ÖZYEĞİN UNIVERSITY
SOCIETAL IMPACT SEED GRANT PROGRAM 2026 CALL
(DEADLINE: NOVEMBER 30, 2026)

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS (FAQ)

1. Where can I find detailed information about the program?

Detailed information and application forms for the Societal Impact Seed Grant Program are available under the announcement tab on the OzU Interdisciplinary Research page:

https://www.ozyegin.edu.tr/en/interdisciplinary-research/support-interdisciplinary-research/seed-funds

2. Can administrative staff, research assistants, or instructors apply as Principal Investigators (PIs) under the Societal Impact Seed Grant Program?

No. Only full-time faculty members (Full Professors, Associate Professors, Assistant Professors) are eligible to apply.

3. Can I hire students for my Societal Impact Seed Grant Program? Can I pay them through the project?

Undergraduate students, as well as Master's and PhD students who do not receive a stipend (i.e., those with only a tuition waiver), may be employed part-time through mechanisms deemed appropriate by the Human Resources Department.

4. In which language should the application form be submitted?

The application can be submitted in either English or Turkish.

5. Is it mandatory for PIs to present their projects during the evaluation panel?

Presentations are not mandatory. However, presenting your project during the evaluation panel can positively influence the evaluation and convince the panelists.

6. What aspects should I consider when writing my project proposal? Do you have any further recommendations?

- The Societal Impact Seed Grant Program is designed as a preliminary research grant to enable faculty members to explore their research interests using institutional funding. The insights gained in this project may serve as a foundation for future applications for external funding (e.g., TÜBİTAK, EU programs). It is therefore recommended that long-term plans be included in the project proposal.
- The proposal file must clearly explain the project's original contribution.