RESEARCH COORDINATION OFFICE • 2026

METU START-UP PACKAGE

A comprehensive roadmap for new faculty members

Internal funding → National grants
International mobility → ERC

THE RECOMMENDED FUNDING JOURNEY

1. **AGEP** — Orientation + top-up
2. **BAP-Career** — Set up the group
3. **3501 / ADEP** — National scale-up
4. **TUBITAK 1001** — Target: within 2 semesters
5. **MSCA PF** — Use the first-year window
6. ✓ **ERC** — Long-term goal

01 • STARTING POINT: ORIENTATION + CORE SEED FUNDING

AGEP

Academic Development Program

- Every newly appointed faculty member joins.
- 11 modules totaling approximately 50 hours.
- Completion requires at least 80% attendance and a final presentation.
- Module 5 explains METU's research ecosystem and support structures in detail.

Up to +200,000 TL
Added to the BAP-Career budget after completion

Details: agep.metu.edu.tr

BAP-CAREER: THE CORE START-UP PROJECT

Who can apply?

Faculty appointed within the last 3 years who have not yet been promoted to full Professor; also instructors holding a PhD or proficiency in art.

Open year-round • 24 months
Recommended action: write this project early.

Funding ladder

1,000,000 TL Base budget + **200,000 TL** AGEP completion + **800,000 TL** External PI application*

*Submitted after joining METU (TUBITAK, Horizon Europe or similar); supporting document required. Maximum total: 2,000,000 TL.

02 • WHAT THE BAP-CAREER BUDGET CAN BUILD

Eligible uses

- Research visits and travel to scientific meetings
- Equipment, consumables and services
- Graduate student scholarships
- Contracted project staff

Personnel must be foreseen in the approved plan. Monthly salaries cannot be below minimum wage.

Graduate scholarships

MSc 12,000 TL / month
PhD 18,000 TL / month

Integrated PhD included.
Maximum 2 scholarship holders at the same time.

Contracted project staff

~40,000 TL / month

2026 total project cost at minimum wage: gross salary + employer contributions

- Formal employment with SGK
- Insured working time + work experience
- Net pay exceeds TUBITAK MSc scholarship and is close to the TUBITAK PhD scholarship

What the budget buys: staffing scenarios

SCENARIO	MONTHLY COST	COVERAGE	TOTAL COST
2 staff • enhanced 2.0 M TL budget	80,000 TL	24 months	**1,920,000 TL**
2 staff • base 1.0 M TL budget	80,000 TL	about 12 months	**960,000 TL**
1 staff • base 1.0 M TL budget	40,000 TL	24 months	**960,000 TL**

Minimum wage is revised annually; allow for increases in multi-year plans. Current scholarship and salary ceilings: bap.metu.edu.tr.

03 • NATIONAL SCALE-UP: BUILD THE TRACK RECORD (+ THEMATIC FUNDERS)

TUBITAK 3501

Career Development

≈ 1,500,000 TL

Check the current call for the exact limit.

Apply while BAP-Career is running.

It also counts as the external PI application that can raise BAP-Career to 2,000,000 TL.

Source: TUBITAK call periods

STAR FELLOWSHIP

For active TUBITAK PIs

6 months

Undergraduate stipend paid by TUBITAK outside your project budget.

A route to bring strong undergraduates into the group early and create a pipeline for graduate recruitment.

Source: TUBITAK STAR

ADEP

Four project types

1 M to 10 M+ TL

ADEP-I Pilot: 1-3 M TL, 12-18 mo
ADEP-II Standard: 3-5 M TL
ADEP-III Large-scale: 5-10 M TL
ADEP-IV Strategic: above 10 M TL

2027 call (tentative)
15 Oct to 15 Dec 2026
First stage via BAPSIS

Linked to 12th Development Plan priority areas; all fields eligible. ADEP-I is the natural entry point.

YOK Research Universities Support Program

TUBITAK 1001

Target: within 2 semesters

A funded project brings more than its own research budget:

Matching scholarship
METU Development Foundation pays a second scholarship equal to the one received from the funded 1001 project.

International students are included.

A strong graduate recruitment tool

TUSEB

Health-related R&D, several project scales

Group A small-scale: up to 500,000 TL (academics, 2026)
Group B product-oriented R&D: **several million TL** (e.g. 2026-B2: up to 3 M TL)
Groups C and D: strategic and commercialization scale

2026 limits: files.tuseb.gov.tr/proje-destek/files/diger/2026-ust-limitler-websitesi-icin-2.pdf

SAYE

Social research for societal challenges

METU is a partner university; open to all disciplines, including doctoral-level projects.

Usually opens in May, runs to mid-June

saye.asbu.edu.tr • pdo.metu.edu.tr/en/node/107

04 • INTERNATIONAL GATEWAY, MOBILITY + THE ERC DESTINATION

MSCA POSTDOCTORAL FELLOWSHIP

METU can be the host institution.

Mobility rule
No more than 12 of the previous 36 months may have been spent in Türkiye.

Apply before arrival or in year 1.

Teknokent PYDO: proposal preparation support + travel for networking and writing.

Horizon Europe support: Teknokent PYDO

BAP-International

€2,000 / month + flight

- Visits of 30-89 days
- Semester breaks or summer period
- Apply at least 4 months in advance
- Host: top 700 in THE or QS overall or by subject

New faculty: 3-year exemption from the academic performance requirement

BAP GRADUATE THESIS PROJECTS

MSc: 150,000 TL
PhD: 300,000 TL

PhD mobility
After thesis proposal acceptance: up to 3 months abroad at a recognized institution • €1,500/month grant

Open year-round • non-refundable mobility grant

✓

THE LONG-TERM GOAL

ERC

Europe's most competitive individual research grant

+ $2,500/month personal stipend*

START EARLY • BUILD THE TEAM • SCALE NATIONALLY • USE THE INTERNATIONAL WINDOW • AIM FOR ERC

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*ERC stipend paid by METU Development Foundation, on top of the grant. Figures: 2026; scholarship ceilings updated 25 June 2026; ADEP 2027 dates tentative. Check current limits.