



## GRF YOUNG ACADEMICS PROGRAM

The ***GRF Young Academics Program*** will be carried out with the participation of young academics who are either in the last year of their doctoral studies or have completed their Ph.D. within the last three years.

The program aims to culminate in the preparation of a paper authored by the young academic. The paper is then published as part of the Policy Paper Series or the Analysis Paper Series. While both series are concerned with thoroughly analyzing a topic of interest related to systemic issues and making a unique impact on the global agenda, the former additionally proposes policy recommendations.

GRF is interested in any topic that is sufficiently insightful to make a unique impact on the global agenda. Therefore, the GRF Young Academics Program is open for academics from all areas of study.

The recommended length of the papers will be approximately 20-30 pages. In return for their contributions, GRF will present an honorarium to the authors of the papers that are published by the end of the program.

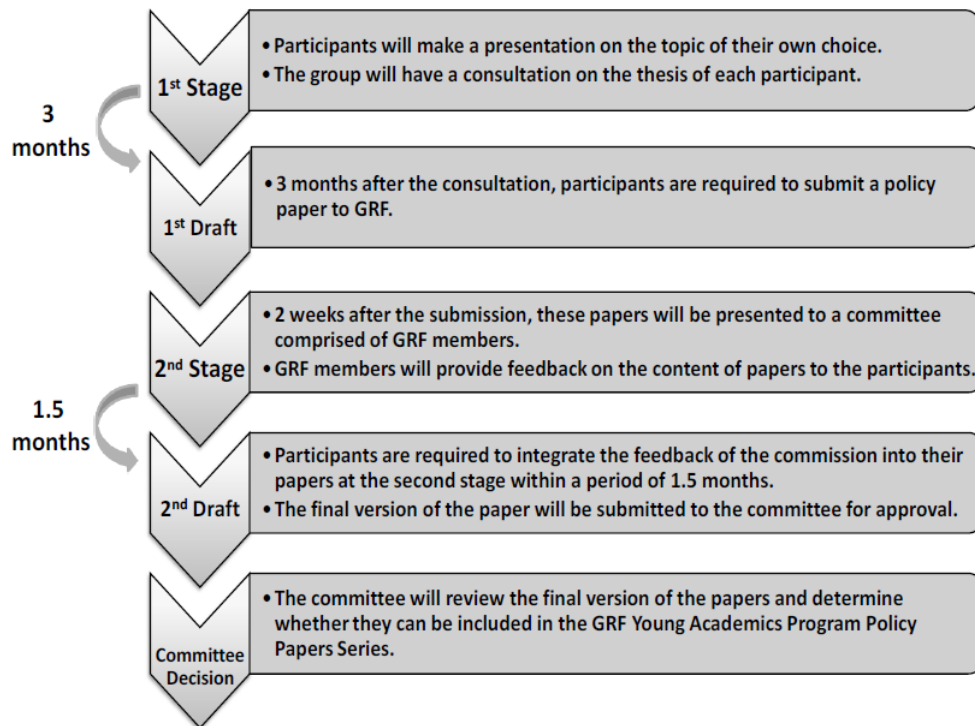
The GRF Young Academics Program consists of two meetings, the details and aims of which are described below.

**First Meeting:** The academics will present their topic of choice to other participants of the program, and a discussion will follow each presentation. This will provide each participant with the opportunity to clarify and improve his or her thesis with the feedback they receive from fellow participants. The participants are required to submit the first draft of their paper to GRF within three months of this consultation meeting.

**Second Meeting:** The institutional experience and contribution of the GRF comes into play more explicitly at this stage. Within this framework, the GRF will put together a different commission for each participant. The commissions will be made up of a select group of GRF members with knowledge and expertise in the young academic's topic of choice. Two weeks after submitting their first draft, participants will present their paper to a GRF commission and will receive personalized feedback from the commission members.

When preparing the second draft of their paper, the participants are required to integrate the feedback they received from the commission. The young academics are given a period of six weeks to submit their revised drafts.

The final drafts of the papers will then be sent to respective commissions for approval. The commissions have the final say in determining whether to publish a paper as part of the Young Academics Program Publications.



A more detailed calendar regarding the content of the program and submission dates will be sent to admitted candidates.

When organizing the meetings in Turkey, GRF will demonstrate flexibility with regards to those participants who live abroad.

### **Criteria for the Young Academics Program Publications**

The following criteria for the publications will help to sustain GRF's prudent and constructive analytic culture in the long-run.

- Topic should be unique and should have practical aspects
- Presented data should be reliable and the analysis should be accurate
- Flow of thought should be clear and structured
- For policy papers, the policy suggestions should be balanced and applicable

### **Application Process**

Documents required for applying to the GRF Young Academics Program are listed below:

- CV
- A cover letter (in English and/or Turkish) that summarizes the topic that the candidate wishes to pursue and describes the importance of the topic within the context of the global agenda.

Application documents should be submitted to [yacapplication@gif.org.tr](mailto:yacapplication@gif.org.tr)

**Selection Process:**

The determining factor in the selection of a candidate will be the content of the cover letter. The candidate is completely free in determining his or her topic of choice; it is the manner in which the candidate situates this topic within the global agenda that the GRF will evaluate.

Candidates whose applications are rejected are encouraged to apply to the program again with a new application.

**Application Details:**

The applications to GRF Young Academics Program's 2017 term should be submitted by **May 19, 2017** at the latest.