

FOR WOMEN IN SCIENCE NATIONAL FELLOWSHIP PROGRAM L'ORÉAL TURKEY IN
COLLABORATION WITH TURKISH NATIONAL COMMISSION FOR UNESCO RULES AND
REGULATIONS 2026

1. Introduction L'ORÉAL UNESCO Fellowships for Women in Science are awards offered by a partnership between L'Oréal Turkey and the Turkish National Commission for UNESCO to promote, enhance and encourage the contribution of women pursuing their research careers in Turkey in the fields of the life & environmental and physical sciences. The National Fellowships Program initiated in 2003 is continuing to promote women in scientific research on a global scale. 4 (four) Fellowships will be awarded in 2026.
2. Fellowships L'ORÉAL – UNESCO National Fellowship for Women in Science Programme honors four young scientist each year. Two awards are given in Life & Environmental Sciences and two awards are given in Physical Sciences Category. Proposed research projects should focus on the specific areas listed below under Life & Environmental and Physical sciences heading: Life & Environmental Sciences: Biology, Molecular Biology, Genetics and Molecular Genetics, Biochemistry, Biophysics, Biotechnology, Ecology, Pharmacology, Physiology, Bioinformatics including Health Informatics, Neurobiology, Biomedical and Artificial Intelligence studies in Biology. Physical Sciences: Basic Sciences (except for life sciences) and Engineering, Particulate Materials, Polymers, Glasses and Ceramics, Composites, Biomaterials, Nanomaterials, Specially Designed Surfaces, Photonic Crystals; Condensed Matter Physics and Statistical Physics. Each candidate must complete her doctoral degree program and hold a doctoral degree (Ph.D.) or medical doctorate equivalent to Ph.D. before the application deadline to apply to the fellowship program. Each Fellow is granted 400.000 TL. The fellowship program is open to scientists (citizens of Turkey) with a doctoral (Ph.D.) or a post-doctoral degree under 40 years of age at the date of 1st January 2026. The recipients of the fellowships shall be publicly announced in an official ceremony (the venue and date thereof to be determined separately).
2. Submission of Applications for Fellowship Applications can only be made through the online platform: <http://www.forwomeninscience.com/en/fellowships> by the candidates themselves starting from February 6th, 2026 till 2nd of June 2026 at the latest. Applications should be filled in English and contain the following documents in the order of the list below. These documents could be provided in Turkish:
 - A copy of Turkish Identity Card(ID) indicating that the applicant is a citizen of the Republic of Turkey;
 - Filled application form (will be in English);
 - A detailed Curriculum Vitae in Turkish includes a current photograph of the applicant;
 - Copies of the documents confirming educational

achievement and academic degrees (will be in Turkish); • Project proposal prepared using sample form, should include a brief description of the proposed research project (maximum 3 pages in Turkish) for a period of one year (will be in Turkish); Detailed budget proposal, which should be enclosed at the end of the project proposal form (in Turkish Lira); • The project proposal should be planned to be carried out individually by the applicant. The proposed project should not be planned as a thesis study to be conducted by the applicant. • Project proposals should not be related research on cosmetics. • Project proposals should not be planned to create a laboratory infrastructure. • The service procurements of the project proposal should not exceed one third of the total budget. • A support letter from the scientific institution (The letter of support should be signed by the head of the applicant's institution), where the project is being carried out and which facilities will be provided by the scientific institution (will be in Turkish); Two reference letters provided by academicians who are familiar with applicant's studies and credentials (letters could be either in Turkish or English). The support and reference letters could be uploaded as single pdf file. • List of scientific publications and patents (This list should be generated from the web of science in which total citations and citations per publication could be seen. Also, applicants should provide the link along DOI numbers of the most important five publications which the applicant considers as significant; • A copy of signed ethics committee report (If the research project includes human and/or animal experiments, ethics committee report should be taken with the same title of the project); Incomplete files received after the deadline for application, as well as candidatures that do not meet the requirements mentioned above, will not be taken into consideration during evaluations of applications. Candidates whose applications are not positively selected in the past application periods, may only apply to the fellowship three times in total with a different research project content, without considering field of the application (Life & Environmental Sciences or Physical Sciences is appropriate). 3. Procedure for the Review of Fellowship Applications. Each project will be assessed by independent jury (Turkish National Commission for UNESCO). 4. Selection Criteria 1. The selection criteria of the candidate by the Jury are following: ■ The candidate's outstanding academic records including number, quality and impact of the publications (impact factors to be submitted), conference presentations, patents; ■ The scientific quality of the research project; ■ The innovative nature and productivity of the research and its potential application; ■ The ability of the candidate to communicate and promote science to a younger audience and to encourage young women scientists; ■ Relevance and importance of the research for the national and international society. 2. Fellowships are non-renewable. 6. Announcement of Fellowship Award The decision of the Fellowship Jury with respect to the applications shall be communicated to the applicants via official letter and phone call after the adoption of the decision. The list of the fellowship recipients shall be announced to the mass media

and the official web site of the Turkish National Commission for UNESCO. 7. Conditions for Award of the Fellowship 1. The fellowship shall be awarded based on relevance, quality and expected impact of the recipient's scientific research, with the purpose to support financially the recipient in pursuing her career in the field of scientific research and/or development in the concerned country. The fellowship recipient shall undertake to pursue this research for a period of one year in accordance with her submitted application, and, upon the expiry of this term, to submit a brief progress report to the founders and partners of the fellowship. 2. The fellowship recipients shall undertake to acknowledge the receipt of a fellowship in all publications that will be generated as a result of the above mentioned research. 3. The fellowship recipients must take part in the official awarding ceremony in Istanbul (with the venue and date thereof to be determined separately). 4. Fellowships shall be disbursed as 2 instalments after the official awarding ceremony and after the recipient signing the agreement with the L'OREAL TURKEY. 5. Fellowship can be used only for the project submitted by the applicant . 6. The fellowship recipient hereby agrees to be photographed, filmed and interviewed in media within the scope of communication of the Fellowship Programme and hereby gives her consent to the free-of-charge use of these photos, recorded material and interviews in the communication pertaining to the above-mentioned programme in Turkey and countries abroad. 7. The fellowship recipient shall immediately inform the fellowship commission if she changes her place of work or research and / or gives up pursuing the scientific project within a period of one year after the fellowship has been awarded. The fellowship cannot be postponed to a later date. 8. Recipients must implement their projects in the Republic of Turkey