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The Turkish Language Programme for Public Officials and Academicians (KATİP) is designed for foreign public officials, diplomats, academicians, and researchers who wish to learn Turkish and get closely familiar with Turkey.

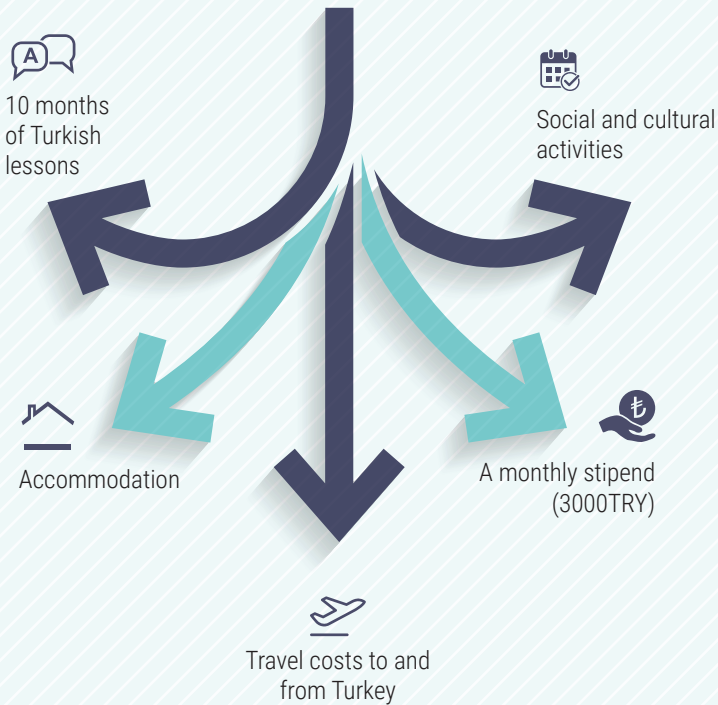
Participants in the Turkish Language Programme for Public Officials and Academicians (KATİP) also play an important role in the development of mutual relations between countries, while meeting other participants from around the world and contributing to the formation of new networks.

Within the framework of our 10-month long scholarship program, KATİP grantees receive Turkish language training in Turkish Training Centers of certain universities. In addition to Turkish lessons, various activities including seminars, conferences, and institution visits and facility tours aim to ensure the participants learn more about Turkey and form more permanent bonds with our country.

131 participants from 68 countries have already qualified to be scholarship holders.



~WHAT DOES THE SCHOLARSHIP COVER?



The Turkish Language Programme for Public Officials and Academicians (KATİP) covers the monthly stipend, Turkish language education expenses, transportation and accommodation expenses after the first arrival and training in Turkey.



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QUALIFICATIONS FOR THE CANDIDATES:



To be a citizen of a country that has a Turkish foreign representative office or a country accredited to one of our foreign representative offices,



For researchers and scientists; preferably to be working on a subject or in a social sciences field related to Turkey,



To be younger than the age of 40,



For public officers; to have worked at a related institution for at least 3 years and preferably hold a master's/doctoral degree,



For researchers and scientists; to be working at a university/research center/science academy and to have completed a doctoral degree or to be currently pursuing a doctoral degree,



Preferably to have basic knowledge of Turkish (Beginner level),



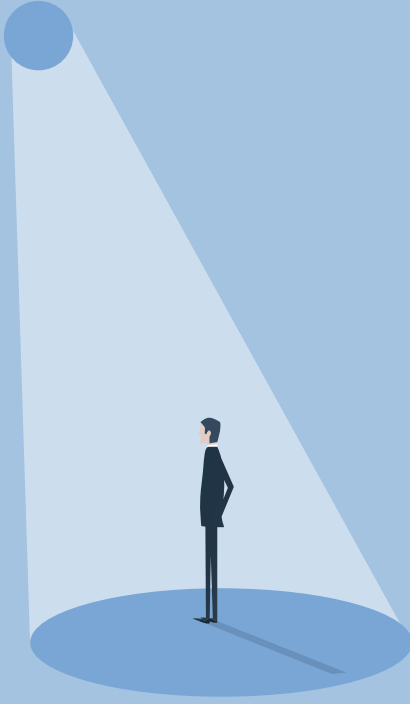
To not be residing in Turkey,



To not have benefited or be currently benefiting from other Türkiye Scholarships programs,



Citizens of the Republic of Turkey, Blue Card owners, and those who have lost their Turkish citizenship for any reason are not eligible for the scholarship program.



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SELECTION OF THE PARTICIPANTS

Candidates for our scholarship program are selected by our foreign representative offices. The candidates approved by our foreign offices make their online applications. Our directorate then evaluates the applications and accepts suitable candidates into our scholarship program.

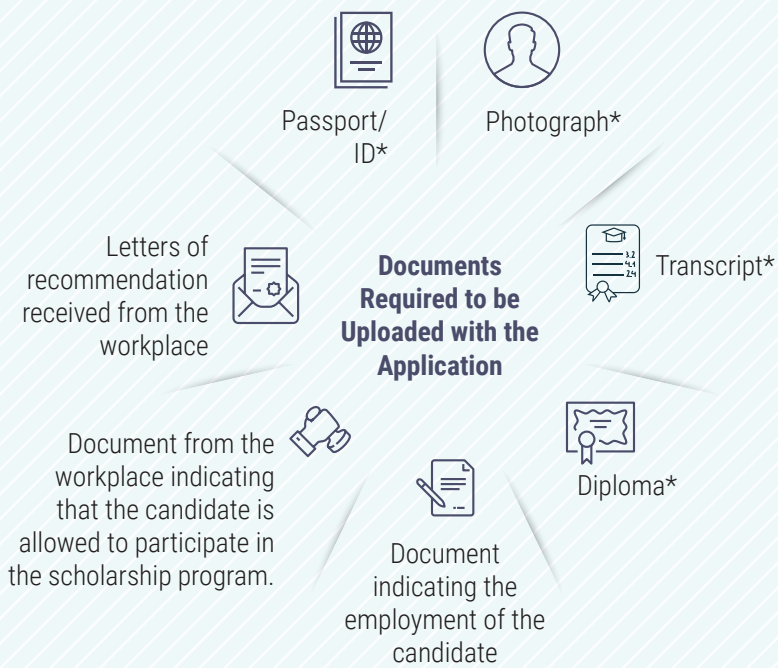
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APPLICATION

Application and registration procedures will be carried out at **tbbs.turkiyeburslari.gov.tr**. Application options are available in Turkish, English, Arabic, Russian, Spanish, Persian, French and Bosnian.



~ DOCUMENTS REQUIRED

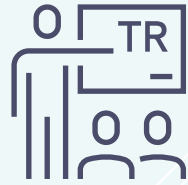


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TURKISH EDUCATION

Turkish language education usually starts with a beginner (A1) level. If there is a sufficient number of people at the same level of education, the course can begin from a different level.





Scholarship holders who pass the course exams successfully are entitled to receive an advanced level (C1) certificate at the end of 10 months.



80% attendance to the language course is compulsory for every month.



Funding for scholarship holders who fail the course exams are cut by 20%.



If absenteeism and failure continue, the scholarship is suspended.







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KATIP PARTICIPANT VIEWS

**GLORIA GRACE BOULLOSA
RIVAS**

PERU
Ministry of Culture,
Art Director



Being part of the KATIP 2020 program has been a unique learning experience that will definitely have an effect in my professional, academic and artistic career.



I have found people from different continents in this part of the world, thus making Istanbul a place where the cultures of the world meet. In addition, by learning its language and great historical-cultural background, together with its national and international realities, Turkey allows me to bring its knowledge to Peruvian and South American territories. It is worth mentioning that today I have two souls – as Charlemagne said, “To speak another language is to possess another soul” – the former from the Inca Empire heritage and its miscegenation; and the latter, which has welcomed me recently, from the Ottoman Empire. These two worlds have always seen each other from far geographies but are making their bonds stronger today.

ARIYAJAV BATCHULUUN

MONGOLIA

*Mongolian State University,
Faculty of Sciences, Department
of Asian Studies, Instructor*



Although I am a Turcologist, I have never found opportunity to stay in Turkey that long and to improve my Turkish. However, thanks to this excellent program (KATIP) presented by the Presidency for Turks Abroad and Related Communities, I am very pleased to live in Istanbul, the cradle of civilizations.



Turkish Communication Program for Public Officials and Academic Staff was a program full of surprises for me, there was no time to stay idle. Because after coming to Turkey under this program, I found the opportunity to participate in two international symposiums. Apart from the courses at IU Language Center, there were regular tour programs for us. Travelling around the historical places of Istanbul would never be enough for a person. This is an endless adventure. I admired each and every historical monument with happiness. In addition, there was an opportunity to visit historical and travel destinations in the cities of Bursa, Çanakkale, Iznik and Cappadocia.



**DANIELA JOSE LANDAETA
RUIZ**

VENEZUELA
*Ministry of Foreign Affairs,
Foreign Relations Analyst of
European Region*



***After almost 10 months living in Turkey,
I can say, after Venezuela, Turkey is my
second favorite place in the world.***

***I appreciate the opportunity offered by
YTB which allowed me to live in Istanbul.
During this period, Turkey not only
showed me the enormous hospitality of
its people, but also its delicious cuisine,
admirable history, beautiful landscapes
and architecture. A good "çay" at any time
of the day, in any situation, has become a
part of me.***



The distance between Venezuela and Turkey in geographical terms is very far, and our cultures are very different from each other. However, the Turkish people's sympathy and idiosyncrasy, as warm as my country, allowed me to feel at home during all this time.



I can not forget to mention how satisfying it has been for me to get to know the world through its citizens. The KATIP allowed me to make friends from different parts of the world with diverse cultures, languages and religions, which makes us understand that friendship and teamwork based on respect do not distinguish borders.



**ABDIRISAK MOHAMED
MOHAMUD**

SOMALIA
Türkiye Maarif Vakfı,
Directory Assistant



***I express my gratitude to KATIP program
and to the Presidency for Turks Abroad and
Related Communities (YTB) for providing
this valuable environment full of very
special facilities to enthusiastic explorers
of Turkey from all around the world.***



Historical ties between Somalia and Turkey began in the 16th century during the Ottoman Empire. In that historical period, political contacts were made especially during Zeila and Berbera times. Thus, there was always friendship and support to each other. And now we change and develop with the contribution and support of our Turkish brothers and we are back on our feet again. Thanks to Turkey my faith in that my country will become one of the Africa's fastest growing countries is getting stronger.

Within KATIP program, I met Turkey, which is far beyond Turkey that I dreamed of. Turkey turned out to be much more advanced and modern country filled with opportunities in all areas than I thought. In Istanbul, the capital of the world, we have been breathing this deep and ancient culture of this great civilization for months. Even Covid-19 could not reduce our excitement and hope during this perfectly functioning process.

Hearts of participants from dozens of countries will continue to beat for Turkey. Any well-deserved words that I want to say about Turkey as a Somalian will not be enough. Turkey is geography of my soul. I will return to my country by leaving a part of my heart here. When I return to my country, I will not be just admirer of Turkey, instead I will be a voluntary ambassador for Turkey.

I learned here that the equivalent of hospitality in all languages is "Turkish hospitality". I experienced the real meaning of respect and honor in this term. I want to thank everyone once more for the time I spent in Turkey without feeling myself as a foreigner. I believe that my friends from all nationalities will continue to get endless experience in the colorful garden of seven climates and four seasons of friendship, goodwill and brotherhood of the KATIP program. I feel that I am a lucky participant of an awesome program. With my greetings, love and respect.



**NURLIYANA KAMILAH BT
KHAIRUL ANUAR**

MALAYSIA
*Universiti Teknologi
MARA (UiTM) / Media and
Communication Lecturer*



Memories of being the first Malaysian participant to be selected to join in the KATiP Program by YTB in Istanbul, Turkey was indeed a wonderful once in a lifetime experience for me. Before I attended this program, I have once travelled to Turkey for a backpacking trip with my friends and I fell in love with every inch of the beautiful and mesmerizing sceneries of this country, not to mention the unique Ottoman architectural with a hint of Turkish traditional elements that somehow portrays the beauty of Islamic architectures that caught my eye. This was among the many reasons for me to go back to Istanbul by joining this elite program organized by YTB.





With the chance of staying in Turkey for months, I got to see and learn interesting cultures of Turkish people. I even got myself used to drinking tea without sugar every single morning, during breaks and almost every time. In Turkey, 'Çay is life!'. Just a cup of tea connects people.

Developing my communication skills in Turkish language gives me more chances to socialize with the local people in a way that makes me understand the beauty of their hearts if we really get to know them well.



Aside from grasping the knowledge of Turkish language, many historical visits and tours to touristic places were organized by YTB under this KATIP Program. What is more perfect than witnessing the real historical places yourself is to learn the history behind it.

NIAKHALEN KOUYATE
GUINEA
*Head of Communication and
External Relations Department*



My training program was very enriching. It enabled me to gain a thorough understanding of the Turkish language. It was interesting to be part of an international team (all of my colleagues were from different countries) and to watch their work habits and ways of interaction. During my experience in Turkey, I learnt that the stereotypes about Turkey are completely wrong.



Istanbul Language Center, the center that I had Turkish language courses was thankfully an amazing school with awesome and skilled teachers which I highly appreciated. It has been the nicest environment I have been in so far. There was no tensions between colleagues, my teachers and friends were friendly and always ready for help which made it very easy for me to ask questions. I have greatly appreciated being with every member of my team and have enjoyed participating in KATIP program.





There is something positive about being a YTB-KATIP student: you meet awesome and kind people who are also intelligent and caring. Also, the program helps to perceive life from a different angle.

Apart from the educational side, I have unsurprisingly fallen in love with the city Istanbul from the moment my feet touched the ground. Some people could not picture themselves living in Istanbul or used to tell me that it was too noisy, too crowded, stressful and oppressing. I personally loved and enjoyed it by simply experiencing the ambience. It took a little time to get used to the noise, especially when living on a very busy area as Kasımpaşa but it has its advantages—you can shop and eat till late at night and it feels safe to walk down the street at night, as there are always people around.

The cultural experience was the most interesting part of my journey: Museums, mosques, parks, markets, concerts, exhibitions, parades, etc. I never thought that I would be able to do so much in such a short period of time. But the most amazing thing is that the cultural experience is limitless! You experience it on a daily basis and even embrace the Turkish lifestyle: walking to school with your coffee and "simit", drinking "çay" anywhere and anytime, eating "balık ekmek", etc.

SHOUROUQ ISSA
PALESTINE
Muftiate of Jerusalem
Public Officer



The beauty of Istanbul's architecture has always attracted my attention. I was excited about getting to know the Ottoman Empire since it was one of the longest Islamic rulings that governed the Islamic world. This is also important to me because I am currently studying for a master's degree in this field.



I am lucky to be admitted to the KATIP program because this program provides Turkish language learning. The program provides an opportunity to live in Istanbul, learn the language and use it at the same time. It also contributes to acquiring knowledge about the city's history and civilization.

It was a rich experience for me to know Istanbul better because Istanbul is a city that brings various civilizations together. I heard the words of Napoleon, "If the world was a single state, Istanbul would be its capital.". Now I can fully understand why he said this sentence.







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