



International Scholarship Application Guide

TÜRKİYE GREEN CRESCENT SOCIETY

INTERNATIONAL GRADUATE THESIS RESEARCH SCHOLARSHIP

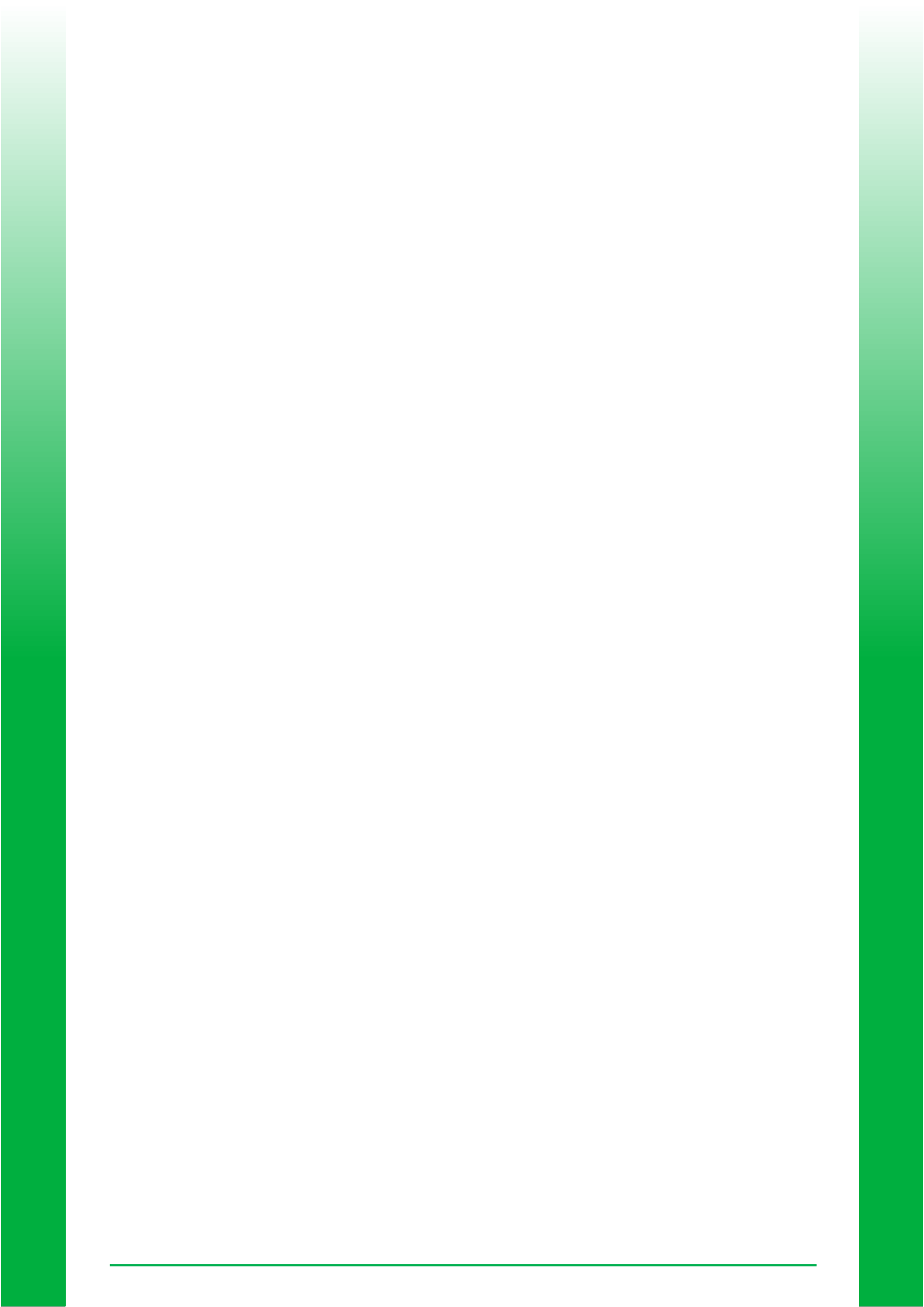
SUPPORT PROGRAM

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1. APPLICATION

1.1. INTERNATIONAL GRADUATE THESIS RESEARCH SCHOLARSHIP SUPPORT PROGRAM

1.1.1. Introduction

The Green Crescent is a non-governmental organization that is based on human dignity and respect, works to protect society and youth from harmful habits without discrimination, struggles and advocates against addictions such as tobacco, alcohol, drugs, technology, gambling, etc. using scientific methods, and carries out preventive and rehabilitative public health activities.

The aims of the Green Crescent Society of Türkiye include combating addictions such as tobacco, alcohol and drug addiction that destroy the physical and mental health of society and youth, as well as all habits that are harmful to youth and society such as gambling, internet and technology addiction, and promoting generations that are loyal to their national culture. The Society adopts the values and principles of non-discrimination, autonomy, scientificity, globalization and sociality without seeking benefits in the activities that are carried out to this end.

The Green Crescent mobilizes the consciousness, power and resources of society to fight against addictions within the framework of its founding objectives and strategic goals. The organization helps people in need of support in all circumstances, places and times in line with protecting human dignity and honor, continuously contributes to the development of society's capacity to combat addictions and establishes the necessary cooperation and coordination with national and international institutions as well as private and non-governmental organizations and develops joint working organizations.

Support will be given to master's and doctoral thesis studies in universities, institutes and research centers, which will contribute to the work areas of the Turkish Green Crescent Society on addictions (tobacco-cigarettes, alcohol, drugs, technology, gambling and other types of addictions) within the scope of the International Postgraduate Thesis Research Scholarship Support Program. Graduate thesis studies to be supported will be directly related to the activities and objectives of the Turkish Green Crescent Society in the fight against addiction.

1.1.2. The aim of the Program

The struggle against addiction also requires the development of academic publications on the multidimensional areas of the struggle (alcohol-tobacco-substance-gambling-technology and other addictions). Scientific-based studies that will set an example in this field with both national and international practices are of great importance.

The Turkish Green Crescent Society aims to support students working in this field with international postgraduate thesis research scholarships to be awarded as of 2024 to support scientific research in the fight against addiction.

The "Turkish Green Crescent Society International Graduate Thesis Research Scholarship" aims to increase scientific studies on addictions and raise awareness. The Program aims to bring diversity to the struggle against addiction in many fields from health sciences to social sciences in international literature, examine international practices and increase academic publications that will constitute scientific resources.

The aim of the program is to support qualitative and quantitative studies to be issued in many fields from health sciences to social sciences, which can create national and international resources in the fight against addiction.

In this context, the Turkish Green Crescent Society Headquarters will support the thesis studies of graduate students in the field of addictions in the International Graduate Thesis Research Scholarship Support Program.

Applications will be accepted from master's and doctoral students who have completed their course semester as of the deadline of the 2024 scholarship program to enable more graduate students to benefit from the International Graduate Thesis Research Scholarship Program and to reach people conducting research in this field.

1.1.3. Scholarship Support to be Provided by the Turkish Green Crescent Society

The amount of resources allocated for graduate theses to be supported under the International Graduate Thesis Research Scholarship Support Program is 3600 USD in total for master's theses and 7200 USD in total for doctoral theses. The Turkish Green Crescent Society reserves the right to refrain from using the resources allocated for this program partially or completely.

Scholarship Type	Total Scholarship Support (USD)
Master Theses	3600 USD
Doctoral Theses	7200 USD

Master's scholars shall receive scholarship support as an advance payment and following an interim and a final report. PhD scholars shall receive an advance payment and payments following two interim reports and a final report. The advance payment is 10% of the total scholarship amount for

both master's and doctoral scholars. The advance payment is deposited after the notarized documents submitted by the scholarship recipient during the application are received by the Directorate of Scientific Studies by mail. The interim report payment is 30% of the total scholarship amount for the master's degree, and the final report payment is 60% of the total scholarship amount. The PhD study includes two interim report evaluation processes. PhD scholars are paid 20% of the total scholarship amount following each interim report and 50% of the total scholarship amount following the final report.

Graduate Scholarship Payment Plan	PhD/Medical Specialization Scholarship Payment Plan
Advance Payment (10% of the total scholarship amount)	Advance Payment (10% of the total scholarship amount)
Interim Report (30% of the total scholarship amount)	1st Interim Report (20% of the total scholarship amount)
Final Report (60% of the total scholarship amount)	2nd Interim Report (20% of the total scholarship amount)
	Final Report (50% of the total scholarship amount)

1.2. REQUIREMENTS AND CONSIDERATIONS FOR APPLICATION

This section sets out the rules regarding the acceptance, selection and implementation of scholarship applications within the scope of the 2024 scholarship program in accordance with the provisions of the "Turkish Green Crescent Society International Scholarship Regulations" and the "Green Crescent International Scholarship Program Guide". Applicants are deemed to have accepted the provisions of this regulation and all the issues in this guide with their applications.

The Turkish Green Crescent Society reserves the right to cancel this support program at any stage of the process in case of compelling circumstances. The applicants cannot make any claims against the Turkish Green Crescent Society under such circumstances.

The thesis proposals submitted to the International Graduate Thesis Research Scholarship Support Program can be used by the Green Crescent for educational purposes at any time and without the consent of the owner.

The scholarship holder is obliged to be available to present his/her graduate thesis during and/or after the scholarship period, if deemed necessary by the Green Crescent, at scientific events organized by the Green Crescent.

The Green Crescent Society of Türkiye has the right to publish (1,000 copies) the master's and doctoral theses prepared by the scholarship recipients, once and royalty-free.

The scholarship recipients are expected to prepare scientific articles for their master's and doctoral theses; the appropriate articles shall be published by the Green Crescent on behalf of the recipients in

the relevant media. When the scholarship recipients publish their thesis in peer-reviewed journals, they are expected to state that they 'carried out their studies with the support of Green Crescent'. The scholarship recipient is deemed to have accepted this by receiving the scholarship.

1.2.1. Eligibility Criteria

There are two main eligibility criteria for theses that can be supported:

- Eligibility of the Applicant
- Eligibility of the Thesis Topic

A. Eligibility of the Applicants: Who Can Apply?

The following criteria must be met to qualify for application to the 2024/U1 Green Crescent International Graduate Thesis Research Scholarship Support Program:

- Be enrolled in any graduate education and training program with thesis established in accordance with the legislation of higher education institutions in countries other than Turkey and the Turkish Republic of Northern Cyprus (TRNC)
- Be in the thesis stage of their graduate education program (having completed the course period).
- Have a master's or doctoral thesis proposal accepted by the institutes or research centers of the universities where the scholarship candidate is enrolled within a maximum period of 6 months.
- Be a working or non-working graduate student with a thesis who fulfills the scholarship application conditions (The scholarship candidate cannot be a Green Crescent employee on the payroll).
- Demonstrate English proficiency by submitting the results of an internationally recognized English Language Proficiency exam such as IELTS or TOEFL (The candidate must have a score of at least 6.0 from the IELTS exam or an equivalent score from other internationally recognized exams).

B. Eligibility of the Theses

The thesis studies to be proposed for the 2024/U1 Green Crescent International Graduate Thesis Research Scholarship Support Program must have the following characteristics:

- The purpose and method of the thesis shall be compatible with the department of study.
- The purpose and method of the thesis shall be compatible with the Green Crescent's fields of study and the research topics listed below.
- The thesis study cannot be financially supported by other institutions/organizations

Study Areas to be Supported under the Scholarship Support Program:

Only thesis research in the following fields of study will be considered within the scope of the international graduate scholarship support.

- Tobacco Use and Addiction
- Drug Use and Addiction
- Alcohol Use and Addiction
- Technology Use and Addiction
- Gambling and other forms of behavioral addiction

The Green Crescent will provide scholarship support within the framework of the following research topics within the scope of the 2024/U1 International Graduate Thesis Research Scholarship Support Program in line with its strategic plan and goals:

Alcohol Addiction

- a. Evaluations of the effectiveness of alcohol consumption prevention efforts among young people
- b. National and international legal regulations on alcohol consumption and implementation results
- c. The effect of family values on alcohol consumption
- d. The effect of alcohol industry activities on alcohol addiction
- e. The effect of alcohol on public health in the context of violence and traffic accidents
- f. The effects of alcohol use in OECD countries in the context of developed and developing countries
- g. Problems caused by alcohol use in traffic
- h. The activities of the alcohol industry on social media platforms
- i. The effect of the pandemic period on alcohol addiction

Tobacco Addiction

- a. Studies on the frequency of use of electronic cigarettes/heated tobacco products
- b. Etiological studies on electronic cigarettes/heated tobacco products
- c. Assessments of knowledge, attitude and behavior on the use of electronic cigarettes/heated tobacco products
- d. The effects of electronic cigarettes/heated tobacco products on human health
- e. Assessments of knowledge, attitudes and behaviors related to hookah use
- f. Evaluations of the effectiveness of tobacco use prevention efforts
- g. Studies on the effects of flat packaging

- h. Evaluations of the effectiveness of smoking cessation services on a national and international basis.
- i. National and international legal regulations on the consumption of tobacco products and implementation results
- j. Regional activities of the tobacco industry and their impact on consumption behavior
- k. Comparative studies on the transposition of the Framework Convention on Tobacco Control into domestic legal systems
- l. Studies on the opinions of smokers and health sector workers on the inclusion of electronic cigarettes in smoking cessation practices
- m. Studies on passive smoking
- n. Studies on tobacco control policy instruments in Türkiye and the world (e.g. price and taxation, sales procedures, age restrictions, etc.)
- o. The effect of the pandemic period on tobacco addiction
- p. Studies on the relationship between infectious diseases and tobacco products
- q. Ethical problems that will arise from the tobacco industry's positioning in the health sector (with new statuses such as pharmaceutical companies)
- r. Current status, setbacks and needs in smokefree airspace implementations
- s. Research examining the reasons for the recent increase in the prevalence of tobacco use among women in all age groups
- t. Studies investigating compliance with smoke-free airspaces

Drug Addiction

- a. Investigating factors influencing the use of different drugs
- b. Etiological studies on the causes of drug addiction
- c. Studies on the frequency of cannabis use among university youth/ Studies on the frequency of drug use among university youth
- d. Evaluations of the effectiveness of activities to prevent drug use among youth
- e. The effects of drug use/multiple drug use on public health (e.g. unemployment, discord in family life, dropping out of education, etc.)
- f. Studies to develop reintegration models that would enable individuals with a history of drug abuse/addiction to take part in business life
- g. Examination of trends in the misuse and abuse of prescribed medicines
- h. Studies for the development of analytical methods for the detection of new psychoactive/drug substances
- i. Studies that examine regional trends in the legalization of drugs

- j. Studies comparing the drug policies of Türkiye with those of regional and global organizations
- k. Studies examining the role of civil society organizations in the fight against drug addiction in the context of international examples
- l. Problems caused by drug use in traffic
- m. Studies investigating the abuse of addictive drugs and active substances in the health sector
- n. The effects of the pandemic on drug addiction
- o. Prodrug use and preventive studies
- p. Drug use in women/pregnant women and its effect on infants/neonatal mortality
- q. Investigating the effects of parental drug use on children and the family structure
- r. Investigating the frequency and reasons for drug use among children/youth raised without parents
- s. Drug use among disadvantaged individuals and examples of preventive good practices

Behavioral Addictions (Studies on digital gaming, gambling, excessive use of social media, excessive use of smartphones and online pornography)

- a. Etiological studies on the causes of behavioral addictions (Example: Genetic factors, psychopathology, environmental factors, peer relationships, mental resilience, etc.).
- b. Studies on the prevalence of behavioral addictions on a large scale
- c. National/international policies and legal regulations on behavioral addictions
- d. DSM-5 or ICD-11 based scale development studies on behavioral addictions
- e. Studies on the treatment of behavioral addictions (psychotherapy and medical/pharmacological treatment)
- f. Studies examining the relationship between digital game addiction and gambling addiction
- g. The effects of the pandemic on behavioral addictions
- h. Studies supporting the conscious use of technology in school-age children

General

- a. Studies on the effectiveness of psychotherapeutical approaches in addiction treatment practices
- b. Studies on the moral and philosophical dimensions of addictions
- c. Studies on the relationship between family relationships and addiction processes (e.g. domestic violence, etc.)
- d. Spirituality-based approaches in prevention and treatment practices related to addictions
- e. Social work activities related to addictions
- f. Comparisons of the social policies among countries on addiction

- g. Substance abuse and addictions in the workplace (alcohol, illicit substances, digital gaming and gambling addiction)
- h. Examining the effectiveness of prevention activities related to addiction
- i. Studies that examine the level of knowledge and attitudes of healthcare professionals regarding addictions
- j. Possible effects of energy drinks on young people
- k. Studies examining the relationship between addiction and criminal behavior
- l. Relationship between consumption and addiction
- m. Relationship between addiction and venues
- n. Social and economic impacts of practices and policies related to addictions
- o. Examination of the changes in the social and emotional behavior of individuals (adolescents, young people) under treatment and intervention: Longitudinal study

C. Important Conditions

Applicants must meet all of the following conditions to be eligible for an International Graduate These Research Scholarship and avoid being deprived of this right:

- a. Fulfill the criteria specified in the Green Crescent International Graduate Thesis Research Scholarship Support Program guide.
- b. Have no vested interest in tobacco, alcohol and other addictive industries.
- c. Not to be associated with a graduate program that deals with addictive substances, such as the Wine Production Technology department.
- d. Not to have been involved in any activity related to any type of addiction that falls within the scope of the Green Crescent's field of struggle in a way that would reveal the addiction in question.
- e. Not to have a previously finalized judicial ruling for a crime related to any type of addiction.
- f. Not to make any false statements during the provision of the information requested by the Turkish Green Crescent Society as a condition of participating in the International Graduate Thesis Research Scholarship call.
- g. Not to be a Green Crescent employee.

1.2.2. How to apply and relevant procedures

A. Application Form and Other Documents

The applications shall be made by sending the PDF versions of the notarized scholarship application documents specified in the guide online via e-mail to scholarship@yesilay.org.tr. After the application

is submitted, students who are entitled to receive scholarship support shall submit the documents required for final registration to Bilimsel Çalışmalar Bölümü, Yeşilay Cemiyeti Cağaloğlu Ek Hizmet Binası, Alemdar Mah. Nur-u Osmaniye Cad. No:13 Fatih / İstanbul by postal mail.

The application form and all attachments for application to the International Graduate Thesis Research Scholarship Support Program are available at www.yesilay.org.tr.

The application form and other documents must be prepared in English. All fields in the relevant form must be filled. In addition, the standard format should be adhered to when filling in these documents and no existing text should be deleted or changed. Otherwise, the application will not be taken into consideration at the preliminary examination stage. Handwritten and typed applications will not be accepted.

Please fill in the preliminary application form and other documents carefully in a clear language, bearing in mind that the application will be evaluated on the basis of the submitted documents.

No additional documents other than those requested will be taken into consideration.

Additional clarification will be requested in case the submitted information is not clear and prevents a fair assessment.

B. Documents to be submitted during application

All the documents to be submitted by the candidates during the application must be notarized. The documents that must be submitted in the scholarship application are listed below:

- Scholarship application form (maximum 10 pages starting from the abstract),
- Verifiable current student certificate,
- Verifiable current transcript (Current transcript),
- Internationally recognized English Language Proficiency Examination results such as IELTS or TOEFL (The candidate must have a score of at least 6.0 from the IELTS exam or an equivalent score from other internationally recognized exams),
- A document issued by the Graduate School indicating that the master's and/or doctoral thesis proposal has been accepted (Thesis proposals approved on or after **01.01.2024** will be accepted.) (If the relevant document is not provided by the university where the student is enrolled, the student must submit a copy of the Graduate School Administrative Board Decision Notification Form, which is one of the standard forms among the application documents, that is filled in by the university and has a wet signature and is stamped as original for the application),
- Ethics Committee approval document related to the thesis study (In case the relevant document is not issued by the university where the student is enrolled, the student must submit the Ethics

Committee Decision Notification Form, which is one of the standard forms among the application documents, have it filled and signed with a wet signature and stamped as original by the university for the application),

- A letter of reference from at least one of the candidate's thesis advisors, academicians with whom the candidate has taken courses or worked together, and
- A detailed curriculum vitae of the candidate (Publications, if any, academic activities in which he/she has participated by presenting papers. Notarization is not required for this document).

Since the scholarship evaluation process will be implemented in stages, the original versions of the notarized documents requested for the application will be requested separately from the candidates who receive scholarship support in the later stages of the evaluation. In this context, the required documents are listed above under the heading "Documents to be submitted during the application". All of these documents must be included in the application to be eligible.

Since the applicants who are entitled to receive support will be asked to submit the original versions of these documents at the contract signing stage, they are recommended to keep the relevant documents until the contract signing process.

1.3. EVALUATION PROCESS

The Turkish Green Crescent Society will assign independent evaluators to determine the candidates to be awarded the "Turkish Green Crescent Society International Graduate Thesis Research Scholarship". The documents of the candidates who fulfill the application conditions and submit their applications in accordance with the conditions will be forwarded to the independent evaluators for evaluation. Applications that pass the administrative and technical evaluation will be submitted to the Green Crescent Board of Directors.

The Board of Directors shall determine the candidates who are entitled to receive the scholarship among the applications that fulfill the conditions and are commensurate with the culture of the institution, and the candidates are announced on the website. The names of the candidates who are not awarded the International Graduate Thesis Research Scholarship will not be announced.

Candidates who are not awarded the International Graduate Thesis Research Scholarship can request information about the reasons for the rejection of their applications by sending a scanned PDF version of their petitions with a wet signature to **scholarship@yesilay.org.tr**. In line with the petition sent with a wet signature, the scholarship candidates will be informed about their applications via e-mail.

1.4. MONITORING PROCESS

- a.) The monitoring period of the master's thesis research lasts 12 months. The master's scholar is obliged to send a scanned PDF version of the notarized interim report form to the Turkish Green Crescent Society via e-mail in the sixth month of the scholarship monitoring period that starts with the announcement of the scholarship results. In the twelfth month of the scholarship monitoring period, the master's scholar is obliged to send a digital version of his/her thesis, the notarized final report evaluation form and the scanned PDF version of the document showing that he/she has successfully defended his/her thesis to the Turkish Green Crescent Society via e-mail. After the relevant reports are evaluated and approved by an expert in the field, the scholarship payment is made to the scholar in the amount of the rate corresponding to the interim report or final report. If the master's scholar completes his/her thesis research before the 12-month monitoring period, he/she will receive the full amount of the remaining scholarship. If the master's scholar is unable to submit the final report and other relevant documents at the end of the second six-month period (12th month) of the monitoring period, he/she is obliged to submit a petition with a wet signature to the Turkish Green Crescent Society. If the scholarship holder submits the final report and other relevant documents to the Turkish Green Crescent Society and the report receives a positive evaluation from the expert in the field, he/she will receive the remaining scholarship payment. The master's scholar is obliged to send a scanned PDF version of his/her wet signed petition to the Directorate of Scientific Studies via e-mail every 3 months during the period that the final report and other relevant documents are not submitted to Yeşilay.
- b.) The monitoring period of doctoral thesis research lasts 18 months. The PhD scholar is obliged to submit the scanned PDF version of the notarized interim report evaluation form to the Directorate of Scientific Studies via e-mail in the sixth and twelfth months of the scholarship monitoring period, which starts with the announcement of the scholarship results. In the eighteenth month of the scholarship monitoring period, the PhD scholar is obliged to submit a digital version of his/her thesis, the notarized final report evaluation form and a scanned PDF version of the document showing that he/she has successfully defended his/her thesis to the Directorate of Scientific Studies via e-mail. After the evaluation and approval of the two interim reports and the final report by an expert in the field, the scholarship payment is made to the scholar in the amount of the scholarship payment rate corresponding to the interim report or the final report. If the PhD scholar completes his/her thesis research before the 18-month monitoring period, he/she

will receive the full amount of the remaining scholarship. If the PhD scholar is unable to submit the final report and other relevant documents at the end of the third six-month period (18th month) of the monitoring period, he/she is obliged to submit a petition with a wet signature to the Directorate of Scientific Studies. If the scholarship holder submits the final report and other relevant documents to the Directorate of Scientific Studies and the evaluation is positive, he/she will receive the remaining scholarship payment. The PhD scholar is obliged to send a scanned PDF version of his/her petition with a wet signature to the Directorate of Scientific Studies via e-mail every 3 months during the period that the final report and other relevant documents are not submitted to Yeşilay.

- c.) If deemed necessary, the scholarship holder must submit interim reports to the scholarship commission online on the date to be determined by the Turkish Green Crescent Society.
- d.) The scholarship holder must submit the final report in written and, if necessary, verbal form.
- e.) The scholarship holder must submit the thesis in digital form to the Green Crescent.

1.5. CANCELLATION OF THE SCHOLARSHIP

The scholar shall be suspended if:

- The scholarship holder has failed to write a thesis in the field for which he/she applied for a scholarship and committed to in the contract,
- The scholarship holder has been dismissed from the institution where he/she received graduate education and terminated his/her student status,
- If the interim report routinely submitted during the scholarship period is returned twice (2) by the Monitoring Scientific Committee member and an adjustment is requested, the scholarship shall be suspended until the interim report is completed. The scholarship will continue after the interim report is approved

1.6. APPLICATION DEADLINE

The application deadline for the scholarship program is **30.06.2024 at: 17.30 hrs (UTC+3)**. Applications submitted after this date will not be processed.