Budget Public Administrations and Special Budget Administrations in Return for Projects, and on the Expenses of Externally Supported Projects Carried Out by TÜBİTAK", "Principles on the Transfer, Expenditure, Accounting and Audit of the Amounts to be Granted by TÜBİTAK to Private Institutions and Foundation Universities in Return for Projects", or "Procedures and Principles to be Applied in the Financial Transactions concerning the Amounts to be Transferred from TÜBİTAK funds to Research Infrastructures and Public Administrations Falling Outside the Scope of Public Finance Management and Control Law No. 5018 in Return for Projects".

3. CALL CALENDAR

The opening and closing dates of the call are available on the programme's website.

4. ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA, REQUIRED DOCUMENTS AND APPLICATION METHOD

4.1. Eligibility Criteria

- **4.1.1.** Researchers applying to the programme must be under the age of 40¹ as of the call opening date.
- 4.1.2. As of the call opening date, researchers applying to the programme must not have resided in Türkiye for more than 1 year within the last 3 years and must not be be working in Türkiye. Force majeure accepted by the Group Executive Committee and compulsory military service are excluded from this period.
- 4.1.3. As of the call opening date, any of the work experiences set forth below shall be met:
 - Early-stage researchers who, after completing their doctoral degrees within the last 4 years, have at least 1 year of postdoctoral research experience abroad.
 - Researchers who have 4 years of full-time research experience abroad, provided that, after completing their undergraduate education, they have worked in the private sector for at least 1 year (up to 1 year of a master's degree with thesis completed abroad or up to 3 years of a doctoral degree completed abroad may be counted towards this research experience).
- 4.1.4. Researchers applying must meet at least one of the following requirements:
 - Being on the "<u>Highly Cited Researchers List</u>" published by Thomson Reuters in any year within the last 5 years as of the call opening date
 - · Having worked for at least 12 months in total at the institutions among those

1 For women applicants, one year is added up for each birth.

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