

Support for continued data collection and analysis concerning mobility patterns and career paths of researchers

Country profile – Remuneration Turkey

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1 RESEARCHER REMUNERATION IN ACADEMIA

1.0 Introduction

This is one of a series of more than 40 country profiles summarising data on the remuneration of researchers and work-related benefits in the academic sector. Data were collected for the European Commission in 2012 by an extensive network of national experts as part of the MORE 2 study. The profiles provide also complementary data from official sources.¹

A report containing a comparative analysis of the data and more qualitative information related to the remuneration of researchers will also be published as part of the MORE2 study.

The profiles are structured as follows:

1. Main indicators
2. Salaries, stipends and benefits by job position and employment contract
3. Tax system
4. Labour legislation in the Higher Education Sector
5. Social security system
6. Quality of life
7. Where available: Gross annual earnings and hourly earnings of non-academic researchers
8. Where available: Salary data of university researchers by country – A literature survey

In the first section, the main indicators on remuneration (salaries, stipends, and the degree of autonomy of universities to decide on remuneration-related aspects) are compared with the EU-average and the US. In the second section, the profiles summarise minimum, average and maximum annual gross salaries (both in national currency and in purchasing power parities) for all available job positions and employment statuses.

The following sections present an assessment of the value of the gross annual salaries. As it is very difficult to collect data on net salaries that are meaningfully comparable across countries due to very specific regulations, the country profiles include information on the dues that are typically deducted from gross salaries in order to provide an indication of the level of net salaries. Furthermore, data are also presented on the public benefits researchers receive for these deductions. It is important to note that the data provide an indication of the remuneration package and do not offer an exact, comparable measure for researcher salaries across countries.

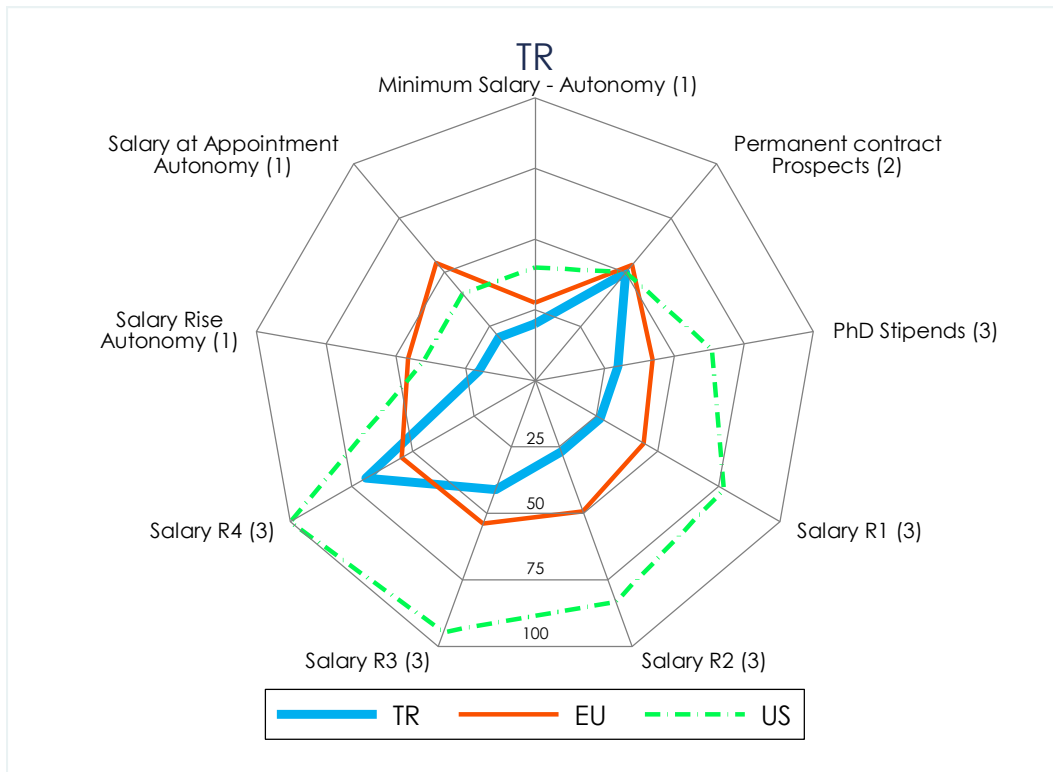
Finally, where available the profiles also contain information on the gross annual and hourly earnings of non-academic researchers based on Eurostat's Structure of Earnings Survey, and a summary table on salary data collected in other studies.

Further information on data collection and results of the study is available in:

IDEA Consult et al, 2013. MORE2 - Support for continued data collection and analysis concerning mobility patterns and career paths of researchers, Remuneration Cross-Country Report (WP4). European Commission, DG Research and Innovation.

¹ Data have been collected in 2012. If there are more recent data available, they have not been included in the country profiles but the respective sources are listed in chapter 7 of the MORE2 WP4 report (IDEA et al. 2013).

1.1 Main indicators



Source: MORE II expert survey; Spokes are normalised minimum = 0, and maximum = 100% in case of „PhD-Stipends“ and „Salaries R1-R4“, maximum = R1 in case of „Permanent contract“, and maximum = 5 in case of „Salary rise“, „Salary at appointment“, and „Minimum salary“. Missing values are set to zero.

- 1) **Degree of autonomy:** „Salary rise“, „Salary at appointment“, and „Minimum salary“ based on question: „Please indicate the institutional level at which the following aspects of public university researchers are de-termined?“ Scale: (1) National, (2) Regional (state), (3) Sector/collective agreements, (4) University, (5) Individual negotiation, (0) missing value;
- 2) **Prospect of a “permanent contract”** shows the lowest career stage (R1-R4) at which university researchers can obtain permanent contracts.
- 3) **Salaries:** „PhD Stipends“, „Salaries R1-R4“ show gross annual salaries (in PPP €) paid in the country as a percentage of the best paying country at this career stage.

1.2 Salaries, stipends and benefits by job positions and employment contract

Rank	Name	Type of contract		Annual Gross Salary in national currency and (in PPP €)			Mandatory insurances		
		Employment status	Contract duration	Minimum	Average	Maximum	Health care	Unemployment	Pension
R1	PhD-Candidate ¹⁾	Stipendiary	Fixed 2-4 years	9,600 (5,799)	14,400 (8,698)	19,200 (11,597)	X		
R1	Support (Ancillary) Staff ²⁾	Civil Servant	Fixed 2-4 years	18,000 (10,872)	20,400 (12,322)	23,004 (13,895)	X		
R1	Support (Ancillary) Staff ³⁾	Employee	Fixed 2-4 years	10,800 (6,523)	14,400 (8,698)	19,200 (11,597)	X		
R2	Lecturer ⁴⁾	Civil Servant	Fixed >4 years	.	.	.	X	X	X
R2	Lecturer ⁵⁾	Employee	Other	19,200 (11,597)	24,000 (14,497)	30,000 (18,121)	X	X	X
R3	Assistant Professor / Associate Professor ⁶⁾	Civil Servant	Permanent	27,576 (16,657)	28,500 (17,215)	29,436 (17,780)	X	X	X
R3	Assistant Professor / Associate Professor ⁷⁾	Employee		42,000 (25,369)	60,000 (36,241)	78,000 (47,11379)	X	X	X
R4	Professor ⁸⁾	Civil Servant	Permanent	43,584 (26,326)	47,928 (28,950)	52,284 (31,581)	X	X	X
R4	Professor ⁹⁾	Employee		108,000 (65,234)	150,000 (90,603)	192,000 (115,972)	X	X	X

Source: MORE II - Expert Survey; National currency: TRY; Annual Gross Salary: Source: 1) 2012; University information; 2, 6, 8) 2012; http://www.turkegitimsen.org.tr/kose_yazisi.php?yazar_id=11&yazi_id=99999, 3, 5, 7, 9) 2012; University information and guess-estimated numbers; Notes: ad 5) Contracts are fixed but renewable; ad 7) Associate Prof (Min, avg, max): 66,000 - 78,000 - 90,000; ad Stipends: The stipend amount does not come with any social security benefits in private (foundation) universities. Similarly if the monthly stipend is received from TÜBİTAK, there are no accompanying social security benefits. There are no nationality restrictions. The PhD-students are expected not to engage in any paid employment. The monthly stipend is given for six or eight academic semesters depending on how different universities choose to budget their financial support scheme. They receive tuition waivers for graduate studies for up to twelve academic semesters in addition to their monthly stipends. The continuity of the monthly stipend payments depend on the assessment of academic performance every year; PPP: Salaries and Stipends in national currency are converted into PPP US-Dollar (2011) and the resulting PPPs are converted into EURO using the currency exchange rate of Eurostat 1,3920\$ = 1EURO; if the year of the salary or the stipend is not 2011, the amount was grossed up to 2011 using the unit labour costs index of the AMECO database.

1.3 Tax System

Taxes						
Income bracket in national currency from	0	9,401	23,001	80,001		
Income bracket in national currency to	9,400	23,000	80,000	max		
Marginal Tax rate	15.0	20.0	27.0	35.0		
Levy of income tax	-					

Tax Wedge in % of labour costs			
Single, no children (average wage)	37.40	Married couple, two children (average wage)	35.90
Single, no children (167% of average wage)	40.40	Married couple, two children (167% of average wage)	37.60
Married couple, no children (133% of average wage)	37.70		

Tax rate: Source: OECD, 2011*; Country-specific note: Turkey changed the national currency unit as YTL as of 1 January 2005, where 1 YTL equals 1 million TL. The rates in the table are the income tax schedule applied to the wage income. For other types of income, the tax rates are 5 percentage points higher; **Levy of income tax:** Source: MORE II - Expert Survey based on question "Please indicate how personal income tax is usually levied?"; **Tax Wedge in % of labour costs:** Source: OECD, 2010*; Note: Income tax plus employee and employer contributions less cash benefits in % of the labour costs for selected personal circumstances.

* More recent data available, cf. IDEA et al. 2013, ch. 7.

1.4 Labour legislation in the Higher Education Sector

Institutional levels determining remuneration aspects			
Salary (at appointment)	National	Unemployment insurance	National
Salary rise	National	Health care insurance	National; University
Minimum salary	National	Retirement pension insurance	National
Working time	National; Individual negotiation; Sector/collective agreements; University		
Relevant factors for salary rise (incl. rank)	Seniority(1); Performance(2)		

Source: MORE II - Expert Survey based on question "Please indicate the institutional level at which the following aspects of public university researchers are determined?".

Dismissal of University Researchers					
	9 months tenure	4 years tenure	20 years tenure		
Notice period (in months)	0.9	1.9	1.9	2008	OECD
Severance pay (in months)	0.0	4.0	20.0	2008	OECD
Duration of Compensation in case of Unemployment (in Months)	10	2010	OECD		
Average Net Replacement Rate in case of Unemployment (in % of previous income for a 40 year old)					
Two-earner married couple, no child	56		Two-earner married couple, two children	56	

Dismissal of University Researcher: Note: Conversion into months if original data are listed in weeks or days: weeks/7 days * 30 days; days * 30 days; **Duration of Compensation in case of Unemployment (in Months):** Note: For a 40-year old (where benefits are conditional on work history, the table assumes a long and uninterrupted employment record); **Average Net Replacement Rate:** Source: OECD, 2010*; Note: The percentage of a worker's pre-unemployment income that is paid out by the unemployment insurance when the worker becomes unemployed in two different categories of personal circumstances.

* More recent data available, cf. IDEA et al. 2013, ch. 7.

1.5 Social Security System

Public social spending (% of GDP)	10.48	2007*	OECD	Public health spending (% of GDP)	4.10	2007*	OECD
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Insurances usually go beyond what is mandated by law

Additional health care insurance			
Additional health care insurance by university	Always	Do researchers usually have additional private health care insurance?	-
Covered by researchers' remuneration package (incl. mandatory insurance)	Ambulant treatment; Hospital treatment; Rehabilitation; Drugs/pharmaceuticals		
Additional retirement pension insurance			
Additional retirement pension insurance by university	Always	Do researchers usually have additional private retirement pension insurance?	-
Additional (private) retirement pension insurance is...	Important		

Additional health care/retirement pension insurances by university: Source: MORE II - Expert Survey based on question "Do universities provide the following social security insurances for university researchers, exceeding what is mandated by law?"; Country-specific comment: Whether private insurances are provided by the university depends on the respective university. Some private universities provide private insurance as well; **Do researchers usually have additional private health care/retirement pension insurance?** Source: MORE II - Expert Survey based on questions "Do researchers usually purchase additional health care insurance/pension funds, beyond what is already provided in the remuneration package?"; Country-specific comment: Sometimes researchers in public universities purchase additional health care insurance beside of Turkish social insurance and health insurance. Sometimes researchers purchase additional (private) pension funds. **Covered by researchers' remuneration package (incl. mandatory insurance):** Source: MORE II - Expert Survey based on question "Please indicate the extent to which health care is compulsorily covered by researchers' remuneration packages in your country."; **Additional (private) retirement pension insurance is...:** Source: MORE II - Expert Survey based on question "How important is additional (private) retirement pension insurance for researchers in order to maintain their personal standard of living after retirement?".

* More recent data available, cf. IDEA et al. 2013, ch. 7.

1.6 Quality of Life

Income and Welfare				Governance			
GDP per capita (in PPP €)	12,571	2011	Worldbank	Voice and Accountability #	42 / 46	2011	Worldbank
GDP per capita (in €)	7,542	2011	Worldbank	Political Stability and Absence of Violence #	45 / 46	2011	Worldbank
Human Development Index #	45 / 46	2011*	HDI	Government Effectiveness #	36 / 46	2011	Worldbank
Life expectancy	74.00	2011*	UNDESA	Regulatory Quality #	38 / 46	2011	Worldbank
				Rule of Law #	36 / 46	2011	Worldbank
				Control of Corruption #	34 / 46	2011	Worldbank
Quality of public child care				Quality of Education			
Net childcare costs (% avg wage)	-			Average Years of Schooling #	37 / 45	2010	OECD
Childcare fees (% avg wage)	-			PISA reading score #	36 / 43	2009	OECD
Public spending on childcare and early education (% GDP)	-			PISA mathematic score #	37 / 43	2009	OECD
Public spending on family benefits (% GDP)	-			PISA science score #	37 / 43	2009	OECD
Public spending on pre school services (% GDP)	-			Public expenditures on education (% of GDP)	-		
Ratio of child to carer	-			Private expenditures on education (% of GDP)	-		
Ratio of children to teaching staff	18.75	2009	OECD				

Ranking within countries with available data covered in this study; **GDP per capita (in PPP €):** Note: GDP per capita is converted into PPP US-Dollar (2011) and the resulting PPPs are converted into EURO using the currency exchange rate of Eurostat 1,3920\$ = 1EURO; **Life expectancy:** Note: Number of years a new born infant could expect to live if prevailing patterns of age-specific mortality rates at the time of birth stay the same throughout the infant's life; **Net childcare costs:** Note: for a dual earner family with full-time arrangements of 167% of the average wage in % of the average wage; **Childcare fees:** Note: Childcare fees per two-year old attending accredited early-years care and education services; **Childcare fees in % of average wage:** Note: Childcare fees in % of average wage; **Public spending on childcare and early education:** Note: Total spending in % of GDP; **Public spending on family benefits:** Note: Public expenditure on pre-school services in % of GDP; **Public spending on pre school services:** Note: Public expenditure on pre-school services, in % of GDP; **Ratio of children to carers:** Note: Shows the average child-to-carer/educator ratio for children not yet 4 years of age who attend licensed day care facilities; **Ratio of children to teaching staff:** Note: For children attending pre-school, certified teacher-to-child ratios are calculated by dividing the number of full-time equivalent children enrolled in pre-school programmes by the number of full-time equivalent teachers at that level.

* More recent data available, cf. IDEA et al. 2013, ch. 7.

1.7 Salary data of university researchers by country – A literature survey

Turkey						
Position	Salary (Range)	Currency	Reported salary	Year	Source	Note
Instructor	1020	TL	Gross monthly salary	2010	Altbach et al. (2012)	state universities; basic
Instructor	2424	TL	Gross monthly salary	2010	Altbach et al. (2012)	state universities; total; minimum
Instructor	2619	TL	Gross monthly salary	2010	Altbach et al. (2012)	state universities; total; maximum
Lecturer	1020	TL	Gross monthly salary	2010	Altbach et al. (2012)	state universities; basic
Lecturer	2437	TL	Gross monthly salary	2010	Altbach et al. (2012)	state universities; total; minimum
Lecturer	2626	TL	Gross monthly salary	2010	Altbach et al. (2012)	state universities; total; maximum
Research Assistant	802	TL	Gross monthly salary	2010	Altbach et al. (2012)	state universities; basic
Research Assistant	2275	TL	Gross monthly salary	2010	Altbach et al. (2012)	state universities; total; minimum
Research Assistant	2342	TL	Gross monthly salary	2010	Altbach et al. (2012)	state universities; total; maximum
Assistant Docent	1233	TL	Gross monthly salary	2010	Altbach et al. (2012)	state universities; basic
Assistant Docent	2769	TL	Gross monthly salary	2010	Altbach et al. (2012)	state universities; total; minimum
Assistant Docent	2782	TL	Gross monthly salary	2010	Altbach et al. (2012)	state universities; total; maximum
Docent	1343	TL	Gross monthly salary	2010	Altbach et al. (2012)	state universities; basic
Docent	2953	TL	Gross monthly salary	2010	Altbach et al. (2012)	state universities; total; minimum
Docent	3500	TL	Gross monthly salary	2010	Altbach et al. (2012)	state universities; total; maximum
Professor	1818	TL	Gross monthly salary	2010	Altbach et al. (2012)	state universities; basic
Professor	4137	TL	Gross monthly salary	2010	Altbach et al. (2012)	state universities; total; minimum
Professor	4744	TL	Gross monthly salary	2010	Altbach et al. (2012)	state universities; total; maximum
Rank 6	2173	PPP US\$	Average monthly salary	2010	Altbach et al. (2012)	public universities
Rank 5	2216	PPP US\$	Average monthly salary	2010	Altbach et al. (2012)	public universities
Rank 4	2027	PPP US\$	Average monthly salary	2010	Altbach et al. (2012)	public universities
Rank 3	2436	PPP US\$	Average monthly salary	2010	Altbach et al. (2012)	public universities
Rank 2	2832	PPP US\$	Average monthly salary	2010	Altbach et al. (2012)	public universities
Top rank	3898	PPP US\$	Average monthly salary	2010	Altbach et al. (2012)	public universities