

5. RESEARCH VISA APPLICATION PROCESS

A citizen of a foreign country, who wishes to conduct a research in Türkiye, must first obtain a research visa.

You can apply for a research visa via Turkish Consulate General in Houston by following the instructions on www.visa.gov.tr

Required documents for application:

1. National passport or official travel document
 - a) with an expiration date at least 60 days beyond the “duration of stay” of their visa
*Example: In order to enter Türkiye having a visa with 30 days “duration of stay”, visa applicants should hold a passport valid at least for an additional 60 days which totals to 90 days (30 days + 60 days) of validity **at the time of entrance.***
 - b) with a blank page to affix the visa
2. One fully completed application form and its attachments (must be filled in on www.visa.gov.tr)
3. One recent passport - size (2” x 2”) photograph
4. Research Visa Acceptance Letter from Republic of Türkiye Ministry of Culture and Tourism
5. Reference letter from the head of the research, mentioning travel dates, research date and name of research/excavation
6. Proof of travel health/accident world-wide insurance valid through duration of stay
7. Non-refundable single entry visa fee*
8. Original and copy of valid US alien registration card or valid US resident visa. (*for NON-US applicants*)
 - a) US tourist visa (B1/B2) holders are not eligible to get a visa.
 - b) Valid I-20 or the letter from school, needed for the students
9. If you wish your visa issued passport to be returned by mail, a postage fee of 31 USD in cash or money order payable to the Turkish Consulate General in Houston or you may provide your own pre-paid return envelope.

*Non-refundable visa fee:

Visa fee can only be paid in cash or as money order payable to Turkish Consulate General in Houston. Personal checks are not accepted.

Research visa for US citizens: 160 USD

Research visa for Non-US citizens: Please get into contact with the Turkish Consulate General in Houston via consulate.houston@mfa.gov.tr.

Application method:

As a first step, all applicants are required to make their visa applications online via www.visa.gov.tr. In the second step, applicants must submit their documents in person.

Applicants are kindly asked to bring their appointment confirmation paper (indicating the reference number) along with the required documents.

For in-person applications and interviews, applicants must have an appointment on www.visa.gov.tr.

Additional notes:

Turkish Consulate General in Houston is not responsible for documents lost in the mail or documents left unclaimed more than one week at the Consulate General after the outcome of the application.

In individual cases, you may be required to provide additional documents.

Please do not finalize your travel plans or arrangements until you are notified about the outcome of your visa applications.

The process may vary from 3 business days to 4-5 weeks. The applicants are informed via e-mail about the outcome of their applications.

Important notes:

It is required to make an appointment for residence permit on <https://e-ikamet.goc.gov.tr> within one month from the date of entry into the country and the residence permit should be extended before its date of expiration.

It is strictly advised to make an appointment as soon as possible from the date of entry into the country.

There is a “Central Appointment System” for the applications of first time residence permit as well as for changing residence permit type. Applicants may make their applications for the first time residence permits and residence permit changes (such as long term residence permits, short term residence permits, family and student residence permits) on the system.

After the application form is filled in, a residence permit application form indicating application date, time, number, as well as required documents are provided by the system. **A foreigner is granted the right to legally reside in Türkiye with this form until the appointment date.** However, this document does not grant right to enter in and exit from the country.

You are required to apply to the Provincial Directorate of Migration Management in your province on appointment date and time. Otherwise your application shall not be put into process.

If you leave Türkiye as a single entry visa holder, you cannot return without a multiple entry visa or residence permit.