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Türkiye Diyanet Foundation is a non-profit, non-governmental organization established on March 13, 1975 to assist and support the Presidency of Religious Affairs.

It carries out studies in seven continents to reach wider masses of religious services and orienting human resources to take part in religious services.

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OUR TRAINING AND EDUCATIONAL ACTIVITIES

From the day that The Türkiye Diyanet Foundation was found, it aims to train specialists that understand our deep-rooted heritage of civilization, worries about the ummah worries and has high self-esteem.

Our Foundation, which provides scholarships to successful students, opens higher education student dormitories, student guest houses, colleges, and universities and establishes bridges of hearts between nations by offering students from 114 countries the opportunity to study in Türkiye with projects such as International Anatolian Imam Hatip High School, International Theology Undergraduate, and Graduate Programs.

Our Foundation meets the deficit in the area of education by providing opportunities for more than 50 years of experience and extensive knowledge.



Education Is Our Priority

As part of its international outreach programs, the Foundation supports educational initiatives in 12 countries: Azerbaijan, Kyrgyzstan, Bangladesh, Romania, Bulgaria, Kosovo, Pakistan, Palestine, Afghanistan, Tanzania, Syria, and Somalia, providing educational and scholarship opportunities to approximately 12,300 students across 34 institutions. Since the establishment of these programs, a total of 19,639 students have successfully graduated.

Within the broader framework of the Foundation's educational activities, the Diyanet Scholarship Programs constitute a key strategic pillar. Currently, 3,386 international students from 114 countries are pursuing their studies in Türkiye, enrolled in Imam Hatip High Schools as well as undergraduate, master's, and doctoral programs in the Faculties of Theology.

In accordance with establishment purpose of our Foundation, we have been supporting and contributing religious education activities in the Muslim societies whole around the world.



THE PURPOSE OF THE PROGRAM

Postgraduate scholarship programs in theology enable students to gain the ability to access, compile, interpret and evaluate knowledge using scientific research methods. It provides the student with the necessary skills to conduct independent research, analyze and interpret scientific problems and data with a wide and deep perspective, and reach new syntheses.

In addition to gaining a perspective on the nature and purpose of scientific study, it is our goal that our scholars who intend to acquire critical thinking and interpretation skills provide comprehensive ethical solutions to the problems of our age with the Islamic science and thought tradition, perspective on scientific knowledge, scientific work ethic and discipline. Pieces of training to be given to our scholarship holders for this purpose include applied courses which will enable them to gain basic skills such as methodology, research, writing and presentation techniques that they will need in their postgraduate education.



OPPORTUNITIES OFFERED TO SCHOLARSHIP STUDENTS

- Scholarship support will be provided for a duration of 9 months,
- Türkiye Diyanet Foundation provides free accommodation support to students requesting housing in its dormitories.
- Health insurance/healthcare expenses will be covered by Türkiye Diyanet Foundation,
- Tuition and residence fees will be covered by Türkiye Diyanet Foundation,
- Transportation costs of students who come from abroad will be covered by Türkiye Diyanet Foundation for their first arrival and when they return to their countries after graduating from their program.



Practical courses are offered to enable them to acquire basic skills such as methodology, research, writing and presentation techniques which they will need in their postgraduate education. Within this context;

Foreign Language Studies

The efficiency of academic studies in Arabic and English language a studies group will be formed as part of the scholarship program.

Seminars

Seminars are planned with the aim of improving the theoretical/methodological knowledge and skills of researchers. They will be held for 24 weeks in the spring and fall terms, spread over the whole year.

Academic Text Production Studies

Within the scope of academic text production studies, it is aimed to make applications for writing different types of texts such as articles, book promotions, communiqués and bulletins.

Specialisation Studies in the Field of Science

In order to increase the competencies of our scholars in the field in which they do postgraduate studies, the current and basic problems, issues, etc. of the field will be discussed with the teachers of the field in specialization groups.



MATTERS TO BE CONSIDERED IN APPLICATIONS

Please read the application guide carefully.

You can find suitable programs by clicking the '**Find Program / Register**' button on the Diyanet Scholarship Management System at <http://dbys.tdv.org>.

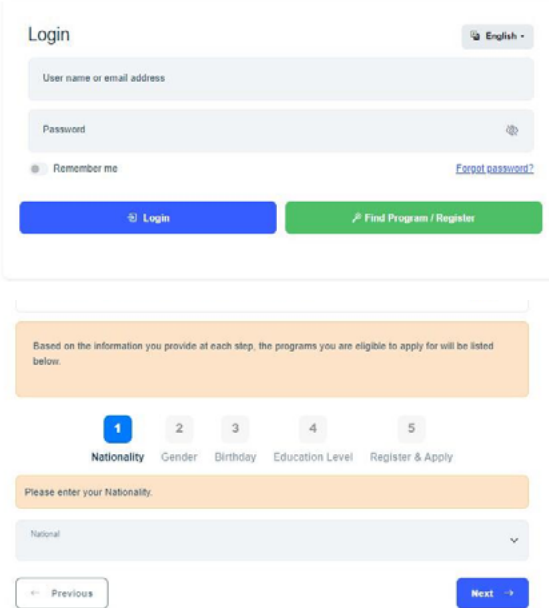
Complete the required information in 5 steps. Programs suitable for you will appear in the list below according to the information you provide.

By the end of the 5th step, if an applicable program is listed, click the '**Sign Up**' button. Complete your registration with your email and password, then activate your email.

Once the activation is complete and you log in, the programs available for application will be listed on the homepage. Select your desired program and complete the form by entering the requested information.

Upload your profile picture. Enter your first and last name exactly as it appears on your passport or ID card. Do not use nicknames or titles. Then, fill in the other fields in order. (If the information you provide is incorrect or incomplete, your application will be considered invalid.)

To download your application form, please use the '**My Applications**' menu.



The screenshot shows the login and registration interface of the Diyanet Scholarship Management System. At the top, there is a 'Login' section with a language dropdown set to 'English'. Below this are input fields for 'User name or email address' and 'Password', with a 'Remember me' checkbox and a 'Forgot password?' link. Two buttons are present: a blue 'Login' button and a green 'Find Program / Register' button. Below the login section, a message states: 'Based on the information you provide at each step, the programs you are eligible to apply for will be listed below.' This is followed by a progress bar with five steps: 1. Nationality (highlighted), 2. Gender, 3. Birthday, 4. Education Level, and 5. Register & Apply. Below the progress bar, there is a section titled 'Please enter your Nationality.' with a dropdown menu currently showing 'National'. At the bottom, there are 'Previous' and 'Next' navigation buttons.

MASTER'S PROGRAM APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS

- To not be a citizen of the Republic of Türkiye, (graduates from the International Theology License Program are excluded from this condition. These students have to apply with their foreign ID.)
- To be born after 01.01.1996.
- To not have paused academic education for a duration of more than two years between the Bachelor's degree graduation and the acceptance to the post-graduate program,
- To have a Bachelor's degree thesis, (if the university the student graduated from offered a thesis program)
- To have graduated from a Faculty of Theology, Islamic Studies, or an equivalent program, or to be in a position to graduate by July 2026,
- Students who have completed their education outside of Türkiye must possess an internationally recognized language proficiency certificate. (For English: TOEFL, IELTS, CPE, CAE, iBT, and PTE / For German: TestDaF, DSD II, TELC Deutsch, and Goethe Institute / For French: DELF & DALF / For Italian: CELI / For Spanish: DELE / For Russian: TORFL / For Arabic: ALPT)
- For a detailed table and further information: <https://www.osym.gov.tr/TR,33527/uluslararasi-yabanci-dil-sinavlari-esdegerlikleri.html>
- For international students who have completed their education in Türkiye or are expected to graduate by July 2026, to have obtained a minimum score of 50 in the YDS/YÖKDİL exams administered by ÖSYM in one of the relevant languages (English, German, French, Italian, Spanish, Russian, Arabic, etc.),

For international students who have completed their education in Türkiye or are expected to graduate by July 2026, preferably to have obtained a minimum score of 55 in the ALES exam administered by ÖSYM.,
- **Preferably**, to have published an internationally recognized edition.

CONDITIONS OF APPLICATION FOR THE DOCTORAL SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

- To not be a citizen of the Republic of Türkiye, (graduates from the International Theology License Program are excluded from this condition. These students have to apply with their foreign ID.)
- To be born after 01.01.1991.
- To not have paused academic education for a duration of more than two years between the Master degree graduation and the acceptance to the doctoral program,
- To have a Master degree thesis,
- Applicants must have graduated from a Faculty of Theology, Islamic Studies, or an equivalent program, or be eligible to graduate by July 2026.
- Applicants who completed their education outside of Türkiye must hold an internationally recognized language proficiency certificate (English: TOEFL, IELTS, CPE, CAE, iBT, PTE; German: TestDaF, DSD II, TELC Deutsch, Goethe Institute; French: DELF & DALF; Italian: CELI; Spanish: DELE; Russian: TORFL; Arabic: ALPT).
- For detailed equivalency information: <https://www.osym.gov.tr/TR,33527/uluslararasi-yabanci-dil-sinavleri-esdegerlikleri.html>
- International students who completed their education in Türkiye, or who are expected to graduate by July 2026, must have achieved at least 50 points in the YDS/YÖKDİL exam administered by ÖSYM in one of the relevant languages.
- For the same group of students, a minimum score of 55 in the ALES exam administered by ÖSYM is preferred.
- Preferably, to have published an internationally recognized edition.

Evaluation of Applications and Interview Process

Applications are performed by document and information checks to complete the preliminary evaluation process→ Applicants are then invited to face-to-face interviews in their respective countries. Candidates in interviews are evaluated according to the following areas;

- Knowledge of reciting the Qur'an and tajwid
- Basic religious knowledge (Faith, worship, Sirah ethics)
- General culture
- Self-expression ability
- Preference awareness
- Domain knowledge
- Special talent
- Language skills

Interview Centers

Interviews are conducted by the Türkiye Diyanet Foundation at selected centers in your country, primarily at the Embassy of the Republic of Türkiye.



ANNOUNCEMENT OF INTERVIEW RESULTS AND SCHOLARSHIP ADMISSION PROCESS

Following the interviews, students who are accepted for the Diyanet Scholarship Program will receive email notifications regarding visa procedures, travel to Türkiye, and registration at their assigned educational institution. At this stage, students are required to regularly check their e-mail accounts.

Note:

1. Depending on the university and department to which they are placed, students may be required to complete a one-year scientific preparatory program.

2. Before coming to Türkiye, students accepted into the scholarship program must sign a commitment to comply with the scholarship terms and disciplinary regulations.

- Students admitted to the scholarship program will be placed at one of the following state universities located in Ankara, Bursa, Istanbul, Konya, or Kayseri:

- I. Ankara University
- II. Ankara Social Sciences University
- III. Istanbul University
- IV. Marmara University
- V. Bursa Uludağ University
- VI. Konya Necmettin Erbakan University
- VII. Kayseri Erciyes University
- VIII. Istanbul 29 Mayıs University



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