



Project Fund Seeking: Experience Sharing

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My Project Storyline = My research Storyline



- All research is based on a project.
 - Starting with our Thesis Proposal: *“Prepare a document that discusses the content of the thesis and the proposed methodology to tackle this content”.*
 - No different for me.
 - Duke University, Research Assistanship/scholarship.

- Inflation...
- Multinational Firms....



- Growing up and leaving home.
- World Bank
 - ❖ “Institutional Structural Change in Transition Economies”
 - Problems of other countries.
 - International institutions role in funding research.
- Bentley University– Data Analytics Research Team (DART):
 - ❖ “Digital Divergences”
 - ❖ “Marketing”
 - The enriching experience of interdisciplinary work.
 - Role of private sector in funding R&D activities.

- Full circle: back home!
- TÜBİTAK – 1002
 - ❖ “Sectoral differences in location choice of Multinational Firms”
- TÜBİTAK – 1001
 - ❖ “Financial Markets, Intellectual Property Rights and Growth: A Cross Country comparison”
 - ❖ “Growth Effects of R&D Activities”
 - ❖ “Crisis Anatomy of Turkish Foreign Trade”

Meeting the National Science Council!

- ❖ “Sectoral differences in location choice of Multinational Firms”
 - ❖ 1001 application – rejected!
 - ❖ “Does not mention how the findings will be shared with stakeholders such as YASED”.
 - ❖ Revise, reapply as 1002.
 - ❖ Need for fast funding to purchase data

- ❖ “Wage Policies of Multinational Firms: An Application to Turkey”
 - ❖ “Labor market expertise of the researchers are limited.”
 - ❖ “No mention of Collective Agreements.”
 - ❖ Revised and resubmitted: rejected.
 - ❖ Third time’s the charm!



Those that never saw daylight...



- ❖ “Firm Productivity: Efficiency or Technology? A Cross Country Comparison”
 - ❖ “Signature missing” – return!
 - ❖ Revise and resubmit.
 - ❖ “References not included” – rejected.
 - ❖ Third time’s the charm!



What I learned during the journey



- No need to jump out of your skin, just jump into the ocean of funding opportunities.
- Applying and being rejected is better than never applying.
- Each return or rejection inherits in it important feedback.
- Enough about me....



Good luck!