# Boğaziçi University Sustainable Development Goals Progress Report

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Sustainable Development Goal 1:

# No Poverty




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# SDG 1: End Poverty – Global Rankings and Financial Support

THE IMPACT RATINGS 2026

**27.**

**World Rankings**

Among more than 1,600 universities worldwide

**84.3** / 100 Points

SDG 1 Achievement Score

**Overall THE Impact Band:**
101–200 (89/100 points)

2024–2025 TOTAL SCHOLARSHIP BUDGET

**446.696.276 TRY**

**9.264**
Total Scholarship Amount

**BOĞAZİÇİ UNIVERSITY INTERNAL FUNDS**

**63,05M TRY**

4.225 Direct Scholarship Items

**GOVERNMENT INSTITUTIONS**

**315,37M TRY**

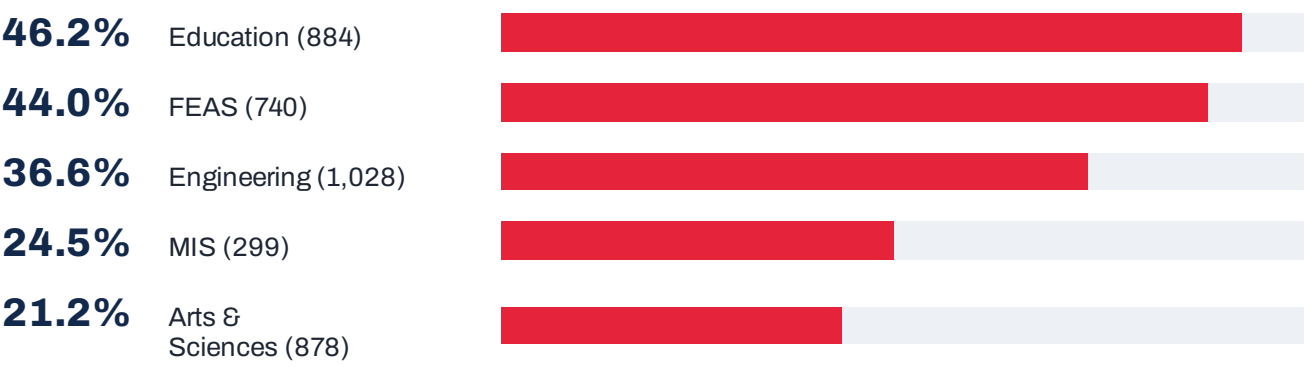
3.473 Institutional Scholarship Items

**FOUNDATIONS & PRIVATE FUNDS**

**68,28M TRY**

1.566 Independent Scholarship Items

## Direct Scholarship Coverage by Faculty (2023–2024)



# SDG 1: Entrepreneurship, Achievement Incentives, and Access to Basic Services

## YKS 2025 Achievement Packages

**566 placements among the top 1,000**

Türkiye's top-ranked student in 28 out of 34 undergraduate programs

*Rewarding Talent and Socioeconomic Security*

**Top 3:** TRY 120,000 cash award, TRY 18,000 monthly scholarship for 9 months, free accommodation, meals, and priority access to incubation.

**Ranks 4–10:** TRY 18,000 monthly scholarship for 9 months, free accommodation and meals.

**Ranks 11–100:** TRY 12,000 monthly scholarship for 9 months and accommodation guarantee.

**Top 1,000:** Guaranteed full accommodation throughout the duration of study, without conditions.

## Entrepreneurship and Incubation

**600,000 TL Demo Day Grant**

Bess.ai, MIA, and InfPay were among the ranked startups.

*Collaboration between BRIGHT, TTO & DreamBU Incubation Center*

**Fire Up Program:** 500 applications, 4 projects, 12 community members, and 38 alumni.

**Pitching Day:** 70+ applications per term, 20+ startups, and 40+ pitches. Startup Carnival: 4 events with 5,000+ participants.

**BrightTalks:** More than 500 students participated across 10 series.

## Social Security and Solidarity

**Free Basic Services**

Mediko health coverage & free shuttle service across 6 campuses

*Equal Opportunity and Institutional Social Inclusion*

**Part-Time Employment:** A maximum of 15 hours of work per week and full insurance coverage.

**Psychological Counseling:** Free individual and group counseling sessions through BÜREM.

**Global Support (50+ Countries):** Scholarships and integration support for students from low- and middle-income countries.

**ESN Boğaziçi:** Full-time integration mentorship with 80 volunteer students.

# Admission and Success Goals for Students from the Bottom Quintile of Income

Since the whole society plays a role in the development of a country, sustainable development is not possible without social participation. In addition to economic growth, supporting the intellectual development of individuals by enriching their cultural background raises the general welfare and level of consciousness of the society. Providing access to education, cultural resources and information to individuals from lower socioeconomic groups contributes to the social progress and enlightenment of the country.

Boğaziçi University implements various strategies to attract students from families in the bottom fifth of the income bracket to the university, to provide these students with access to quality education, and to raise them as individuals who have careers and contribute to society. In this respect, in addition to the scholarship opportunities offered by the Boğaziçi University Scholarship Office, academic counselling, mentoring programmes and career development programmes, which are the basic elements of the university's educational approach, are of great importance.

### Merit and Need Scholarships

For students with financial need, different scholarship options are offered according to their academic achievement. While merit scholarships are awarded to students with high academic achievement, need scholarships are provided on the basis of financial need without the requirement of high academic achievement. You can find detailed information about scholarships under the heading ‘Boğaziçi University Scholarship Programmes’.

### Academic Counselling

The perceptions, habits and attitudes that students acquire about university life from the first moment they step into university shape their subsequent academic years to a great extent. In this process, it is of great importance to inform them correctly, guide them and help them adapt. Boğaziçi University offers academic counselling services to support students in making informed decisions and organising their university life in the most efficient way. Academic counselling is structured as **Preparatory, Undergraduate and Graduate Student Counselling**. Each student is assigned an academic counsellor from his/her department. The counsellor supports the student in various areas throughout his/her university life.

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These supports are as follows:

- Social Cohesion and Support: It helps students to adapt to university life and encourages them to take an active role in the university by introducing social opportunities and student clubs.
- Academic Guidance: Provides support in planning the student's education process by providing guidance on course selection, academic success tracking and academic goal setting.
- Career Planning: Provides advice in line with the student's career goals and directs them to the career centre when necessary.
- Additional Support and Guidance: In non-academic matters, the student is referred to the relevant support units at the university (such as health services, mental support, financial counselling).

**Click here to access the Academic Counselling web page:**
https://advising.bogazici.edu.tr/




## Boğaziçi University Career Centre




Boğaziçi University Career Centre was established to support students to make an easier transition to professional life by enabling them to get to know the business world before graduation. The Centre offers internship opportunities, informative meetings and personal development seminars for students to get to know the options they will encounter in their career journey after graduation, and also provides guidance on third sector careers and new professions arising from today's needs.

# Admission and Success Goals for Students from the Bottom Quintile of Income

- The advantages offered by the Career Centre are as follows:
- It creates a platform that enables students to find internship and part-time job opportunities during their education and graduates to find full-time job opportunities.
- Alternative career fairs and individual counselling services give students the opportunity to get to know a wide range of career options.
- Competency-based interview techniques training ensures that students are prepared for job interviews.
- Throughseminars, students have the opportunity to meet with representatives of organisations, human resources managers and successful Boğaziçi University alumni in different fields.

This comprehensive support helps students from lower socio-economic groups to gain an advantage in the world of work, gain experience and take steps towards their professional goals.







**Click here for the Career Centre web page:**
https://kariyermerkezi.bogazici.edu.tr/

# Admission and Success Goals for Students from the Bottom Quintile of Income

### Mentoring Programmes

Boğaziçi University offers various mentoring programmes to support the academic success and personal development of its students. These programmes provide important support for students from socio-economically disadvantaged backgrounds to adapt to university life more easily and achieve their career goals.







### Student Coaching and ENSO Mentoring

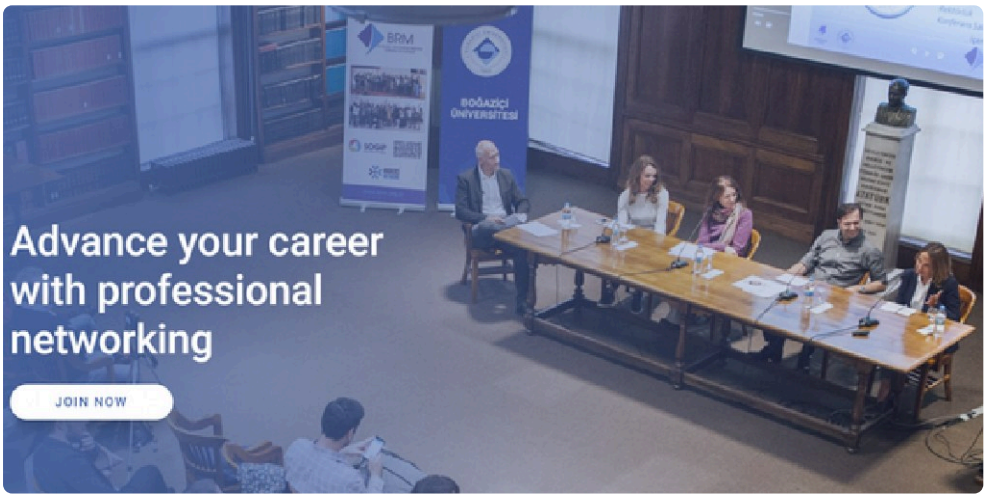
In these programmes, which are carried out within the scope of social responsibility projects, university students guide high school students and support them in their university preparation process. Thus, especially students from disadvantaged backgrounds are helped to overcome the difficulties they face in entering university.



# Admission and Success Goals for Students from the Bottom Quintile of Income

**Boğaziçi Network:**

Bringing together alumni, students, academics and administrative staff of Boğaziçi University, this professional social network aims to build a strong community through knowledge and experience sharing, developing collaborations, creating professional opportunities and social-cultural events. Especially for students from disadvantaged backgrounds, this network provides an important platform to expand career opportunities and receive support.




**Click here to access the Boğaziçi Network web page:**
https://bogazici.network/

**BounWIB (Boğaziçi Women in Business):**

BounWIB is a group of CampusWIN programme under TurkishWIN (Turkish Women's International Network), a global network empowering women with cultural, familial or professional ties to Turkey with branches in Istanbul, New York, Boston, San Francisco and London. Its main aim is to create a community that supports the career development of women from the university campus and to provide guidance to them in line with their career goals.

# Admission and Success Goals for Students from the Bottom Quintile of Income

## BounWIB (Boğaziçi Women in Business):

These mentorship programmes aim to strengthen equal opportunities by supporting students from the lower income segments of Boğaziçi University to adapt to the university, achieve their academic goals and take firm steps forward in the business world.






# Admission and Success Goals for Students from the Bottom Quintile of Income

## Engineer Girls of Turkey Project

Turkey's Engineer Girls Project: Within the scope of the programme, it is aimed to bring well-equipped engineers to our country by including young girls studying at engineering faculties who are successful and in need of support into the TMK. In addition to the scholarship support provided by Limak Foundation, internship opportunities, Boğaziçi University Lifelong Education Centre (BÜYEM) social engineering trainings and mentoring support contribute to the professional development of the students. Within the scope of the project, events are organised in various provinces to raise awareness of high school students who will choose a profession, general profession introductions are made and they are provided to experience the engineering profession through various methods.







**For detailed information, please click here:**
https://www.turkiyeninmuhendiskizlari.com/

# Admission and Success Goals for Students from the Bottom Quintile of Income

## Turkey's Energy Academy

Turkey's Energy Academy: Turkey's Energy Academy, implemented in cooperation with Limak Energy and BÜYEM, is an innovative example of industry-university cooperation that aims to provide a solution to youth unemployment by offering job opportunities in the energy sector to young engineer candidates and to meet the sector's need for qualified manpower in the fields of production, distribution and marketing. 3rd and 4th year students studying in the departments of electrical, electrical-electronics, machinery, construction, industry, energy systems, mining, petroleum, geology, meteorology, meteorology and management engineering of state universities can apply to the programme. The programme offers a great opportunity to enter the sector, especially for students from low-income families.




**For more information please click here:**
https://www.limakvakfi.org/faaliyetler/turkiyenin-enerji-akademisi

# Support Services for Students from Low Income Families and Lower Fifth Income Quintile

## Boğaziçi University Scholarship Programmes

Boğaziçi University offers various scholarship and support programmes to prevent students from the bottom quintile or from families with economic needs from dropping out of their education due to financial difficulties, to strengthen equality of opportunity and to support successful students in achieving their academic goals. These scholarships are provided at undergraduate, graduate and doctoral levels and are based on academic achievement and need criteria.

### Undergraduate Scholarships

Scholarships awarded to undergraduate students are divided into two main categories: merit and need:

1. **Merit Scholarships:** This type of scholarship is based on the criteria determined by the University Administrative Board (UYK) each year. It continues each semester as long as the student's GPA does not fall below 3.00 out of 4.00 and does not exceed the normal duration of study. The current criteria can be found on the Scholarship Office's website.




**Click here for B.Ü. Merit Scholarship Criteria for 2024-2025 Academic Year:**
https://bursofisi.bogazici.edu.tr/sites/bursofisi.boun.edu.tr/files/2024-2025_akademik_yili_b.u._basari_burs_kriterleri__1.pdf

# Support Services for Students from Low Income Families and Lower Fifth Income Quintile

## Boğaziçi University Scholarship Programmes

1. Need Scholarships: Need scholarships are designed to provide support to students with insufficient economic status and are designed to meet the cash support, dormitory, food and book needs of students. Students applying for these scholarships are evaluated according to the socioeconomic status of their families, academic achievement level and other criteria determined by the scholarship commission. Students who have completed at least one semester in their department are required to have a minimum GPA of 2.00 and not to have exceeded the normal education period.

    - **Cash Scholarship:** Cash scholarships provided by Boğaziçi University Foundation (BÜVAK), Boğaziçi University Development Foundation (BUVAKIF) and other institutions and organisations provide financial support to students.
    - **Dormitory Scholarship:** This scholarship, which entitles students to stay free of charge in university dormitories, is valid for 9 months (September-May) and continues as long as the student continues to meet the scholarship criteria.
    - **Meal Scholarship:** This scholarship aims to support the academic success of low-income students by providing free meals at the university cafeteria and is valid for 9 months (October-June) of each academic year.
    - **Book Scholarship:** This scholarship, which is awarded twice a year to cover students' textbooks, is designed to alleviate the cost of education.
    - **Summer School Scholarship:** The criteria for this scholarship, which entitles students to take one course free of charge as part of the summer school, are determined by the Scholarship Commission each year.

# Support Services for Students from Low Income Families and Lower Fifth Income Quintile

## Boğaziçi University Scholarship Programmes

### Master's and PhD Scholarships

#### Graduate Scholarships:

Graduate students are provided with a limited number of 4-semester cash requirement scholarships and a dormitory scholarship valid for one academic year within the quota. The scholarships can be extended for one more semester upon the recommendation of the academic advisor and the decision of the Scholarship Commission. While the cash scholarships are provided by BÜVAK, BUVAKIF and other institutions, the dormitory scholarship is covered by the budget of the Social Facilities Management Directorate under the Boğaziçi University Health, Culture and Sports Department.

#### Doctoral Scholarships:

BÜVAK Doctoral Scholarship: This scholarship is awarded to students who have taken at least 2 semesters of courses in the doctoral programme and have a GPA of at least 3.25. The scholarship is provided for a total of 3 years, with a maximum of two extensions, provided that the students are not employed in or outside the university.

**Click here for BÜVAK Doctoral Scholarship Regulation:**
https://buvak.org.tr/docs/1508245480_Doktora_Burs_Yonetmeligi.pdf

- 100/2000 YÖK Doctorate Scholarship: This scholarship, awarded by the Council of Higher Education in order to train doctoral human resources in priority areas, supports students studying in doctoral programmes of universities accepted within the scope of the programme.

**Click here for detailed information:**
https://yuzikibinbursu.yok.gov.tr/

These comprehensive scholarship and support programmes aim both to meet the needs of students struggling with economic inadequacies and to provide a strong foundation for students on the road to success.

# Support Services for Students from Low Income Families and Lower Fifth Income Quintile

## Boğaziçi University Scholarship Programmes

**BOĞAZİÇİ ÜNİVERSİTESİ ÖĞRENCİLERİNİN BURS DAĞILIMLARI 2024- 2025**
Distribution of the Scholarships Granted to Bogazici University Students 2024- 2025

| **Burs Kaynağı** Source of Scholarship | **Burs Türü** Type of Scholarship | **Burs Sayısı** Scholarship Items | **Yıllık Burs Miktarı (TL)** Amount of Annual Scholarship (TL) |
|---|---|---|---|
| **Boğaziçi Üniversitesi** Bogazici University | **Başarı** Outstanding Success<br>**Gereksinim** Financial Support<br>**Kitap** Book<br>**Yemek** Food<br>**Yurt** Accommodation | **4 225** | **63 048 876** |
| **Devlet Kurumları** Governmental Organizations | **Başarı** Outstanding Success<br>**Gereksinim** Financial Support | **3 473** | **315 367 000** |
| **Kişi, Vakıf, Kurum ve Kuruluşlar** Individuals, Foundations, Institutions and Organizations | **Başarı** Outstanding Success<br>**Gereksinim** Financial Support | **1 566** | **68 280 400** |
| TOPLAM / TOTAL | | **9 264** | **446 696 276** |

# Support Services for Students from Low Income Families and Lower Fifth Income Quintile

**Click here to go to the web page of the Scholarship Office:**
https://bursofisi.bogazici.edu.tr/

**Click here for the scholarship brochure:**
https://bursofisi.bogazici.edu.tr/sites/bursofisi.boun.edu.tr/files/2023_2024_burs_tanitim_brosuru.pdf

**Click here for the Scholarship Office Presentation:**
https://bursofisi.bogazici.edu.tr/sites/bursofisi.boun.edu.tr/files/2024-2025_burs_ofisi_koordinatorlugu_tanitim_.pdf

**Click here for Boğaziçi University Scholarship Directive:**
https://bursofisi.bogazici.edu.tr/sites/bursofisi.boun.edu.tr/files/burs_yonergesi_1.pdf

## Part-Time Work Opportunities for Students

At Boğaziçi University, students can work part-time in academic units during the Fall and Spring semesters and part-time throughout the year in various units such as the Events and Organisations Coordinatorship, Media and Communication Coordinatorship, GETEM, Library and International Relations Office. Job advertisements are announced on the university website and bulletin boards in December, February, June and September or as needed. The nature of the job, working period, salary and application conditions are stated in detail in the advertisements.

**Part-time working conditions are as follows:**

- Working Time and Wage: Students can work for a maximum of 15 hours a week and the wage they receive is determined by the University Board of Directors.
- Contract and Insurance: ‘Part-Time Student Employment Contract’ is signed with the students who are entitled to work. Students are insured within the scope of work accident and occupational disease insurance.

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## Part-Time Work Opportunities for Students

- Application Requirements and Exemptions: Students who want to work part-time are required to have no disciplinary penalties, not to have an income at the minimum wage level, to have sufficient knowledge and skills for the relevant job, and to be studying within the normal education period. However, disabled students, victims of natural disasters and children of martyrs and veterans are exempted from these requirements.




**Click here for the Procedures and Principles for Higher Education Institutions to Employ Part-Time Students:**
https: //ogrenciler.bogazici.edu.tr/Content/files/usulesas.pdf

**Click for 2025 Autumn Term Part-Time Student Announcement:**
https://sks.bogazici.edu.tr/sites/sks.boun.edu.tr_2023/files/kzo_ilan_2_1.pdf

# Support Services for Students from Low Income Families and Lower Fifth Income Quintile

### Job Opportunities for Students through Career Centre

On the Boğaziçi University Career Centre website, part-time job and internship advertisements for 3rd and 4th year students are published by various companies. These part-time job and internship opportunities allow students to be supported economically and to start their careers early by gaining experience in business life.

**Click here to access the Career Centre web page:**
https://kariyermerkezi.bogazici.edu.tr/



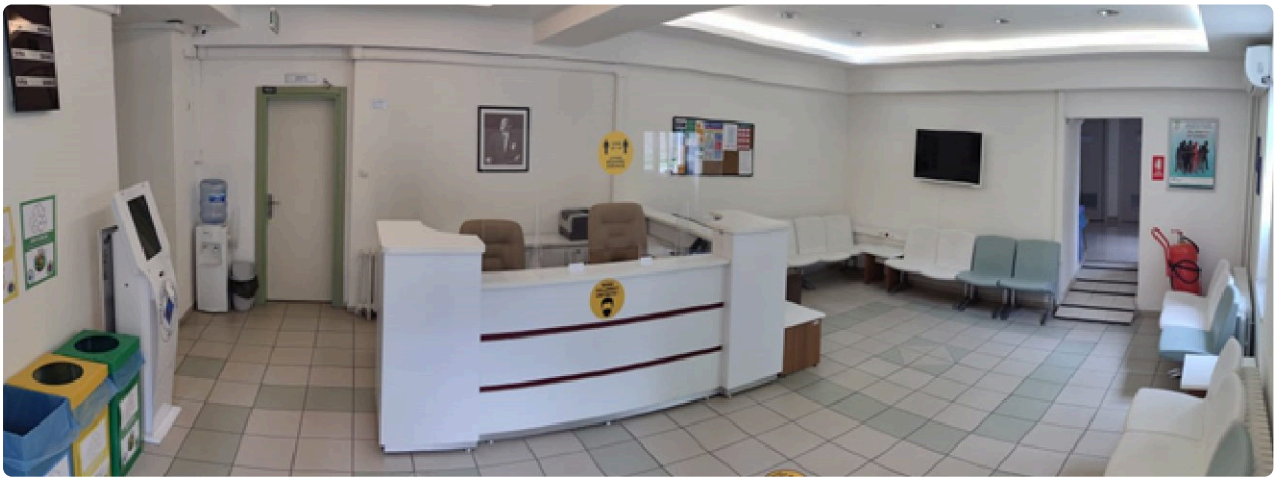
# Support Services for Students from Low Income Families and Lower Fifth Income Quintile

## Free of Charge Services

### Health Services

Boğaziçi University Health and Guidance Branch Directorate provides outpatient diagnosis and treatment services at the primary care level free of charge to students. In this context, doctor, dentist, dietician and nursing services are provided; first intervention is provided in emergencies. ECG, injections, dressings, serum, oxygen and steam applications, as well as vital signs such as fever, pulse and blood pressure are monitored under the doctor's instructions.





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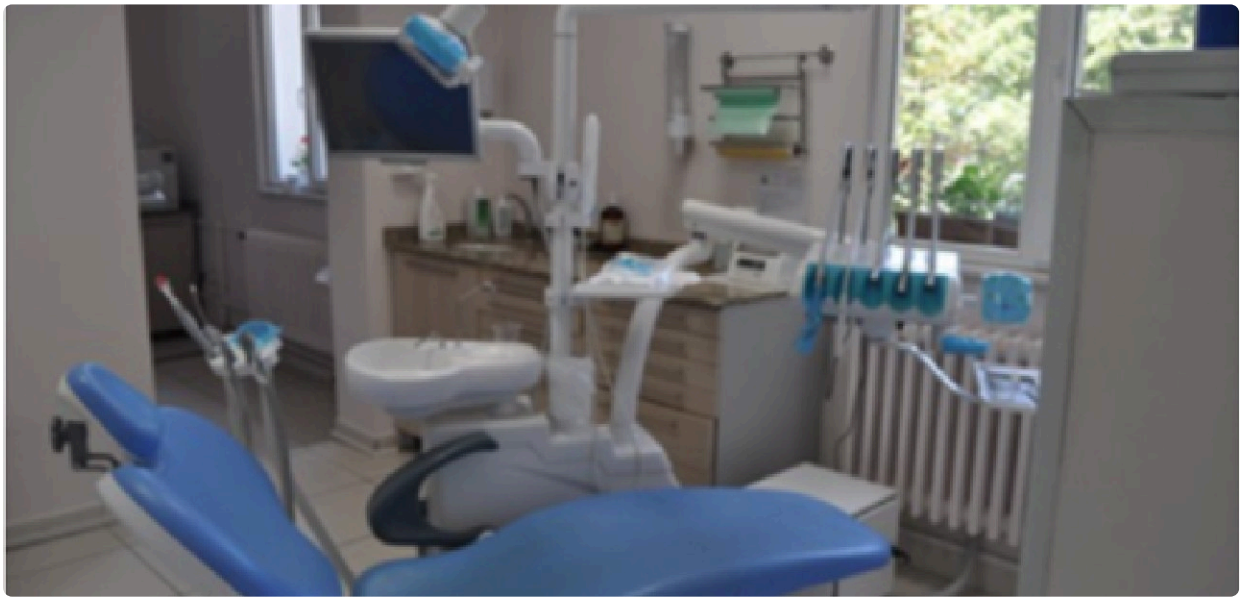


**Click here for the web page of the Health and Guidance Department:**
https://mediko.bogazici.edu.tr/tr

# Support Services for Students from Low Income Families and Lower Fifth Income Quintile

Student Guidance and Psychological Counselling Centre (BÜREM): The Student Guidance and Psychological Counselling Centre (BÜREM) aims to support students' social, psychological and academic development throughout their university life. Student participation in the services offered is voluntary and confidentiality is prioritised. In this context, the services offered by BÜREM are as follows:

- Individual Counselling: After a preliminary interview, students are directed to individual counselling services consisting of one-to-one interviews with experts when deemed necessary.

- Group Studies: These studies, which are carried out in a safe environment with an expert, are group counselling services that aim to support students' awareness and personal development.

- Joint Studies: In order to improve the quality of university life and environment, it carries out various joint studies in cooperation with other student service units and academic units.

- Educational Activities: Organises educational events such as seminars, conferences and panels to meet the needs and development of students.

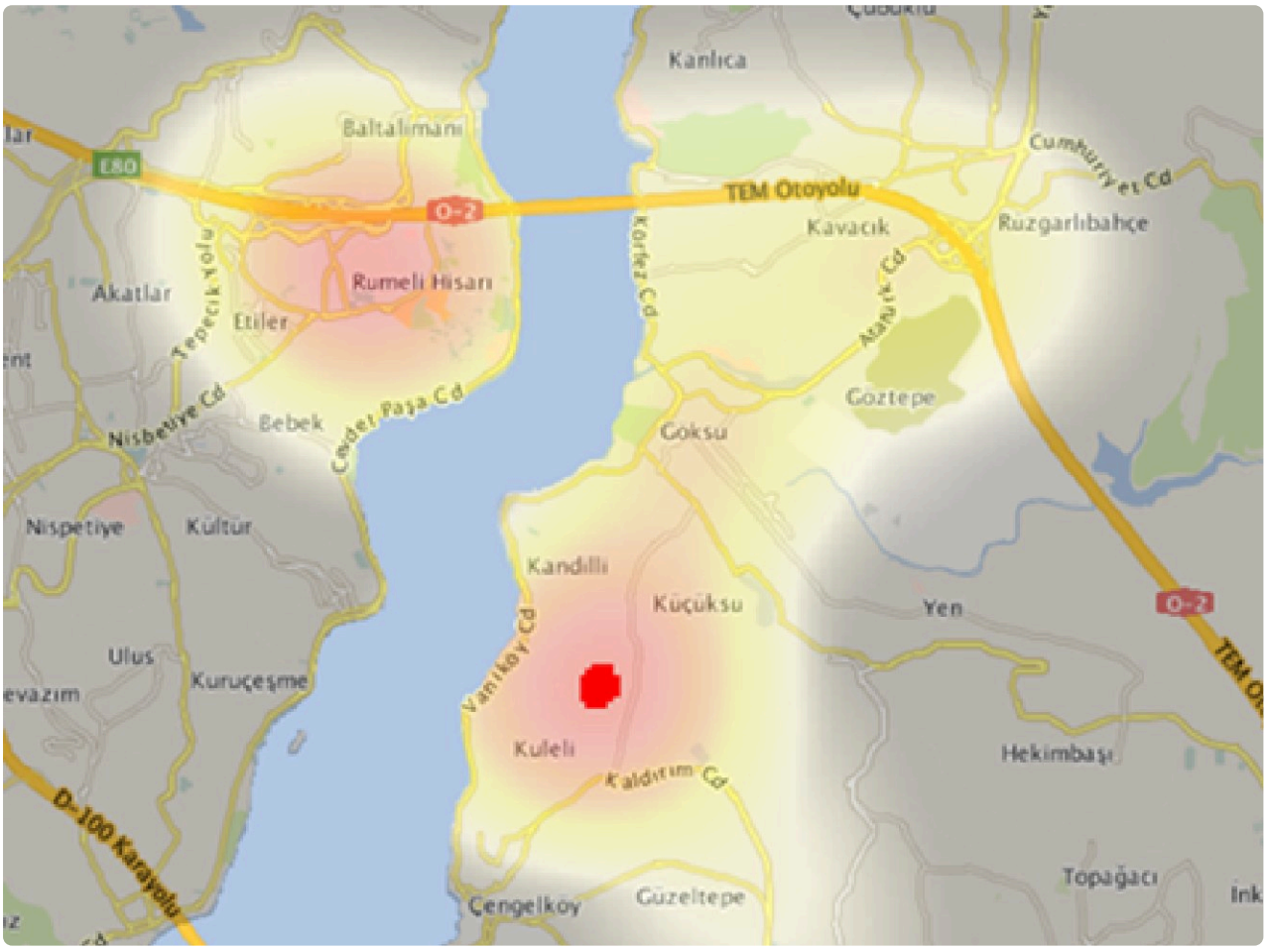
- Self-Help Brochures: It prepares Self-Help Brochures that provide support to students on various topics such as family relationships, friendship, loneliness, self-confidence, stress management, time management and shares them on its website.

- Support for Orientation Programme: In order to help new students to adapt to the university, it provides support for the University Orientation Programme organised by the Public Relations and Dean of Students' Office.

**Click here to visit BÜREM's web page:**
https://burem.bogazici.edu.tr/

# Support Services for Students from Low Income Families and Lower Fifth Income Quintile

**Transport:** Boğaziçi University offers a shuttle service for students to move between campuses free of charge. In this way, students can benefit from various university services such as lectures, seminars, libraries, laboratories, dormitories, dining halls, student clubs and sports facilities offered at different campuses without any transport costs. You can find the departure times and route information of the free shuttles that provide regular and reliable service between Kandilli, South, Hisar, North, Kilyos and Anadolu Hisarı campuses at https://mekik.bogazici.edu.tr.




*South-North-Kandilli Campuses*

# Support for Students from Low and Middle-Low Income Countries

### Boğaziçi University International Relations Office

Boğaziçi University International Relations Office provides a comprehensive counselling service for international students. The office provides students with basic information about the university, from the application process to the grading system, from campus life to security rules. In addition, it aims to facilitate the adaptation process of students by providing guidance on issues such as student visa and residence permit procedures, health insurance, transport and living conditions in Istanbul.

In addition, detailed information is also provided on topics such as language, currency, food and beverage culture, climate conditions, mobile phone usage, regulations on drug and alcohol use, and access to health services in Turkey. The information provided by the Office of International Relations guides international students to adapt to their daily lives both at the university and in Istanbul more quickly and smoothly.

**Click here to visit the web page of the Office of International Relations:**
https://intl.bogazici.edu.tr/

### Scholarships for Foreign Students

Foreign students from low- or lower-middle-income countries or who have economic needs can also apply for scholarships offered by Boğaziçi University Scholarship Officeand benefit from them if they are deemed eligible. In addition, students who wish to apply to graduate programmes or current students can apply for the 'Turkey Scholarships' programme and the scholarships provided by TÜBİTAK for international students. Turkey Scholarships is a publicly funded higher education scholarship programme of the Republic of Turkey for international students. The primary objective of this scholarship programme is to provide equal opportunities to successful students from all over the world to receive scholarship education at international standards.

# Support for Students from Low and Middle-Low Income Countries

**Click here to go to the web page of the Scholarship Office:**
https://mediastore.cc.bogazici.edu.tr/web/userfiles/files/yabnci_uyruklu_ogrenciler_sayfasi.pdf

**For detailed information about 'Turkey Scholarships' please click here:**
https://www.turkiyeburslari.gov.tr/

**For detailed information about TUBITAK scholarships, please click here:**
https://tubitak.gov.tr/tr/burslar

## General Health Insurance for Foreign Students

According to Article 60 of the Social Security and General Health Insurance Law No. 5510, foreign students studying in Turkey can apply for general health insurance to the Provincial Directorate of Social Security or Social Security Centre in the province where they are located within three months from the date of their first enrolment. The application requires a petition and a student certificate from their school showing the date of first enrolment. Foreign students are insured for general health insurance for one year from the day following the application. Foreign students who are insured must pay the general health insurance premium calculated over the 30-day amount of one third of the lower limit of daily earnings based on the premium determined according to Article 82 of the Law.



**Click here for the relevant announcement of the Social Security Institution:**
https://sgk.gov.tr/Duyuru/Detay/Yabanci-Uyruklu-Ogrencilerin-Genel-Saglik-Sigortaliligi-Hakkinda-Onemli-Duyuru-2023-01-03-11-14-36

# Support for Students from Low and Middle-Low Income Countries

## Boğaziçi University International Student Network Club (BUNIS)

Boğaziçi University International Student Network (BUNIS) or Erasmus Student Network Boğaziçi (ESN Boğaziçi) is an official student club with 80 student volunteers, founded by Boğaziçi University students who are keen to help Erasmus/exchange students during their stay in Turkey and gain as much experience as possible from it. The club's website provides event announcements as well as a survival guide to help foreign students with their student experience in Turkey and Boğaziçi University. This guide includes information on transport and public transport in Istanbul, information about other student clubs at Boğaziçi University, tips on using mobile phones in Turkey, practical information for emergencies and contact numbers.



# Support for Students from Low and Middle-Low Income Countries

## Boğaziçi University International Student Network Club (BUNIS)







**Click here to visit ESN Boğaziçi's web page:**
https://bogazici.esnturkey.org/

# Distribution of Foreign Students according to their Countries of Origin

## YABANCI UYRUKLU ÖĞRENCİLERİN GELDİKLERİ ÜLKELERE GÖRE DAĞILIMI

International Students by Country of Origin

**2024-2025 Akademik Yılı** / Academic Year

| **Ülke** / Country | **Lisans/** Undergraduate | **Lisansüstü** / Graduate |
|---|---|---|
| **ABD** / USA | 24 | 7 |
| **Afganistan** / Afghanistan | 1 | 2 |
| **Almanya** / Germany | 40 | 26 |
| **Arnavutluk** / Albania | 1 | - |
| **Avusturya** / Austria | 2 | - |
| **Azerbeycan** / Azerbaijan | 38 | 6 |
| **Bangladeş** / Bangladesh | 1 | - |
| **Belçika** / Belgium | 3 | 1 |
| **Beyaz Rusya** / Belarus | 1 | 1 |
| **Bosna Hersek** / Bosnia and Herzegovina | 1 | 2 |
| **Bulgaristan** / Bulgaria | 2 | - |
| **Çek Cumhuriyeti** / Czech Republic | 1 | - |
| **Çin** / China | - | 3 |
| **Danimarka** / Denmark | 2 | 1 |
| **Endonezya** / Indonesia | 2 | - |
| **Ermenistan** / Armenia | - | 1 |
| **Etiyopya** / Ethiopia | 1 | - |
| **Fas** / Morocco | 5 | 1 |
| **Filistin** / Palestine | 2 | 5 |
| **Fransa** / France | 20 | 9 |
| **Gana** / Ghana | - | 2 |
| **Hindistan** / India | 1 | - |
| **Hollanda** / Netherlands | 16 | 1 |
| **Irak** / Iraq | 1 | 2 |
| **İngiltere** / United Kingdom | 3 | 2 |
| **İran** / Iran | 3 | 15 |
| **İrlanda** / Ireland | 3 | - |
| **İspanya** / Spain | 9 | - |
| **İsveç** / Sweden | 3 | - |
| **İsviçre** / Switzerland | - | 5 |
| **İtalya** / Italy | 13 | 3 |
| **Japonya** / Japan | 11 | 1 |
| **Kanada** / Canada | 2 | 2 |
| **Kazakistan** / Kazakhstan | 8 | 2 |
| **Kenya** / Kenya | - | 1 |

| **Ülke** / Country | **Lisans/** Undergraduate | **Lisansüstü** / Graduate |
|---|---|---|
| **Kırgızistan** / Kyrgyzstan | - | 1 |
| **Kuzey Kıbrıs** / Northern Cyprus | 3 | - |
| **Kolombiya** / Colombia | 1 | - |
| **Kore** / Korea | 2 | 1 |
| **Kuveyt** / Kuwait | - | 1 |
| **Lübnan** / Lebanon | - | 3 |
| **Macaristan** / Hungary | 3 | - |
| **Makedonya** / Macedonia | 1 | 1 |
| **Malezya** / Malaysia | 1 | - |
| **Meksika** / Mexican | - | 1 |
| **Mısır** / Egypt | 1 | 1 |
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| **Nijerya** / Nigeria | - | 3 |
| **Özbekistan** / Uzbekistan | 1 | - |
| **Pakistan** / Pakistan | - | 8 |
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# Training, Mentoring and Financing Supports for Local Start-Ups

In order to encourage local start-ups and ensure their success, Boğaziçi University offers a variety of start-up support from **Boğaziçi University Entrepreneurship Centre (Bright)**, **Boğaziçi University Technology Transfer Office (TTO)**, technoparks, incubators and accelerators. These venture supports provide start-ups with mentoring programmes, training workshops, access to university facilities and financial support.

### Boğaziçi University Entrepreneurship Research and Application Centre (BRIGHT)

Boğaziçi University Entrepreneurship Centre Bright is a centre that aims to develop entrepreneurship as a mindset and pave the way for the emergence of innovative companies from Turkey that can compete with the world. The centre provides comprehensive support to prospective entrepreneurs in areas such as training, mentoring, workshops, fundraising and solution partnerships with companies. In this context, the entrepreneurship programmes offered by Bright and the student verticals based on students' career and interest areas are listed below.



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https://girisimcilik.bogazici.edu.tr/sites/girisimcilik.boun.edu.tr/files/impact_report_englishv.pdf

# Training, Mentoring and Financing Supports for Local Start-Ups

DreamBIGG programme, run by Boğaziçi University Entrepreneurship Centre Bright and Technology Transfer Office, is a support programme for young entrepreneurs within the scope of TUBITAK's 1512 Techno-Entrepreneurship Capital Support Programme. The programme aims to transform technology and innovation-oriented business ideas into enterprises with high potential to create qualified employment and added value. Scalable projects and initiatives that successfully complete the application process receive support to take their ideas to the market by making use of the incubation centre. The aim is to create internationally competitive companies that develop innovative products and services.




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https://bogazicibigg.com/

# Training, Mentoring and Financing Supports for Local Start-Ups

### Fire Up Change Leaders Programme

In partnership with Boğaziçi University Entrepreneurship Centre Bright and ITU GİNOVA, the programme was launched to develop students' entrepreneurship and social innovation skills. Students who develop projects in line with sustainable development goals with the support of a mentor during an intensive eight-week training process have the opportunity to be nominated for Stanford University's University Innovation Fellowship (UIF) programme at the end of the programme.

**500** Applications

**4** Project

**12** Community Members

**38** Graduates



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# Training, Mentoring and Financing Supports for Local Start-Ups

### University Innovation Fellowship Programme with Stanford d.school

Boğaziçi University Entrepreneurship Centre Bright collaborates with the University Innovation Fellows (UIF) programme run by Stanford University and Hasso Plattner Institute of Design (d.school). Four students selected among the students who successfully complete the FireUp programme participate in six-week trainings on topics such as business model development, design thinking, creativity and innovation, and have the opportunity to take part in entrepreneurship projects by receiving the title of 'Bright Fellow'.

**10** University Innovation Researcher

**3** Period

**3** Project

**6** Weeks



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## University Innovation Fellowship Programme with Stanford d.school





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# Training, Mentoring and Financing Supports for Local Start-Ups

## University Innovation Fellowship Programme with Stanford d.school






# Training, Mentoring and Financing Supports for Local Start-Ups

### Startup Carnival

It is an entrepreneurship festival that has been organised every year since 2016, based on learning and interaction through fun. The festival, which has hosted more than 5000 participants so far, has encouraged cooperation between startups, offered job and internship opportunities to the participants, and contributed to the investment of many startups through the established connections.

**5000+** Participants

**4th** Organised




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## Startup Carnival






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# Training, Mentoring and Financing Supports for Local Start-Ups

## Startup Carnival







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# Training, Mentoring and Financing Supports for Local Start-Ups

## Pitching Day

It is an event organised by Boğaziçi University Entrepreneurship Centre Bright and Boğaziçi University Technology Transfer Office that supports students to benefit from the business world and entrepreneur network and develop their ideas. Initiatives, where at least one Boğaziçi member is present, present their ideas to the jury and the audience in five-minute presentations, and then answer the jury's questions in the Q&A session. The projects selected at the event are offered the opportunity to find co-working space and qualified teammates at DreamBU Incubation Centre.




**70+** Application

**20+** Initiative

**40+** Presentation

Organised Every Period

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# Training, Mentoring and Financing Supports for Local Start-Ups

## BrightTalks

It is a conversation and experience sharing event organised by the University Entrepreneurship Centre Bright with the idea that entrepreneurship culture can be built with courage and self-confidence. In the events where successful entrepreneurs are hosted, guests share their success stories about the entrepreneurship ecosystem and their own success stories, while students have the opportunity to expand their vision and ask direct questions. Leading entrepreneurs such as Nazım Salur and Nevzat Aydın have participated in the event so far.



Organised 10 Times

**500+** Participants

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# Training, Mentoring and Financing Supports for Local Start-Ups

## LeanLAB

Innovative Transformation from Academia to Entrepreneurship LeanLAB is an academic entrepreneurship programme for academics and PhD students, supported by the Istanbul Development Agency and the Ministry of Industry and Technology, of which Boğaziçi University is the executive partner. Between 6 and 10 participants are accepted to the intensive 6-week training programme. Participants who want to implement their business ideas with commercialisation potential are provided with training, mentoring, consultancy, infrastructure facilities and investor access from I-Corps and Business Model Generation certified trainers.




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# Training, Mentoring and Financing Supports for Local Start-Ups

## Startup Europe Universities Network

Boğaziçi University is the only Turkish member of the Startup Europe Universities Network, an initiative of the European Commission, and is represented by Bright. With the support of this representation, Bright takes an active role in advancing entrepreneurship research and studies at universities.



Startup Europe UNIVERSITY NETWORK

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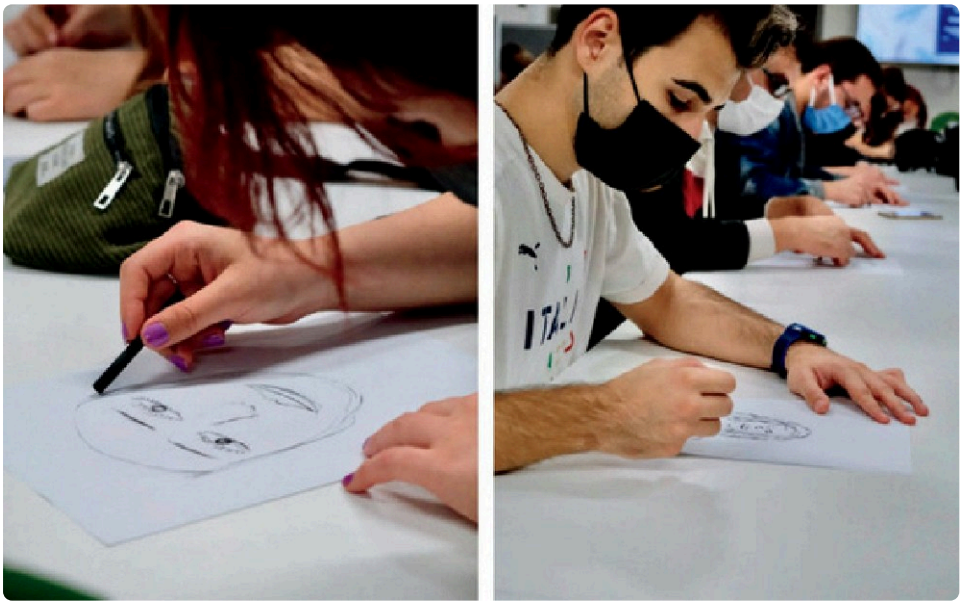
# Training, Mentoring and Financing Supports for Local Start-Ups

## Student Startups

### BUCREA - Boğaziçi University Creativity Lab

Focuses on the areas of creativity, innovation and change-making that traditional student communities lack. By experimenting with new technologies and methods, students gain knowledge, develop their creativity and learn to tackle problems from different perspectives. Bright contributes to change-making by providing project development support throughout this process.



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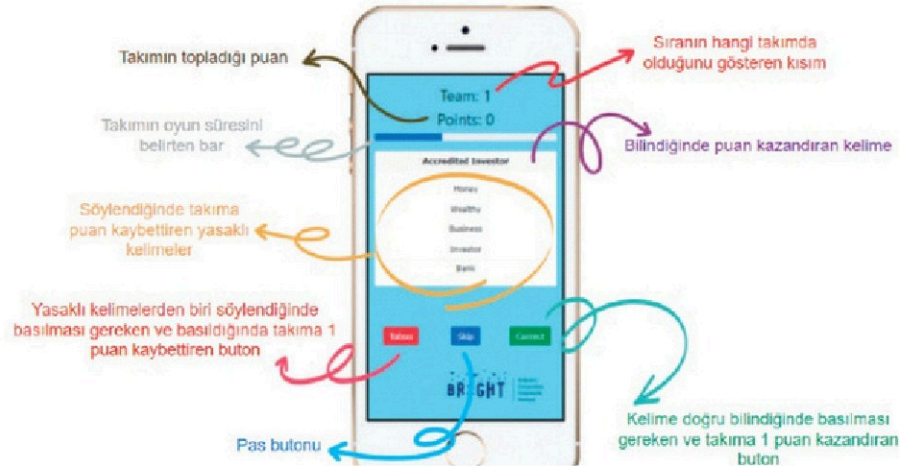
# Training, Mentoring and Financing Supports for Local Start-Ups

## Student Startups

### Microentrepreneurship Startups

It aims to provide experience and introduce the ecosystem to university students by encouraging them to use low-code and no-code tools. By using artificial intelligence software such as GPT-3 in these micro-enterprise projects, it introduces the use of artificial intelligence in entrepreneurship to students. In the first microentrepreneurship project, Entrepreneurship Words Taboo, a web taboo game was designed by creating forbidden words like in a taboo game with the help of GPT-3 from frequently used words in the entrepreneurship ecosystem.



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## Student Startups

### Blockchain Startups

It aims to understand the transformation that Blockchain technology, which started as a trust protocol, has created by becoming a new world philosophy and approach and to produce on this philosophy.




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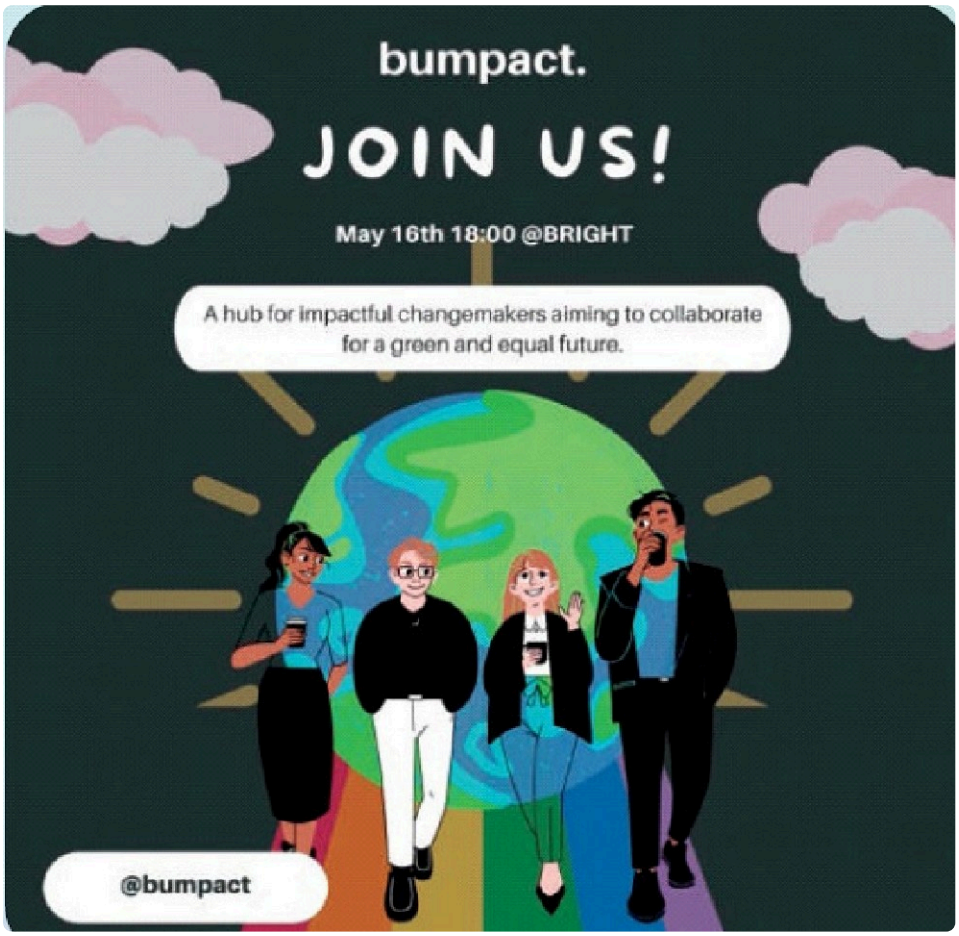
# Training, Mentoring and Financing Supports for Local Start-Ups

## Student Startups

### Bumpact

BUmpact, which comes together to be change agents who create impact for a greener and more equal world, aims to learn together in areas such as social entrepreneurship, sustainability, environment and to take action as a community where it can create transformation.

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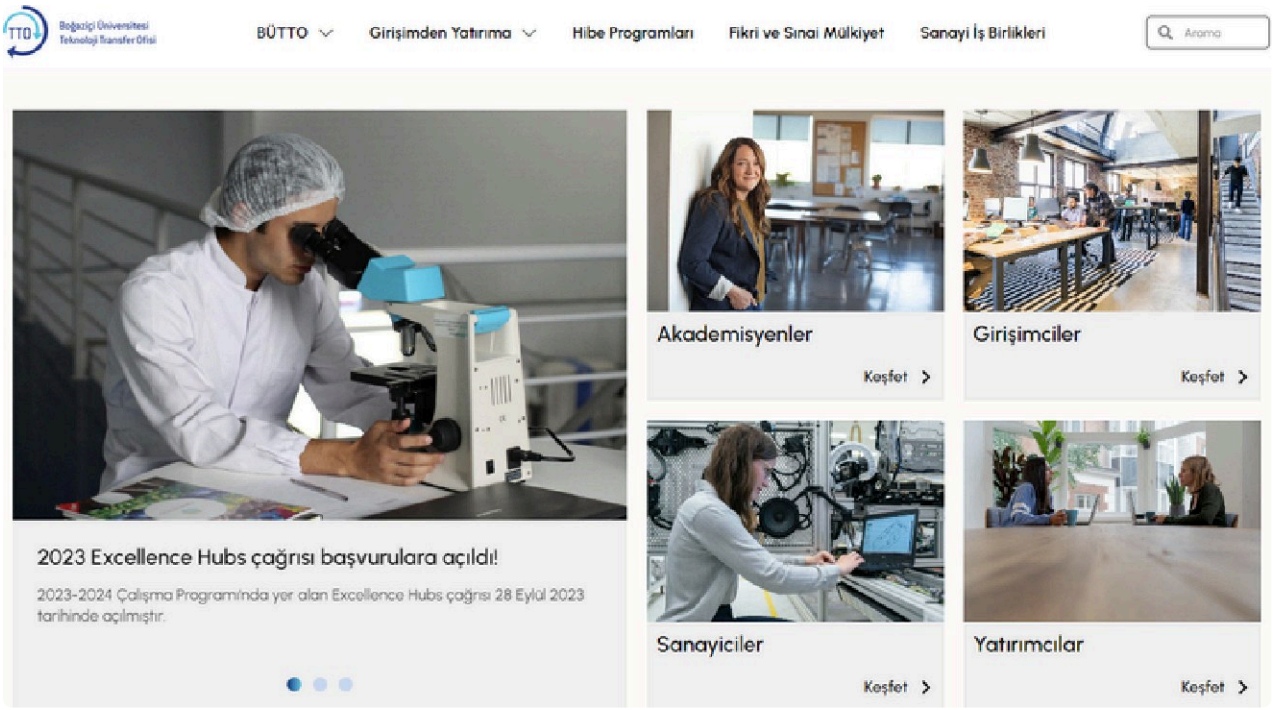
# Training, Mentoring and Financing Supports for Local Start-Ups

### Boğaziçi University Technology Transfer Office (TTO)

TTO assists inventors, innovators and entrepreneurs in the process of transforming their ideas into technology, commercialising the technology by transferring it to industry and creating an economic value that mutually benefits both society and the university. Entrepreneurs can get information by applying to TTO about the basic points they should pay attention to before turning their ideas into projects, developing a suitable solution partner, preparing properly when seeking investment, the process and preliminary research on a developed product and whether it is patentable or not.

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# Training, Mentoring and Financing Supports for Local Start-Ups

## Technoparks

### Boğaziçi University Technopark

Among the advantages it offers to companies are the opportunity to cooperate with Boğaziçi University's academic staff and students, access to the university's R&D and laboratory infrastructure, Life Sciences and Technologies Application and Research Centre facilities, joint studies with the Technology Transfer Office, access to the Incubation Centre entrepreneur pool, special rent discounts and incentives. The Incubation Centre within the Technopark supports entrepreneurs at every stage by providing mentoring, consultancy, modern office and working spaces, technical infrastructure support, training and seminar programmes, access to financial resources, connections with the investor network and networking opportunities.




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# Training, Mentoring and Financing Supports for Local Start-Ups

## Technoparks

### BÜDOTEK Teknopark

Established in partnership with Boğaziçi University, Dudullu Organised Industrial Zone and Boğaziçi University Foundation, BÜDOTEK aims to support entrepreneurs to create added value by increasing their R&D and innovation capacities. In this direction, it aims to prepare the ground for advanced qualified R&D studies by bringing together the academic staff and research infrastructure of Boğaziçi University and the production facilities of Dudullu Organised Industrial Zone.









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# Training, Mentoring and Financing Supports for Local Start-Ups

## Incubation Centres and Accelerators

### DreamBU Incubation Centre

DreamBU Incubation Centre, which was established to enable Boğaziçi University students, graduates and academicians to commercialise their business ideas, continues its activities in cooperation with Boğaziçi University Technology Transfer Office and Boğaziçi University Entrepreneurship Centre Bright. DreamBU provides various supports to entrepreneurs in the fields of education, mentorship, intellectual property rights, investor relations, networking, etc. Technology and innovation-oriented, scalable startups that are deemed suitable from the startups that apply through the application form are entitled to use the incubation centre for 3-month periods.




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# Access to Basic Services Programmes

In addition to providing professional development and life skills trainings for its staff through the Training Branch Directorate, Boğaziçi University also prioritises providing basic information that supports daily life to the society through various academic units and platforms. The trainings organised in this context and the relevant units are exemplified below.

### Boğaziçi University Education Branch Directorate Trainings

In order to support the professional development of its administrative staff and to maintain high quality service delivery, Boğaziçi University Training Branch Directorate organises various trainings for the staff to adapt to rapidly changing conditions, to gain the necessary knowledge, skills and attitudes and to increase their productivity. Some of the trainings provided within the framework of this approach that encourages a culture of continuous learning are as follows: Competency Based Interview Techniques Training, Positive Thinking Techniques Training, Unit Archive Officers Training, Protocol and Courtesy Rules Training, Effective Communication Training, Search and Rescue Training, First Aid Training, Official Correspondence Rules Training, Foreign Language Training, Occupational Health and Safety Training, Fire Fighting Training, Financial Literacy Training, Organ Donation Awareness Training, Learning, Developing and Maturing Training, Protocol and Etiquette Rules Training.



# Access to Basic Services Programmes

## Boğaziçi University Education Branch Directorate Trainings










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### BU+ Trainings

Boğaziçi University brings the community together with information that they can benefit from in daily life through Open Lecture seminars and Alumni Campus events organised within the scope of BU+ platform. In this context, Open Lecture series focusing on child development and natural disasters, and Alumni Campus events focusing on health and nutrition provide basic information about life for everyone. In addition, BU+ also includes a rich variety of content for science and art enthusiasts. The main aim of the platform is to create a wide impact by transferring the cultural and academic accumulation of Boğaziçi University to the public and society. Video recordings of seminars and events are available at https://buplus.bogazici.edu.tr/.

### Open Lesson Child in All Aspects Series

- "Definition of Childhood: Children and Childhood from a Historical and Social Perspective' Zeynep Erdiller
- 'History of Childhood: Some Thoughts on the Phenomenon of Children in Ottoman and European History' Leyla Kayhan Elbirlik
- "Children and Stories: The Power of Reading Together ' Feyza Çorapçı
- 'Child and Language: Second/Foreign Language Learning in Early Childhood' Belma Haznedar
- "Child and Play: Adult Intervention in Children's Play "Mine Göl Güven
- 'Children and Music: Music in the First Years of Life' Gaye Soley
- 'Child and Morality: Development of Moral and Social Questioning in Childhood "Melike Acar
- 'Child and Parent: Neither with you nor without you' Ayşegül Metindoğan
- "Child and Mother: Child-Mother Relationship during Pregnancy' Elif Aysimi Duman

# Access to Basic Services Programmes

## BU+ Trainings

### Open Course Kandilli 150th Anniversary Special Series

- "Earthquake: What we know, what we don't know "Haluk Özener
- ‘Are We Ready for the Tsunami?’ Öcal Necmioglu
- ‘Global Warming and Climate Change’ Adil Tek
- ‘Earthquake Disaster and Education in Turkey ’ Doğan Kalafat


















### ClimateBU Trainings

Boğaziçi University Climate Change and Policy Research and Application Centre (İklimBU) conducts interdisciplinary research on the impacts of climate change and policies. The Centre publishes informative articles on topics such as climate change and food security, climate change and water, mosquito-borne diseases on the İklimBU website, which can also be used by individuals outside the academia. In addition, publicly available educational materials such as blog posts, newsletters and video series on topics such as carbon footprint, fossil fuels and sustainable development are provided for those who want to learn more about climate change. These contents aim to increase the environmental awareness of the society and to disseminate information on climate change to large masses.







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# Fighting Poverty: Policies and Activities

### UN SDSN Sustainable Development Solutions Network - Boğaziçi University

In September 2015, 17 Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) were set at the United Nations General Assembly with the acceptance of all member states and it was decided to achieve these goals by 2030. The United Nations Sustainable Development Solutions Network (SDSN) operates under the auspices of the UN Secretary-General to mobilise universities, think tanks, national organisations and the business world in line with the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) and the Paris Agreement on Climate Change.

The SDSN Turkey Network, established in 2014 and hosted by Boğaziçi University, aims to produce common solutions for the Sustainable Development Goals by promoting cooperation and coordination among its members in Turkey. In this framework, it leads the development of anti-poverty and sustainable development policies in cooperation with local, regional, national and global authorities.

**Leadership Council:**

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# Fighting Poverty: Policies and Activities

### Boğaziçi University Social Policy Forum

The Social Policy Forum is an application and research centre established in 2004 at Boğaziçi University to support scientific research on social policies and social inequalities and the training of researchers, as well as to contribute to social policy-making processes. Focusing on human rights, the Forum addresses social policy processes with their historical, economic, political and social dimensions. The Forum analyses social policy developments in Turkey from a comparative perspective in the context of European and global trends. The Forum aims to contribute to bringing the debates on social justice and social policies to the public opinion in Turkey, and to make sure that these debates attract the attention of academics and students as well as the intellectual community, the media, policy decision-makers and implementers.

### The Forum's prioritised areas of work are as follows:

1. Social inequalities, poverty and social exclusion;
2. Developments in health, education, social care and other social services;
3. Developments and regulations in the world of work, unemployment, labour relations and the role of trade unions;
4. Pension systems, income support programmes and the functioning of social assistance mechanisms;
5. Housing and shelter policies, public transport policies;
6. Interaction between social actors and political processes in the field of social policy;
7. The impact of global and local political dynamics, international organisations, civil society organisations, humanitarian aid organisations and philanthropic organisations on social policy;
8. Analysing social policies in terms of human rights-based approaches such as gender equality, disability rights, children's rights.






# Fighting Poverty: Policies and Activities

The Forum aims to raise awareness in the field of social policy through seminars, workshops and scientific publications attended by academics, students, representatives of public institutions and civil society organisations. Research results are shared with international organisations such as the United Nations, politicians, bureaucrats, journalists and opinion leaders to contribute to policy processes. In addition, meetings and events are organised with the participation of scientists from Turkey and around the world to support the production of knowledge in the field of social policy at national and international level.

**Past and Ongoing Projects:**

- Development of Researcher Manpower in Social Sciences (Supported by the Ministry of Development of the Republic of Turkey)
- Cooperation between Raoul Wallenberg Institute and Boğaziçi University Social Policy Forum on Disability Studies
- Regulatory Problems and Solutions in Mixed Health Systems (British Academy)
- ETHOS:Horizon 2020 Reversing Inequalities and Promoting Fairness
- Perception of Social Dialogue in Turkey: Perspectives of the Public, Workers and Related Actors (with ILO Support)
- The Impact of Civil Society Organisations Working in the Field of Disability Rights on Public Policies (Supported by Sabancı Foundation)
- The Nature and Limits of the Welfare Mix Formed for Syrian Refugees from the Perspective of Humanitarian Aid Workers (Boğaziçi University Scientific Research Projects)

## Fighting Poverty: Policies and Activities

- Different Views of Rural Poverty in Contemporary Turkey
- Being a Woman in the Eastern Black Sea Region
- The Problem of Coverage in Social Protection Programmes: A Study on the Determinants of Green Card Ownership and Non-utilisation
- Food at School
- Development of Integrated Social Policies for Roma Communities Project
- Research Project for the Development of a Cash Social Assistance Programme for Divorced and Deceased Women
- Inequalities in Turkey: In Search of an Integrated Conceptual Framework
- Gender, Labour Markets and Welfare Regimes: Women's Employment in Turkey
- A Proposal for the Dissemination of Child Care Services in Turkey: Neighbourhood Nurseries
- Employment Structure and Subsistence Methods of the Poorest Segment of the Urban Population
- Social assistance through a contribution to public welfare
- Social Policy in the Development of Eastern and Southeastern Anatolia
- Independent Group of Experts on Combating Poverty and Social Exclusion
- Poverty and Social Exclusion in Metropolitan Suburbs in Turkey
- Problems, Preferences and Alternative Health Models of Health Services Users in Turkey from the Perspective of World Health Systems Transformation
- A Study on the Cost of a Cash Poverty Assistance Policy in Turkey Based on Different Scenarios
- New Developments in Labour Life and the Changing Role of Trade Unions

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### Rethinking Refugee Incorporation

Rethinking Refugee Incorporation
Boğaziçi University Human Development Research and Application Centre organised a webinar titled ‘Rethinking Refugee Incorporation’ on 5 March 2021. In the event, the inclusion processes of migrants were discussed in the light of current research.

Three presentations were made during the webinar:

1. **Derya Özkul (Oxford University Centre for Refugee Studies)**
    - "Recognising Refugees: From UNHCR to state bureaucracies’, she explained the transformations in the recognition of refugees by states in Turkey and around the world.
2. **Nihal Kayalı**
    - In her presentation ‘Syrian refugees and transition to migrant health centres’, she discussed the language barriers and system changes faced by approximately 6 million Syrian migrants in accessing health services. Mr Kayalı reminded the aim of the SIHHAT project to bring solutions to these problems.
3. **Sibel Karadağ (Migration Research Association)**
    - In his presentation titled ‘Afghans at the margins of precarity’, he focused on the problems of Afghan migrants living in Istanbul, such as exploitation, undocumented and precarious working conditions.

The webinar provided a platform for a comprehensive discussion on the integration of migrants and the challenges they face.

# Fighting Poverty: Policies and Activities

## Rethinking Refugee Incorporation




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### Alumni Talks

Through its Alumni Talks series, Boğaziçi University highlights the entrepreneurial achievements of its graduates, fostering an encouraging culture of entrepreneurship between alumni and students. The experiences shared by Murat Katran, a 2000 graduate of the Department of International Trade and founder of the globally renowned perfume brand Nishane, demonstrate how the confidence and high-quality education gained at Boğaziçi University played a decisive role in his entrepreneurial journey. These conversations with alumni provide aspiring young entrepreneurs with an inspiring environment, motivating them to bring their ideas to life with confidence and determination.



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## 2025 News

Each year, Boğaziçi University attracts more than 700 applicants ranked within the top 1,000 nationwide and, in 2024, launched a new scholarship program for high-achieving candidates. Under this program, students who rank in the top three nationally in any of the YKS exam categories (quantitative, equally weighted, verbal, or language) and enroll at Boğaziçi University will receive a one-time cash award of 100,000 TL. In addition, students who place within the top 10 in their respective category will be awarded a monthly stipend of 15,000 TL for nine months each year, while those ranked between 11th and 100th will receive 10,000 TL per month for nine months annually.

Beyond these financial incentives, all students within the top 100 will benefit from complimentary on-campus housing, meal support, and a book allowance provided once each semester, as well as free access to the university's technology incubator in the Technopark, indoor and outdoor swimming pools, fitness facilities, and SİNEBU cinema membership. Furthermore, in addition to the newly introduced scholarship program for the top 100, Boğaziçi University guarantees dormitory accommodation for the entire duration of study to all students ranked within the top 1,000.




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Boğaziçi University not only provides professional development programs for its students and staff, but also prioritizes the dissemination of essential knowledge that supports daily life through various academic units and platforms. Examples of such trainings and the corresponding units are outlined below.

### Orientation Programs that Strengthen Access to Basic Services

From 23–25 September 2024, Boğaziçi University hosted a comprehensive three-day orientation program as part of its annual University Introduction Days, designed to help newly enrolled students make a smooth and well-supported transition into campus life. Held on the South Campus with the participation of 44 student clubs, more than 25 student organizations, and alumni groups, the program provided a vibrant environment for academic and social integration.





Core sessions, including the “BU101” introductory lectures, featured expert-led presentations on career readiness, combating dating violence, and sexual harassment prevention, thereby addressing key essential services and campus safety issues. Complemented by sports activities, music performances, competitions, and stage events, this multi-faceted orientation model strengthened students’ access to academic, social, and psychological support services, enabling them to begin their university journey on an equitable and informed footing.

This initiative reflects Boğaziçi University’s sustainable campus vision, underscoring its commitment to providing accessible essential services and inclusive educational opportunities for every student.





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### Major Support for Boğaziçi Students' Startups at the "Bright Young Entrepreneurship Program Demo Day"

Organized in collaboration between Boğaziçi University Technopark and the Boğaziçi University Center for Entrepreneurship Research and Practice, the Bright Young Entrepreneurship Program Demo Day took place on November 26, 2024, showcasing innovative student projects in fields such as gaming, health technologies, software, and artificial intelligence.

The top prize went to GLYDE Games, recognized for their new game soon to be launched on global platforms. Innorare secured second place with their initiative on intermittent catheterization (IC) devices designed for comfortable use at home, while Pura ranked third with their reusable liquid and hybrid rocket system for space studies. The jury's special award was granted to Navibu for its AI-powered, customized, and innovative navigation system. In addition to a total of 350,000 TL in financial support for the winning teams, all participating groups will gain access to the infrastructure and mentorship services of Boğaziçi University's Technopark Incubation Center, providing a strong foundation to advance their entrepreneurial journeys.





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### Comprehensive Merit Scholarships for Top-Scoring Students at Boğaziçi University

Boğaziçi University, committed to its responsibility as the top choice of Turkey's most successful students, continues to provide comprehensive scholarship opportunities that support both academic and personal development. The merit scholarships offered to students who rank highest in the YKS 2025 exam stand out as a concrete example of a system where talent is recognized and rewarded.

·Students who rank in the top 3 of YKS and select Boğaziçi University as their first choice—regardless of exam category—are eligible for an exceptional package, including a monthly scholarship of 18,000 TL, a one-time cash award of 120,000 TL, free accommodation and meals, book support, and priority access to establish a company within the Boğaziçi University Technopark Incubation Center.

·Students ranking 4th to 10th, who also list Boğaziçi as their first choice, receive a monthly scholarship of 18,000 TL along with free accommodation, meals, and book support.

·The program further extends to students ranking 11th to 100th, who are awarded a monthly scholarship of 12,000 TL in addition to housing, meal, and book allowances.

·In addition, all students who rank within the top 1,000 and enroll at Boğaziçi University are guaranteed secure accommodation support, ensuring their housing needs are fully met.




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### Comprehensive Merit Scholarships for Türkiye's Top-Scoring Students at Boğaziçi University

Boğaziçi University has once again sustained its position as the leading institution admitting students with the highest entrance scores in 28 out of its 34 undergraduate programs. According to the results of the 2025 YKS (University Entrance Exam), Boğaziçi attracted 4 of the top 10 students nationwide, 55 of the top 100, and 566 of the top 1,000 students across all exam categories.

In line with the criteria set annually by the University Executive Board, Boğaziçi continues to provide comprehensive merit scholarships for students who achieve top rankings in YKS and enroll in the university. The support package for students ranking within the top 100 is particularly extensive, offering not only monthly financial stipends—determined each year at fixed rates—but also free accommodation, meals, and book allowances.

Beyond financial assistance, top-ranking students also enjoy free access to Boğaziçi's Technopark Incubation Center, as well as the university's indoor and outdoor swimming pools, fitness center, and SINEBU cinema, enhancing both their academic and social experience. Additionally, students in the top 3 are awarded a one-time cash prize, while all students ranking within the top 1,000 are guaranteed secure housing on campus.




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### Inclusive Access to Services for New Students: Orientation Days

Boğaziçi University hosted its Orientation Days on 22–23 September 2025, offering a comprehensive program designed to facilitate new students' access to essential services. Over the two-day event, 44 student clubs and societies introduced the university's social and cultural opportunities through information stands, while sports activities, musical performances, competitions, and stage shows supported students' adaptation to campus life. A key component of the program, the BU101 courses, addressed inclusive topics such as "Academic Life," "Psychological Counseling and Support," and "Combating Dating Violence and Sexual Harassment," providing students with direct information about the academic, psychological, and social support services available at the university. These initiatives stand as a tangible example of Boğaziçi University's sustainable approach to ensuring equal and inclusive access to a supportive learning environment for all students.







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### Global Entrepreneurship Ecosystem Gathered at Boğaziçi: RIPPLE Meetup Türkiye Convened

The Boğaziçi University Finance Application and Research Center (CARF) hosted **RIPPLE Meetup Türkiye**, one of the most prominent international gatherings of the entrepreneurship network. Held on June 5, 2026, the event brought together investors, policymakers, mentors, and incubation center representatives from Turkey, the MENA region, and various international hubs, creating a powerful knowledge and resource-sharing platform for local sustainable businesses.



Initiated by the AAST Entrepreneurship Center under the Arab Academy for Science, Technology & Maritime Transport (AASTMT) and scaled globally in strategic partnership with the Saleh Kamel Sustainable Entrepreneurship & Enterprise Development Organization (SKSEED), the RIPPLE platform's Turkey meetup was successfully executed under the auspices of CARF, with the national partnership of the Islamic Cooperation Youth Forum (ICYF) and the ecosystem partnership of AGz DEV.

#### Key Topics and Interactive Frameworks Addressed:

- Sustainability of entrepreneurship support mechanisms and incubation hubs,
- Founder-centric program design and structured acceleration models,
- University-based entrepreneurship and the commercialization of academic innovations,
- Enhancing investor and mentor engagement,
- AI, digital transformation, and cross-border ecosystem collaboration.

The opening session featured prominent insights from CARF Chairman and Boğaziçi University faculty member Prof. Dr. A. Vedat Akgiray, alongside Murat Onuk (Arz Portföy), Dr. Wael Eldesouki Bedda (SKSEED), and Dr. Heba Al Ashry (AAST). The keynote address was delivered by Dr. Ayman El Tarabishy, President and CEO of the International Council for Small Business (ICSB).




The thematic roundtables featured highly esteemed global ecosystem actors, including Ivan Sandjaja (Managing Director of GEN Indonesia), Sami Serdar (Director of ICYF International Incubation Center), and Aadam Sümer (Co-Founder of London Venture Capital Network).

Strategic discussions held throughout the day fostered global knowledge-sharing among entrepreneurship support organisations and laid a vital foundation for exploring new cross-border cooperation opportunities within the entrepreneurship ecosystems of Türkiye and its neighbouring regions.

*The full news article is available here.*

### Innovative and Entrepreneurial Leaders Program at Boğaziçi University

Conducted by the Department of Business Administration as another vital component of our university's innovation and entrepreneurship-oriented vision, the **"Innovative and Entrepreneurial Leaders Program Series"** brings together prominent global figures with our students and local entrepreneur candidates. Aiming to create a sustainable interaction zone between academia and the entrepreneurship ecosystem by hosting global innovation leaders, the premier event of the series took place on December 16, 2025, at the South Campus, Natuk Birkan Building.



The inaugural guest of the program, Steven Kinvi (Techstars EMEA Director), delivered a keynote speech addressing the EMEA startup ecosystem, the strategic role of acceleration programs, and the core principles of building resilient and scalable ventures in today's dynamic markets. Following his speech, Kinvi participated in an interactive session with Orkun Oğuz from the Department of Business Administration, where they discussed leadership under pressure, navigating uncertainties, and the critical decisions entrepreneurs face during scaling phases. Set to host transformative leaders every month, this program continues to directly inspire and steer our students' career and entrepreneurial journeys.



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### Demo Day at Boğaziçi University




The BRIGHT Young Entrepreneurship Program, conducted by the Boğaziçi Technopark Incubation Center as a vital component of our university's entrepreneurship vision, continues to host the innovative projects of our students. In this context, during the "Demo Day" event held at Albert Long Hall on November 25, 2025, a total of 9 start-ups, entirely comprised of students enrolled in our university's undergraduate, master's, and PhD programs, presented their business ideas to the evaluation committee.



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Aiming to unlock the entrepreneurial potential of youth and provide the necessary mentorship and visibility to scale their projects, the presentations were meticulously evaluated by esteemed jury members Cem Duran, Volkan Biçer, Siret Ünsal, Ali Coşkun, and Kenan Çolpan. Following the highly anticipated event, the top-ranking start-ups were awarded a total of **600,000 TRY** in financial support to further develop their projects:

- **1st Place Prize (250,000 TRY):** Bess.ai
- **2nd Place Prize (200,000 TRY)**: MIA
- **3rd Place Prize (150,000 TRY):** InfPay

These awards, combined with the robust incubation infrastructure, stand as a concrete testament to the vital financial assistance Boğaziçi Technopark delivers to young entrepreneurs, reflecting our university's unwavering commitment to advancing the entrepreneurship ecosystem.

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