

2026 TURKIC WORLD TOURISM CAPITAL ANKARA TURKISH FORUM PROGRAM

Call for Proposals – August 2026

Purpose of the Program

In line with the vision of Ankara as the Turkic world tourism capital in 2026; the aim is to develop sustainable, academic, technological and institutional collaborations, to encourage university students to generate innovative project ideas and to mature these ideas into feasible projects in collaboration with the public sector, university, industry, entrepreneurship ecosystem and international stakeholders.

Through the pre-project idea call, panel sessions, Project development workshops, mentorship processes and final project presentations to be carried out within the scope of the program, the program aims to develop a culture of collaborative production among Turkic World youth, strengthen interdisciplinary collaborations, increase university/industry/public interaction and contribute to the positioning of Ankara as a center of innovation, entrepreneurship and project development for the Turkic World.

By supporting the project ideas deemed successful at the end of the program, the aim is to bring forth exemplary project models that generate joint value among Turkic World countries, are sustainable and implementable and strengthen international cooperation. A detailed report and program booklet will be published at the end of the program.

Within this framework, in order to support university students in the Turkic World, along with relevant NGOs and institutions/organisations, in experiencing the fields of business and inclusiveness through applied projects, we are launching the call announcement for the 2026 “TURKISH FORUM-One Idea, A shared Future”-two staged project development program.

Under this call, among non-profit organizations/institutions and student-led applicants who make it to the final round in fields such as engineering, the first ranking project will receive 250.000TL and the second ranking project will receive 150.000TL; in fields such as social sciences, the first ranking finalist project will receive 250.000TL and the second ranking project 150.000TL.

Basic Program Parameters

Applicants should carefully review the following information before preparing and submitting their project proposals.

For questions about eligibility requirements, application preparation and program details, please contact (proje@ivedikosb.org.tr)

- **Who can apply?**
- All university students of Turkic Republic nationality

- Student communities
- Non-profit organizations/institutions (NGOs)

Important Notes:

- *The community, club, institutions/organizations or NGO submitting the project application must be affiliated with the Turkic World.*
- *Students may apply by forming their own groups without needing an overarching organization.*
- *Project teams may consist of mixed groups including students, academics etc.*
- *There is no restriction on the number of members in project teams, whether applicants are from Türkiye or abroad; however, if a project is accepted, support will be provided for the participation of three team members from abroad in the final program to be held in Türkiye. (Accommodation and flight costs will be covered)*
- *If the applicant is a student community, institution/organization, NGO etc. operating in the Turkic states and is invited to the final program, the expenses of the project owners will be covered for the event to be held in December.*
- *Should sponsor companies from related sectors express interest in prospective project/business/investment ideas, project teams may be matched with such companies for the implementation process.*

Application Progress and Important Dates:

- 23 August- 30 September 2026

Applicants only submit a concept note. Applications are received online in the format specified in the call.

After the evaluation is conducted, for candidates who pass the preliminary elimination, the 2nd call is published. Accepted candidates are contacted by email.

- 1 October - 1 November 2026

The final version of the project ideas are expected to be submitted within the specified application period. Applications are accepted online in the format specified in the call.

Following this stage, the project owners selected by the jury will be invited to the Turkic World INDUSTRY-BUSINESS and TOURISM event, to be held at Teknopark Ankara on December 9-10-11

(The project ideas selected in the final elimination will be invited to the event, with the jury reserving the right to increase or decrease the number of projects advancing to the final or to make transfers between categories at its own discretion; project presentations will take place following the work session held on the second day of the event. The projects to receive the awards will be selected by the jury at this stage.

Of the 10 projects reaching the final, 5 will be selected from fields such as engineering and 5 from social sciences. Each group will be evaluated separately at its own category and the top two placemets from each category will be awarded.

- The announcement of the December 9 panel event will be made separately for those other than the project applicants, a certificate of participation will be given.

What documents need to be submitted as part of the preliminary application?

- A concept note, 12 punto Times New Roman A4 format (500 words) found on the application website

PARTICIPANTS

ANKARA DEVELOPMENT AGENCY

MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY AND TECHNOLOGY

PRESIDENCY FOR TURKS ABROAD AND RELATED COMMUNITIES

GAZİ UNIVERSITY

HACI BAYRAM VELİ UNIVERSITY

TURKIC WORLD DIPLOMATIC REPRESENTATIVES

EVENT CALENDAR:

Day 1- December 9:

An opening ceremony, attended by the project owner, partners and participants followed by a program of panels

Opening Program

- Protocol speeches
- Program introduction
- Purpose of the call

Followed by panel sessions.

Panel 1

Diplomacy in Turkic World, International Cooperations and Universities

Participants

- Embassies
- Trade Counselors
- Representatives of the Ministry of Trade/Industry
- Presidency for Turks Abroad and Related Communities

- Turkish Cooperation and Coordination Agency
- Organization of Turkic States
- Development agency

Topic

Joint project development and youth collaborations in the Turkic World

Panel 2

Social Sciences, Law, Economy and International Trade

Participants

- Law
- Faculty of Economics and Administrative Sciences
- Foreign Economic Relations Board

Topics

- International Trade
- Public Policies
- Entrepreneurship ecosystem
- Commercial law
- Turkic World economic integration
- Intellectual Property

Panel 3

Engineering, Industry and Technology

Participants

- Engineering Faculties
- Organized Industrial Zones
- Technoparks
- Industrial companies
- TÜBİTAK
- Technology development centers

Topics

- Artificial Intelligence
- Industry 5.0
- Smart production

- Robotic
- Digital transformation
- Collaborative R&D project

Panel 4

Entrepreneurship, Investment and Innovation

Participants

- Startup founders
- Business people
- Investment funds
- Incubation centers
- Accelerator programs
- Angel investors
- Successful entrepreneurs

Topics

- From idea to entrepreneurship
- Raising investment
- Commercialization
- Startup ecosystem
- Turkic World entrepreneurship network

Day 2- December 10:

Innovation Workshop

Morning

Selected Project groups;

- academics,
- industrialists,
- investors,
- public representatives,
- entrepreneurship experts,
- mentors work together

In each group:

- 2 mentors

- 1 moderators
- There can be 4-5 project groups.

At the end of the workshop, each group;

- Develop an idea,
- Make it feasible,
- Prepares its budget
- Prepare a work model
- Identifies its stakeholders

In this afternoon

Each group make a Final Pitch presentation for 7-10 minutes

Jury make assessments on;

- *Innovativeness*
- *feasibility*
- *sustainability*
- *contribution to the Turkic World*
- *common effect*
- *collaboration potential*

Day 3- 11 December:

It is planned to organize tours for guests along BUSINESS-INDUSTRY-TOURISM routes to be determined in Ankara.

NOTE: Networking events are planned throughout the three-day event, featuring a large scale organisation comprising company, institution and country stands.

Which Ideas are Supported in Project and Business Idea Applications?

Thematic and Sectoral Project Fields

1. Health Technologies in the Turkic World and Medical Cooperations

Thematic Project Topics:

- Joint medical production model of the Turkic World

- Joint medical device R&D centers
- Turkic World medical supply network
- Digital health platforms
- Development of medical exports
- Disaster and emergency health technologies
- Joint branding of domestic medical products
- Medical entrepreneurship
- Biotechnology
- Health tourism

Sector-Specific Project Topics:

- Medical devices
- Hospital equipment
- Sterilization Technologies
- Laboratory equipment⁴
- Orthopedic products
- Prosthesis
- Disposable medical products
- Dental equipment
- Healthcare IT solutions

2. Smart Manufacturing and Industrial Transformation in the Turkic World

Thematic Project Topics:

- Joint production bases
- Widespread adoption of smart manufacturing systems
- Common quality standards
- Turkic World digital factory network
- Joint supply chain management
- Cooperation among industrial clusters

3. Electricity, Electronics, Machinery, and Energy Ecosystem in the Turkic World

Thematic Project Topics:

- Smart city solutions
- Common standards for energy infrastructure
- Electronics manufacturing clusters
- IoT-based city management
- Common quality system for electrical equipment
- Intelligent transportation systems

Sector-Specific Project Topics

Electrical – Electronics

- Electrical panels
- Cables and connection equipment

- Energy distribution equipment
- Power electronics
- Sensor systems
- Industrial electronics
- PCB design
- Test and measurement instruments

Machinery and Industrial Systems

- CNC technologies
- Machining
- Industrial machines
- Hydraulic systems
- Pneumatic systems
- Conveyor systems
- Packaging machines
- Production automation

Energy Technologies

- Solar energy equipment
- Battery technologies
- Energy storage
- Electric vehicle components
- Charging systems
- Energy efficiency solutions
- Smart grid technologies

4. Defense Industry Cooperation in the Turkic World

Thematic Project Topics:

- Joint defense technologies
- Collaboration in unmanned systems
- Defense industry supplier clusters
- Joint R&D laboratories
- Defense industry supply chain
- Dual-use technologies

Sector-Specific Project Topics

Defense and Aviation Sub-industry

- Precision machining
- Mechanical components
- Composite parts
- Defense electronics
- Unmanned system components

- Aviation parts
- Yeterlilik süreçleri

5. Green Energy and Climate Cooperation in the Turkic World

Thematic Project Topics:

- Joint solar energy investments
- Turkic World hydrogen strategy
- Shared energy storage solutions
- Electric vehicle ecosystem
- Renewable energy entrepreneurship
- Green Organized Industrial Zone (OIZ) practices
- Carbon footprint reduction
- Energy efficiency
- Sustainable supply chain

6. Artificial Intelligence and the Digital Future in the Turkic World

Thematic Project Topics:

- Shared data ecosystem
- Data analytics in industry
- Cybersecurity
- Digital public services
- Collaborative software development platforms

Sector-Specific Project Topics

- Artificial intelligence
- Cybersecurity
- ERP solutions
- Manufacturing software

7. Advanced Materials and Sustainable Production in the Turkic World

Thematic Project Topics:

- Joint materials research
- Composite technologies
- Circular economy
- Sustainable packaging solutions
- Cooperation on critical raw materials

Sector-Specific Project Topics

- Engineering plastics
- Composite materials

- Polymer technologies
- Industrial chemicals
- Coating technologies
- Adhesive technologies
- Packaging materials

8. Robotics and Industry 5.0 in the Turkic World

Thematic Project Topics:

- Shared robotic production centers
- Human-robot collaboration
- Automation solutions in production

Sector-Specific Project Topics:

- Robot cells
- Automation systems
- Machine vision
- Machine control systems
- PLC-SCADA
- Smart manufacturing systems
- Autonomous manufacturing solutions

9. Entrepreneurship and Innovation Ecosystem in the Turkic World

Thematic Project Topics:

- Turkic World Startup Platform
- University-based entrepreneurship models
- Turkic World Startup Network
- Joint incubation center model
- Investor-entrepreneur matching system
- Young entrepreneur exchange program
- Joint accelerator programs
- Turkic World Entrepreneurship Fund
- Inter-university entrepreneurship network
- Women entrepreneurs network
- Young entrepreneur exchange program
- Social entrepreneurship models
- Joint investor network
- Technology transfer mechanisms

10. Trade, Logistics, and Economic Integration in the Turkic World

Thematic Project Topics:

- Development of logistics corridors

- SME export support mechanism
- Digitalization of customs processes
- Supply chain integration
- Turkic World export platform
- Digital B2B system
- Joint e-commerce model
- SME export support mechanisms
- Logistics collaborations
- Joint brand development

11. Education, Youth, and Human Resources in the Turkic World

Thematic Project Topics:

- New internship models
- Joint R&D mechanisms
- Academic-industry matching system
- Transfer of capstone projects to industry
- Joint laboratory model
- Development of joint training curricula
- University-industry matching model
- Turkic World career platform
- Digital competency academy
- Vocational training collaborations

12. Social Innovation and Public Policies in the Turkic World

Thematic Project Topics:

- Youth policies
- Joint city collaborations
- Local development models
- Public diplomacy
- Migration and brain circulation
- Women's participation in economic life
- Social entrepreneurship
- Digital citizenship
- Disaster resilience
- Smart city governance
- Rural development solutions
- Smart transportation
- Digital municipal services
- Disaster management
- Smart energy systems
- City data platforms
- Safe city applications

- Smart environmental solutions

13. . Culture, Tourism, and Creative Industries in the Turkic World

Thematic Project Topics:

- Industrial tourism
- Business travel model
- Digitization of cultural heritage
- Experiential tourism
- Digital culture platform
- Joint tourism packages
- Collaborations in the film, gaming, and animation sectors