

Call for VEKAM Research Award

Koç University's Vehbi Koç Ankara Studies Research Center (VEKAM), has issued a call for research awards in order to contribute to scientific studies that investigate Ankara and its environs in any disciplines and areas without restrictions;

- The social, institutional and economic history,
- Cultural, social, geographical and environmental characteristics,
- Historical, cultural, literal, artistic and urban development,
- Tangible and intangible cultural heritage,
- Diplomatic, cultural and economic relations with other cities and countries in history.
- Urban issues related to historical processes and practices in the field of law, medicine and education,
- Urban government and rural areas, development, growth, sustainability, tourism, natural resources, demographic and climate change issues.

Within the framework of the awards, at least 5 research projects will be provided financial support up to TRY 10,000.

The applications should be should be sent to aayaokur@ku.edu, by **31 January 2019** at latest.

Application Requirements:

1. Applicant(s) must have at least undergraduate level graduation.
2. The research award covers the studies about to begin or ongoing studies or the studies which are planned to be completed in one year.
3. Work on documentation, taking inventory, listing, digitization etc. will not be accepted for consideration.
4. The work/project covered in the application may be a study towards a Master's or Ph.D. degree.
5. The applications may be filed either in Turkish or English.

The application file should include the following information and documents, and should meet the requirements pertaining to form:

1. Application form (at the last page)
2. Abstract (100-250 words)
3. A brief introduction and statement discussing the scientific significance of the research project and potential results of its application

4. Objectives and scope of the research
5. Research Question
6. Method / Project plan
7. Time schedule: Research project process may cover at most a calendar year.
8. Budget: A detailed table presenting expenses other than fixed equipment purchases
9. Literature search (previous studies and references in the field of research)
10. Applicant(s) CV(s) with photo
11. At least 2 letters of recommendation providing a general perspective on the project and attesting that the applicant(s) have the experience and skills required to implement the project, should be submitted in an envelope signed and sealed by the reference provider. In case the project pertains to a graduate thesis, the reference providers should be persons other than the thesis advisor.
12. A digital copy of the application file should be sent to aayaokur@ku.edu.tr by e-mail in a single PDF file format (except the reference letters) in the order listed above. The reference letters should be sent to VEKAM via cargo.

Review process

- The applications shall be reviewed initially by a Scientific Board including experts in the field, from universities in Turkey and abroad.
- The final review shall be made by the Board of Directors of VEKAM, in line with the recommendations of the Scientific Board.
- The results shall be announced on VEKAM's web site.
- The communications will take place preferably via the e-mail address specified by the project coordinator applicant, or other communication channels if necessary. In cases involving more than one applicant for a given project, the project coordinator shall be required to notify the remaining applicants.

Research Award: Payments and Terms

The upper limit for each research award is TRY 10.000. Payments shall be made to the project coordinator applicant in a lump sum, pending the submittal of the final project report to VEKAM.

Researcher's Obligations and Responsibilities

Researchers who are entitled to the research award shall be required to commence work in line with the project schedule, and conclude the Project on the date specified in the schedule.

The researcher shall be required to submit the final report for the activities carried out within the framework of the project, as well as any and all outputs of the project, to VEKAM.

Researchers are obliged to prepare a peer-reviewed article that gives and evaluates the findings they have reached as a result of their studies and to submit them to the Journal of Ankara Studies.

To Koç University Vehbi Koç Ankara Studies Research Center,

Ankara

I would like to respond to your Center's Call for VEKAM 2019 Research Award announced, with the research/project titled

..... . I hereby declare the accuracy of the information I have provided, and submit the required documents in the attached file, requesting the review of my application.

Date:

...../...../.....

Signature:

Project Coordinator Applicant's: (All fields are required)

Name Surname:

Current Affiliation:

Position:

Address:

Phone:

E-mail:

Other Applicants' (if any):

Name Surname:

Current Affiliation:

Position:

E-mail:

Other Applicants' (if any):

Name Surname:

Current Affiliation: Position:

E-mail: