

## ANNOUNCEMENT ABOUT TURKISH SCHOLARSHIPS FOR INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS

Currently, international students from more than a hundred countries around the world are studying at the Turkish Universities.

Scholarships given to international students by the Republic of Turkey has recently been transformed into a new scholarship program. With the new scholarship system, new regulations pertaining to application, selection of students, quotas and departments have been introduced. The terms of application, the list of required documents and information in more detail regarding the selection process are available on the following webpages: [www.trscholarships.org](http://www.trscholarships.org), [www.turkiyeburslari.org](http://www.turkiyeburslari.org), [www.turkiyeburslari.gov.tr](http://www.turkiyeburslari.gov.tr).

The general principles for the new scholarship system and application deadlines are provided below:

1. The new scholarship system offers students accessibility, equal opportunity and reduced bureaucratic procedures. Furthermore, measuring students' academic tendencies and capabilities, the new approach provides them with guidance during the process of department and university selection.

2. Croatian students can apply for the 8 categories of scholarships which were mentioned below:

- a.) Balkans Scholarship: Undergraduate level
- b.) Ali Kuşçu Science and Technology Graduate and Research Scholarship: Master and Phd. levels
- c.) İbni Haldun Social Sciences Graduate and Research Scholarship: Master and Phd levels
- d.) Economic Studies Graduate and Research Scholarship: Master and Phd levels
- e.) History and Civilization Graduate and Research Scholarship: Master and Phd levels
- f.) İbni Sina Medical Sciences Scholarship: Undergraduate, Master and Phd levels.
- g.) İslamic Theology Scholarship: Undergraduate, Master and Phd levels.
- h.) Yunus Emre Turkish Language Scholarship: Undergraduate, Master and Phd levels.

3. From the above categories, the earliest deadline for the applications is for the Yunus Emre Turkish Language Scholarship on **May 18, 2012**. Applications for this category must be submitted to the Embassy until the said date using the application form which is available on the following web sites:

The Turkish Prime Ministry: <http://ytb.gov.tr/index.php/tr/component/content/article/371>

The Embassy: <http://zagreb.be.mfa.gov.tr/>

Yunus Emre Turkish Language summer courses will be opened between June 25 and August 17 rotating among the cities Ankara, İstanbul, İzmir, Bursa, Antalya, Samsun and Trabzon.

Only those candidates who are enrolled in; Bachelors degree, Post Graduate, Doctorate and Research Programs as well as who have the basic knowledge of Turkish language are eligible to apply.

Evaluation of the applicants for Yunus Emre Turkish Language Scholarship will be made through their application forms and concluded by **June 8, 2012.**

4. On the other hand, the deadline for the applications to the remaining 7 categories of scholarships mentioned above is **June 1, 2012.** The applications for those scholarships should be made online through the following web pages: [www.trscholarships.org](http://www.trscholarships.org), [www.turkiyeburslari.org](http://www.turkiyeburslari.org), [www.turkiyeburslari.gov.tr](http://www.turkiyeburslari.gov.tr).

Selection of the students for these categories will be made in two stages. In the first stage, the students' academic standing will be determined by evaluating at least one of the following criteria: graduation degree, university entrance exam degree, high school graduation exam score, international exam score, average course scores for the students who are studying their last year in high school. Students will make preference of universities and departments during the application. After the evaluation of applications, applicants who are academically deemed to be adequate will be invited for interview. In cases that applicants are not available due the physical distance the evaluations will be based on at least one of the following methods : paper- submitted documents, phone interview or online interviews.

In the second stage, interviews will be held. Interviewers will evaluate the relevancy of academic background of applicants to the departments he/she applied to, his/her vision about the own country and Turkey and finally his/her career planning. Applicants will be placed in to the one of universities/departments preferred according to the ranking of students' scores in these two stages. Interviews will be conducted in **June-July.** Successful applicants will be announced in **August.**

5. There is no limit for the number of applications. Applicants who are successful academically and whose field preferences are compatible with his/her personal skills will be placed into one of his/her preferences considering his/her academic capability. Besides, a fair amount of reserve applicants will be created for those applicants who decide to forego their right of studying in Turkey; instead, those reserve applicants will be placed to the universities/departments based on their success ranking.

6. New regulations have been introduced with an aim to increase student satisfaction in the application to the university and department. Applicants will be able to choose to study at Turkey's exclusive private universities as well. Also the number of departments where the students could study in English has been increased.

7. Applicants have to demonstrate a minimum 60 % success in one of the following sections: high school graduation degree, university entrance exam degree, high school graduation exam score, international exam score. The students who have not yet graduated from their high school have to present their transcript showing that the average score of the courses attended until that time is minimum 60 %.