

5. RESEARCH VISA APPLICATION PROCESS

A citizen of a foreign country, who wishes to conduct a research in Türkiye, must enter Türkiye on a research visa. You can apply for a research visa at the nearest Turkish mission to your residence.

Application Procedure:

1. Assemble the required documents listed below.
2. Start an online application on www.visa.gov.tr and upload the documents when prompted.
3. Print out and sign the application form.
4. After submitting the application successfully, schedule an appointment for the interview which will take place at the Consulate.
5. Be present at the Consulate on the day of the interview with the hard copies of all required documents listed below.

Required Documents:

1. National passport or official travel document and copy of your passport
 - a) Six-month validity for your intended stay.
 - b) with a blank page to affix the visa.
2. The application form
3. One recent passport photo - size (2" x 2")
4. Research Visa Acceptance Letter from the Ministry of Culture and Tourism
5. Reference letter from the head of the research, indicating the research details such as the name of the research/excavation, travel dates, and estimated duration of the research.
6. Proof of travel health/accident insurance, valid through duration of stay, including:
 - a) minimum coverage of 30,000 Euros or equivalent USD
 - b) transfer of the patient to nearest healthcare facility or residency address after discharge and transfer of body in case of death,
7. Most recent bank account statement. (minimum \$5000 balance)
8. Flight and Accommodation reservation (do not purchase or finalize until approval)
9. Non-refundable visa fee
 - Single Entry: \$60.00(\$185.00 USA citizens).
 - Multiple Entry: \$180.00 (\$265.00 USA citizens).

10. Original and the copy of your green card or your valid US visa. (for NON-US applicants only)

- Valid I-20 or the letter from school is required for the student visa holders.
- B1/B2 visa holders can only apply for a research visa at their country of residence.

Optional:

11. A pre-paid envelope (USPS mail carrier)

(Turkish Consulate General in Houston is not responsible for any delivery issues)

Important Notes:

- Your research visa will have 90-day stay only. You must apply for a residence permit on <https://e-ikamet.goc.gov.tr> which will allow you to stay beyond that period.
- Applicants are required to bring hard copies of the documents on the day of the interview.
- In the event that neither Turkish nor English is spoken, every applicant is required to arrange for a translator to accompany them to their interview. Failure to do so will result in rescheduling the appointment with the stipulation that a translator must be present.
- Screenshots will not be accepted. Documents are requested in their original size.
- The documents such as travel insurance, flight and hotel reservations must contain the name and surname of the applicant/s.
- It is strongly advised for applicants to apply **at least one month(during summer season at least 3 month)** prior to their intended trip.
- In individual cases, the applicant may be required to provide additional documents which may delay the visa issuance.
- Turkish Consulate General in Houston **cannot expedite a visa application.**
- Please do not finalize your travel arrangements until you are notified about the outcome of your visa application.
- For further questions you may contact with us from consulate.houston@mfa.gov.tr

Important Notes for Foreigners who Wish to Apply for A Research Visa Independently:

If you wish to conduct a research in Türkiye without having any prior official permissions from Turkish authorities, you may still be eligible to apply for a research visa. The application method will be the same except:

- You must provide as detailed information as possible about your research along with the main required documents.
- Your application must be reviewed as a whole during your interview before you can be given further information about visa processing.

- You may still be required to provide additional documents.
- Processing your application may take up to 8 weeks