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THEME » **How To Secure Turkey Government Scholarship (Buslari)**

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Background

Türkiye Bursları is a Scholarship by the Turkish Government whose main aim is simply to improve mutual relations with other countries. As part of the scholarship, during the first year of study, every international awardee will take a compulsory Turkish Language Course, and whether or not an individual will eventually study in English, he or she must pass the Turkish language course. It is extremely important, especially for Undergraduates.

Scholarship Package

Tuition fee, Accommodation, Basic health insurance, Travel expenses to and from Turkey, only in the beginning and the end of your studies and a Monthly stipend of 700 Turkish Lira for Undergraduate, 950 Turkish Lira for Master, and 1400 Turkish Lira for Doctoral (PhD) studies.

Application Details

The application portal opens on 15th January via the link: <https://tbbs.turkiyeburslari.gov.tr/> The requirements are basic and standard for every category: undergraduate and graduate (with at least second class upper division for graduate study, although attention is given to candidates with high GPA), however, the Turks have a strict age limit policy as follows: Undergraduate not before 1997; Master's not before 1988 and PhD not before 1983. Application procedure is easy, and once the steps on the

website are followed correctly, every applicant who meets all the basic requirements should be able to go through with the application process, although on few occasions, an individual would not be able to apply should his/her course be excluded from those covered by the scholarship. Courses available, for study, to an individual will be based on the applicant's academic history, that is, previous education/field of study.

Also, every applicant gets the opportunity of selecting a number of universities, and although most applicant will like to study in English, in order to boost the chances of getting selected for the programme, it is advisable to make choices with a little mix of 'universities in small cities' or options to study in Turkish.

nota bene: Proof of English is not a prior requirement, but maybe required at a later time should an individual apply for an English programme.

For more information, contact the lecturer whenever the portal is open (personally or via the forum)

Questions and Answers

Q. Is there application fee?

A. No, absolutely free

Q. Are there prospects for residing and working in turkey during and after the program?

A. As for after the programme, it depends on several factors, but it's entirely possible if an individual gets a job and a work permit, although the individual, at that point, must be conversant in Turkish. The same goes for the case of during the study, but legally, one is not allowed to work without a work permit.

Q. Does one need to contact supervisors in the selected schools, seeing the scholarship body might get in touch with them?

A. No, you don't need a supervisor at the time of application.

Q. If one is admitted for a Turkish program, will all the courses will be delivered in Turkish or mixed with English at Master's level?

A. The courses will be delivered in Turkish, but for Master's and PhD, one can always find a way out!

Q. Can someone use post graduate diploma to apply for the master?

A. No, strictly bachelor's degree.

Q. I have my BSc in view, and my transcript will be ready in few months, can I still apply?

A. A temporary result slip with a letter (displaying the assurance of graduating soon) should suffice. However, the original transcript and degree certificate will be required eventually.