with the potential of these two countries. In addition, the fact that I have visited historical places from ancient times to the time of the Republic of Türkiye showed me that Türkiye is a country of civilizations from past to present.

NUROLI OCHILOVICH SHODIEV

Presidency of the Republic of Uzbekistan Academy of Public
Administration
Lecturer

UZBEKISTAN

KATİP program gave me the opportunity to make friends with people from different continents of the world. Most importantly, I successfully learned Turkish. Although Turkish is very close to my mother tongue, it still has its own difficulties. However, it is an important tool for my scientific research and communication with my Turkish brothers.

Within the framework of this program, we visited the ministries, institutions and educational institutions of the Republic of Türkiye and learned about their activities. While getting to know the activities of Türkiye's institutions operating in the fields of international relations, international aid and cooperation, I witnessed the great contribution of the Republic of Türkiye to education and improving the lives of thousands of people around the world. In addition, with the initiatives and support of this country, the unification processes of Turkish-speaking countries are accelerating, and the culture and art of the Turkish peoples are developing.



PIOTR PAWEŁ GREJCZ

Ministry of Foreign Affairs

Attache

POLAND

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We were a diverse group of international participants who came from very rare places at first glance but soon became lifelong friends. This communication network will undoubtedly benefit our future both socially and professionally. We can value each other's diversity and learn about everyone's regional issues and perspectives. It was a Türkiye that introduced us, made us understand how Türkiye conducts its foreign policy, who and what is the focal point.



SEYDI DIAMIL NIANE

Dakar Cheikh Anta Diop University

Researcher

SENEGAL

It was a dream come true to come to ancient Constantinople and discover the legendary Roman ruins and Ottoman achievements that I told my students about. Moreover, the program offered me the opportunity to learn Turkish. As an Islamologist and historian of Islam who speaks Arabic, French and English, this in itself is useful for me. When I came, I had in mind to study Ottoman after learning Turkish. As a lover of Islamic manuscripts and an archivist, I saw the Katip program as an opportunity for my future research.

In the Katip program, we received language training from qualified teachers at the Istanbul University Language Center for 10 months. But beyond all this, Katip helped me make new friends that I wouldn't have known if I hadn't stayed in Türkiye. How could I be friends with a diplomat from Laos, a researcher from Argentina, a translator from Burkina Faso or an academic from Uzbekistan? Thanks to Katip for making this friendship possible.



YI YING CHIU

National Immigration Agency

Expert

TAIWAN

I used to have a perception of Türkiye based on hearsay as a civil servant in Taiwan. I considered it a distant and uncertain Islamic country, a place of disorder and danger. However, after conducting research and traveling there, my perception has completely changed. I discovered a country that is extremely hospitable, educated, developed, peaceful, respectful to people and nature, and safe.

I learned Turkish from scratch, nowadays I can listen to Turkish songs, watch movies, read newspapers and chat with the owners in the store. I feel like my second home.





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