

ranked below in the last 5 years as of the call opening date:

- ✦ Top 150 universities in the field-based rankings according to QS (Quacquarelli Symonds) or THE (Times Higher Education) World University Rankings
- ✦ World's Top 2500 Industrial R&D Investment Scoreboard published by the European Commission Joint Research Centre
- ✦ Top 250 institutions in the sub-fields of health, universities, government and companies according to Scimago Institutions Ranking
- ✦ Successful start-up and unicorn companies receiving the most investment
  - "Unicorn" companies list published by CB Insights and reached 1 billion USD and over valuation from its venture level
  - Top 1000 companies founded within the last 5 years and received the most investment in the last 5 years according to databases of Crunchbase and CB Insights

4.1.5. Researchers who have fellowship from any other public institution and already have compulsory service obligation cannot apply to this programme.

## 4.2. Required Documents

4.2.1. Research plan and project proposal, which must be prepared by the applicant coordinator, covering the purpose of coming to Türkiye, the research projects/plans to be carried out, and the post-programme career plan.

Applications will be evaluated based only on the information/documents uploaded to the system. Therefore, documents related to each requirement must be submitted with clear and required content. If necessary, additional information/documentation may be requested. Before the application, the Researcher Information System (ARBIS) record must be updated. (See: Article 5. Evaluation)

## 4.3. Documents Required to Initiate The Fellowship

4.3.1. The coordinator must upload the required information/documents to [bideb-pts.tubitak.gov.tr](http://bideb-pts.tubitak.gov.tr) and submit a project initiation request within 12 months at the latest upon the notification of the fellowship decision. After the documents are reviewed, the fellowship agreement is prepared by TÜBİTAK. The agreement must be submitted to TÜBİTAK once it is signed by the following representatives of the host institution/organisation where the research will be conducted.

- Top level director/representative (rector, general manager, president, etc.) of the host institution/organisation;