



# Boğaziçi University Sustainable Development Goals Progress Report

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Boğaziçi University

 SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS



Sustainable Development Goal 5:  
**Gender Equality**

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# Boğaziçi University SDG-5 Report

Gender Equality Goal Numerical Data Dashboard

## Student Demographics (2024)



**Female Students**



**Male Students**

### Prominent Faculties (2023-2024):

- Faculty of Engineering: The number of male students is more than double that of female students.
- Institute of Social Sciences: The number of female students is higher than male students.

## Excellence Scholarship

~\$3,030

One-time support for students ranking in the top 3.

## Achievement Scholarship I

~\$455/mo

For students in the top 10, for 9 months.

## Parental Leave Policies

- 16 Weeks Maternity Leave:** 8 weeks before and 8 after childbirth.
- 10 Days Paternity Leave:** For staff whose spouse gives birth.
- 3 Hours/Day Nursing Leave:** During the first 6 months.
- 24 Months Unpaid Leave:** For parents after childbirth.

## Achievement Scholarship II

~\$303/mo

For students ranking 11-100, for 9 months.

## Facilities & Programs

- 12-66 mo** Preschool Education Unit
- 6-12 yrs** Summer Camp Program
- 25** Women Leaders Program Graduates (2023)

## Awards & Achievements

**Prof. Dr. Nurcan Meral Özel**  
Japan's Order of the Rising Sun (2024)

**Eda Duman**  
Young Translators' Contest Runner-up (2023)

**Prof. Dr. Günay Kut**  
Presidential Grand Award for Culture and Arts (2024)

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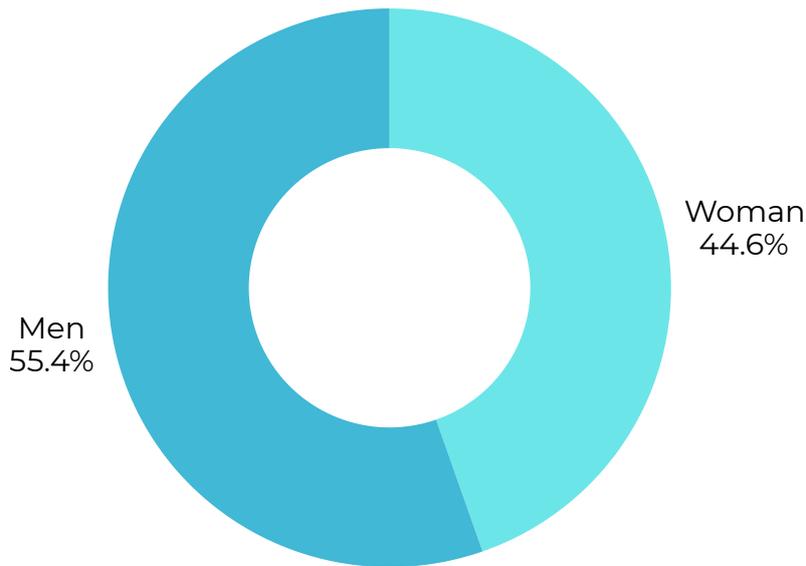
## Student Access Measurements

According to Boğaziçi University's 2024 data, 45% of the student population is female and 55% is male. This data shows that the university has taken an important step in monitoring and evaluating the gender distribution of students. The university has been monitoring gender-disaggregated student data since 2009 and these data are reported annually and shared on the university's homepage.

The systematic monitoring and reporting of this data enables the identification of possible inequalities between male and female students in application, admission and graduation rates and the shaping of the University's strategic plans to improve these areas. In particular, monitoring the application, admission and graduation rates of female students is critical to assess how the university is progressing in terms of gender equality and to determine which strategies it should focus on in the future. These monitoring studies contribute to the more effective implementation of gender equality policies by supporting the university's goal of creating an equitable educational environment.

### To Access Boğaziçi University in Numbers 2024 Publication:

<https://bogazici.edu.tr/tr/pages/sayilarla-bogazici-universitesi/262>

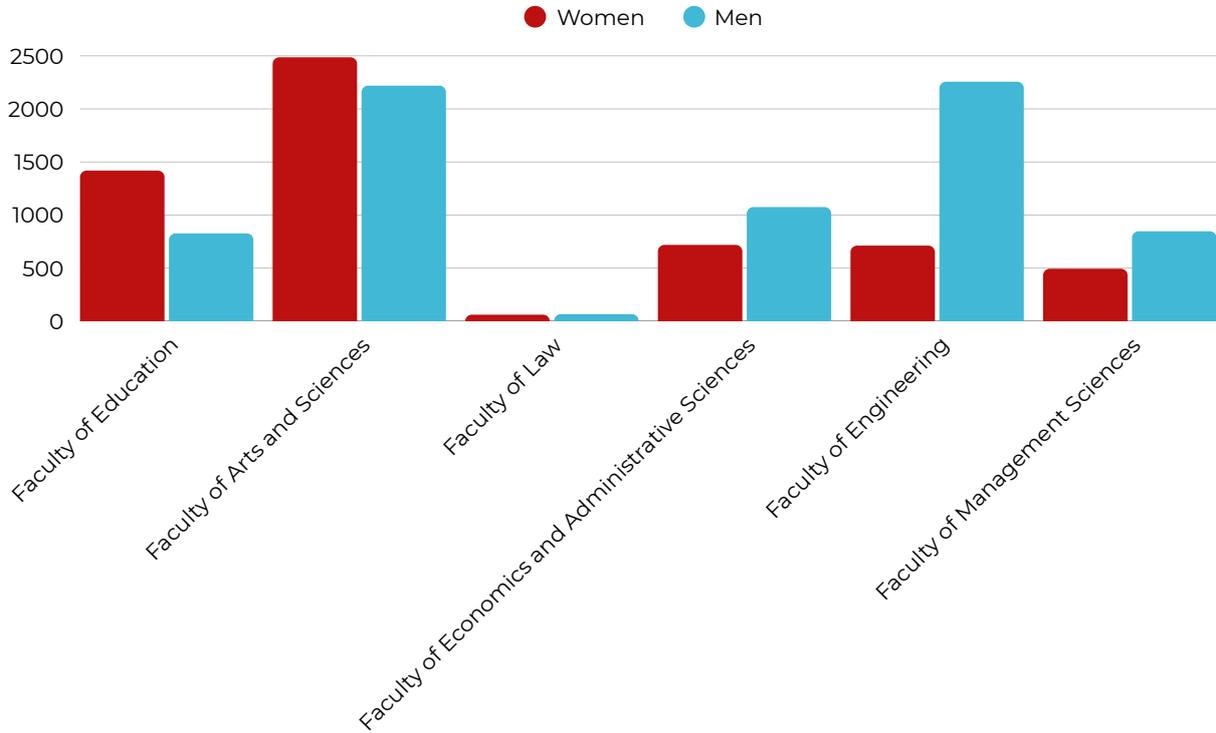


**Distribution of Students by Gender**

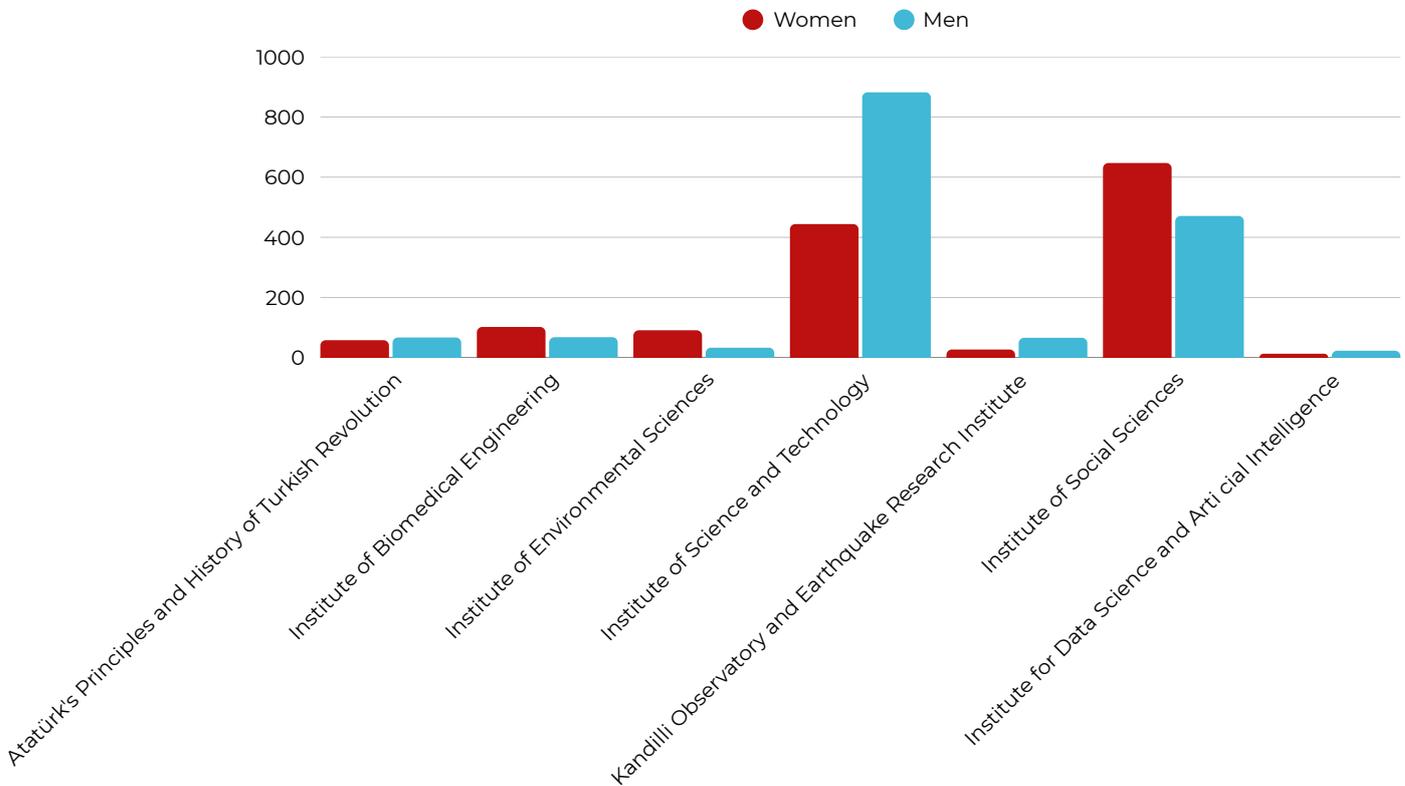


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## Student Access Measurements



## Distribution of Total Number of Undergraduate Students by Gender 2023-2024



## Distribution of Total Number of Graduate Students by Gender 2023-2024



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## Policy for female applications and entries

As stated in Boğaziçi University's "Gender Equality Plan 2023" document, there are several important strategies and practices regarding women's university applications and admission policies:



**Data Collection and Analysis:** The University attaches great importance to the collection and publication of gender-based data. Each year, gender-based statistics are regularly shared in categories such as graduates, new students, undergraduate and graduate programmes. This data is used to evaluate and improve the university's equality policies.

**Gender Responsive Selection and Promotion Processes:** The University is focussed on developing gender-sensitive recruitment and promotion processes for academic and administrative positions.

**Representation of Women in Academic and Administrative Positions:** The University has developed policies and procedures to increase the representation of women in academic and administrative positions. In particular, it is aimed to encourage women to leadership positions and to ensure gender balance in these positions.

**Equitable Education and Research:** The University aims to integrate gender equality into education and research. Women's representation in research teams and laboratories is increased, and trainings on gender-sensitive research methods and teaching techniques are organised.

These strategies show that Boğaziçi University has taken concrete steps to improve women's university application processes and success rates. The University's gender equality policies are designed in accordance with national legislation and international conventions and contribute to the University assuming a leading role in ensuring gender equality.

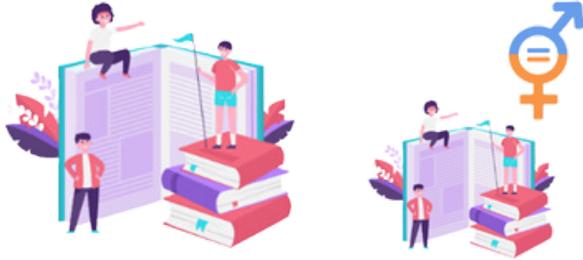


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## Boğaziçi University Gender Equality Plan 2023:

[https://www.bogazici.edu.tr/Assets/Documents/Dosyalar/gender\\_equality\\_plan.pdf](https://www.bogazici.edu.tr/Assets/Documents/Dosyalar/gender_equality_plan.pdf)

### Access programmes for women



Boğaziçi University offers various programmes and services to support women's access to university education. These services and programmes provide comprehensive support in different areas such as scholarship opportunities, mentoring and social networks.

### Scholarships

Boğaziçi University Scholarship Office provides scholarships to students from three different sources: State institutions, scholarships from the University and scholarships from foundations, institutions and organisations. In addition, special scholarships for female students are also provided by various organisations. These scholarships play an important role in increasing girls' access to university education.

The Scholarship Office Coordinatorship prepares comparative reports of the scholarship budget and expenditures at the end of each academic year. You can access the scholarship reports for the last 5 years from the relevant links at the end of the section.

**BAŞARI BURLARI**  
KAPSAM ve KOŞULLAR

**ÜSTÜN BAŞARI BURSU**  
1. - 3. SIRALAMA  
**100.000€**  
(tek seferlik)

**BAŞARI BURSU - I**  
1. - 10. SIRALAMA  
Yılda 9 ay süreyle  
**aylık 15.000€**  
nakit destek

Boğaziçi Üniversitesi öğrenci yurtlarında ücretsiz konaklama

Yemek bursu (9 ay süreyle) | Kitap bursu (Her dönem başında bir kez)

Kapalı Havuz ve Fitness Salonuna ücretsiz üyelik | Açık havuzla ücretsiz üyelik

Teknokentte kuluçka merkezi ücretsiz | SİNEBU'ya ücretsiz üyelik

\* İlk 3 harcı, sosyal destekler geneli puan türünde 1. tercihine yetip-yetmediği.

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## Access programmes for women

### Mentoring Programmes

Boğaziçi University offers mentoring programmes to support the academic and personal development of its students.

Through social responsibility projects such as the Student Coaching Programme and ENSO Mentorship, university students guide high school students and support them in their university preparation processes.



Through mentoring programmes run by **Boğaziçi University Career Centre**, Boğaziçi students benefit from the experiences of alumni and gain important information about business life. These programmes are open to all students and female students can be matched with the most suitable mentor by indicating their needs on the application form.

### Social Networks and Women-Oriented Clubs

Boğaziçi Network is a professional social network where alumni, students, academics and administrative staff of the university can come together and share their experiences.



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## Access programmes for women

**BÜKAK (Boğaziçi University Women's Research Club)** is a student club that organises activities on gender studies, women's rights and combating sexual harassment.



- **Education Programmes**

Boğaziçi University Lifelong Learning Centre (BÜYEM) provides various trainings to raise awareness on gender equality and support women's entrepreneurship. These programmes take important steps towards empowering women and ensuring social justice.

These programmes and services offered by Boğaziçi University increase women's access to university and support their academic and professional development. The University undertakes an important mission in ensuring gender equality through these programmes designed to meet the needs of female students.



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## Access programmes for women

### Related Links

#### **2023-2024 Scholarship Report:**

[https://impact.bogazici.edu.tr/sites/impact.bogazici.edu.tr/files/2023-2024\\_burs\\_raporu\\_.pdf](https://impact.bogazici.edu.tr/sites/impact.bogazici.edu.tr/files/2023-2024_burs_raporu_.pdf)

#### **2021-2022 Scholarship Report:**

[https://bursofisi.bogazici.edu.tr/sites/bursofisi.boun.edu.tr/files/faaliyet\\_raporu\\_2021-2022\\_02.02.2023.pdf](https://bursofisi.bogazici.edu.tr/sites/bursofisi.boun.edu.tr/files/faaliyet_raporu_2021-2022_02.02.2023.pdf)

#### **2020-2021 Scholarship Report:**

[https://bursofisi.bogazici.edu.tr/sites/bursofisi.boun.edu.tr/files/2020\\_-\\_2021\\_akademik\\_yili\\_burs\\_ofisi\\_faaliyet\\_raporu.pdf](https://bursofisi.bogazici.edu.tr/sites/bursofisi.boun.edu.tr/files/2020_-_2021_akademik_yili_burs_ofisi_faaliyet_raporu.pdf)

#### **2019-2020 Scholarship Report:**

[https://bursofisi.bogazici.edu.tr/sites/bursofisi.boun.edu.tr/files/bu\\_burs\\_raporu\\_2019-2020.pdf](https://bursofisi.bogazici.edu.tr/sites/bursofisi.boun.edu.tr/files/bu_burs_raporu_2019-2020.pdf)

#### **2018-2019 Scholarship Report:**

[https://bursofisi.bogazici.edu.tr/sites/bursofisi.boun.edu.tr/files/burs\\_raporu\\_2018-2019.pdf](https://bursofisi.bogazici.edu.tr/sites/bursofisi.boun.edu.tr/files/burs_raporu_2018-2019.pdf)

#### **Scholarship Office Presentation:**

[https://bursofisi.bogazici.edu.tr/sites/bursofisi.boun.edu.tr/files/2024-2025\\_burs\\_ofisi\\_koordinatorlugu\\_tanitim\\_.pdf](https://bursofisi.bogazici.edu.tr/sites/bursofisi.boun.edu.tr/files/2024-2025_burs_ofisi_koordinatorlugu_tanitim_.pdf)

#### **Boğaziçi University Student Coaching Programme:**

<https://haberler.bogazici.edu.tr/tr/news/kampus/2/bogazici-universitesi-ogrencileri-liselilerin/508>

#### **ENSO Mentorship:**

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=756CNBhVfvg>

<https://www.instagram.com/ensomentorship/>

#### **Boğaziçi Career Centre Mentorship Programme:**

<https://mezun.bogazici.edu.tr/tr/mentorluk>

#### **Boğaziçi University Mentoring and Consultancy Application:**

<https://survey.boun.edu.tr/index.php/786743?newtest=Y&lang=en>



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## Access programmes for women

### Related Links:

#### Boğaziçi Network:

<https://bogazici.network/>

#### BÜYEM Gender Equality Trainings:

<http://www.kss.bogazici.edu.tr/?project=toplumsal-cinsiyet-esitligi>

## Women's applications in under-represented areas



One of the goals of Boğaziçi University's gender equality plan is to equalise the representation of women in both administrative positions and research teams at the university. At Boğaziçi University, various programmes and events are organised in collaboration with local and global partners to raise awareness in areas where women are underrepresented and to encourage female students to pursue careers in these fields.

### Gender Equality Plan 2023:

[https://www.bogazici.edu.tr/Assets/Documents/Dosyalar/gender\\_equality\\_plan.pdf](https://www.bogazici.edu.tr/Assets/Documents/Dosyalar/gender_equality_plan.pdf)

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## Access programmes for women

### Boğaziçi University Women Leading in Science and Technology Summit



Organised traditionally every year by Boğaziçi University Electrotechnology Club (BUEC), the Leading Women in Science and Technology Summit brings together leading successful women from the sectors and academia with university students. The event aims to inspire and give hope to the participants by focusing on topics such as the change in the number of female employees in the sector and the careers of the speakers in different directions.

<https://buec.com.tr/bilim-ve-teknolojide-lider-kadinlar-zirvesi/>



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## Access programmes for women

### Turkey's Engineer Girls Project



The 'Turkey's Engineer Girls' Project, carried out in cooperation with BÜYEM and Limak Foundation, aims to raise successful female students studying at engineering faculties who need support as well-equipped engineers for our country. Within the scope of the project, in addition to scholarship support, internship opportunities, BÜYEM social engineering trainings and mentoring support are provided. The programme is open to female students studying in the departments of computer engineering, environmental engineering, electrical and electronics engineering, industrial engineering, civil engineering and mechanical engineering at different universities in Turkey, and Boğaziçi University is among the universities where quotas have been opened for the 2022-2023 academic year. Within the scope of the project, activities are also organised in various provinces in order to inform and raise awareness of high school students who will make their career choice, to provide general information about the profession and to enable them to experience the engineering profession through various methods.

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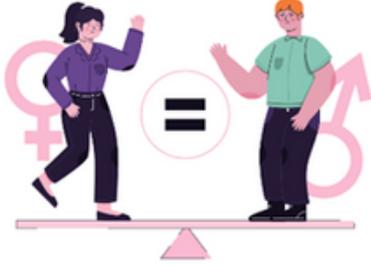
<https://www.turkiyeninmuhendiskizlari.com/>



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## Policy of non-discrimination against women



### Gender Equality Plan 2023:

[https://bogazici.edu.tr/Assets/Documents/Dosyalar/gender\\_equality\\_plan.pdf](https://bogazici.edu.tr/Assets/Documents/Dosyalar/gender_equality_plan.pdf)

A Gender Equality Commission and a Gender Equality Plan have been established against discrimination against women at Boğaziçi University. According to Boğaziçi University Code of Ethics, '1 - Respect for human rights and freedoms, 2 - Fair and honest behaviour without discrimination and prejudice based on religion, language, race, ethnic origin, opinion, gender, sexual orientation, age, physical disability and similar characteristics'.

In addition, the UN Sustainable Development Solutions Network (SDSN) Turkey, established in 2014 under the auspices of Boğaziçi University, aims to bring together universities, the business world and the public sector to produce solutions for the realisation of sustainable development goals, including gender equality in Turkey.

### Related Links

#### Boğaziçi University GEP (Gender Equality Plan) Commission:

[https://bogazici.edu.tr/tr\\_TR/Content/Genel/Yonetim/Kurul\\_ve\\_Komisyonlar/Gender\\_Equality\\_Plan\\_Komisyonu](https://bogazici.edu.tr/tr_TR/Content/Genel/Yonetim/Kurul_ve_Komisyonlar/Gender_Equality_Plan_Komisyonu)

#### Boğaziçi University Ethical Principles:

[https://bogazici.edu.tr/tr-TR/Content/Genel/Etik\\_Ilkeler](https://bogazici.edu.tr/tr-TR/Content/Genel/Etik_Ilkeler)

#### SDSN Turkey Objective 5: Gender Equality

<https://unsdsn.bogazici.edu.tr/en/amac-5-toplumsal-cinsiyet-esitligi>



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## Maternity and Paternity Policies



### Gender Equality Plan 2023:

[https://bogazici.edu.tr/Assets/Documents/Dosyalar/gender\\_equality\\_plan.pdf](https://bogazici.edu.tr/Assets/Documents/Dosyalar/gender_equality_plan.pdf)

Chapter 4 of Boğaziçi University's Gender Equality Plan focuses on employees' maternity rights and work-life balance. In addition to legal rights, the University aims to establish procedures for employees to work remotely in case of parenthood.

According to the Law No. 657 on Civil Servants to which Boğaziçi University civil servants are subject;

- Female civil servants and contracted personnel are granted maternity leave for a total of sixteen weeks, eight weeks before and eight weeks after childbirth, and ten days of paternity leave upon request if their spouse gives birth.
- Female civil servants and contracted personnel shall be given three hours of milk leave per day in the first six months and one and a half hours of milk leave per day in the second six months as of the end of the postnatal maternity leave period for breastfeeding their child.
- The female civil servant may work half of her daily working time without additional milk leave for two months for the first birth, four months for the second birth, and six months for subsequent births, starting from the end of the postnatal maternity leave.
- Officers who give birth shall be granted leave without salary for up to twenty-four months from the end of the postnatal leave period, and officers whose spouse gives birth shall be granted leave without salary for up to twenty-four months from the date of birth upon their request.
- Officers who have given birth or whose spouse has given birth may request that their weekly working hours be arranged as half of the normal working hours without giving milk leave in the period until the beginning of the month following the date of the child's compulsory primary education age.

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## Maternity and Paternity Policies

- Civil servants and contracted personnel are granted up to ten days of compassionate leave in whole or in parts within a year in case their child with at least 70 per cent disability or chronic illness falls ill.

Personnel may also apply for maternity allowance and benefit from family allowance for natural, step or adopted children.

For students, Boğaziçi University Scholarship Office is funded by the Boğaziçi Universities Association (BURA), which provides married couple requirement scholarships to eligible students.

## Related Links

### Law No. 657 on Civil Servants:

<https://www.mevzuat.gov.tr/MevzuatMetin/1.5.657.pdf>

### Family Benefit Notification Form:

[https://bogazici.edu.tr/tr\\_TR/Content/Calisanlar/Formlar](https://bogazici.edu.tr/tr_TR/Content/Calisanlar/Formlar)

### Birth Assistance Request Petition:

[https://mediastore.cc.bogazici.edu.tr/web/userfiles/files/Assets/Documents/dogum\\_yardimi\\_basvuru\\_dilekcesi.pdf](https://mediastore.cc.bogazici.edu.tr/web/userfiles/files/Assets/Documents/dogum_yardimi_basvuru_dilekcesi.pdf)

### Petition for Working Spouses:

[https://bogazici.edu.tr/Assets/calisan\\_esler\\_icin\\_dilekce\\_agi\\_bilgisi.pdf](https://bogazici.edu.tr/Assets/calisan_esler_icin_dilekce_agi_bilgisi.pdf)

### BURA Married Student Scholarship:

<https://www.bura.org.tr/bura-burs-basvurulari-basladi-2024/>

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## Childcare Facilities for Students

Boğaziçi University offers the Preschool Education Unit to the students of parents who work as faculty or administrative staff. For those who do not work as faculty or staff, there are no direct childcare services, but there are day-care centres around the campus where safe and quality childcare facilities can be accessed. These day-care centres offer activities and educational programmes that contribute to the physical, mental and social development of children. Managed by trained staff, these facilities allow parents to ensure that their children are well cared for while they focus on their academic studies.

## Boğaziçi University Preschool Education

<https://yuva.bogazici.edu.tr/>



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## Childcare Facilities for Students

However, parent students can also apply to Boğaziçi University Summer Camp for children between the ages of 6-12 during the summer term and include their children in this programme. While children experience learning through various activities in areas such as art, music, sports and science accompanied by experienced camp leaders and instructors, parent students can continue their academic studies.

### Boğaziçi University Summer Camp:

<https://bogaziciuniversitiesiyazkampi.com/>

## Childcare facilities for staff and faculty

### Boğaziçi University Preschool Education Unit

Boğaziçi University Preschool Education Unit provides services for the children of academic and administrative staff between 8.30 am and 5.00 pm on weekdays. The pre-school education programme is designed for each age group (1, 2, 3, 4 and 5 years (12 - 66 months), taking into account the individual developmental characteristics and age-appropriate learning levels of children. The programme content consists of carefully selected learning components to support each student's developmental areas (cognitive, psychomotor, language, self-care and social emotional).

### Boğaziçi University Preschool Education Unit:

<https://yuva.bogazici.edu.tr/>

### Boğaziçi University Children's Summer Camp

Boğaziçi University Summer Camp, with its expert team of experienced camp leaders and instructors, offers children the opportunity to study and learn with activities full of art, music, sports, science and adventure in an environment close to nature during the summer months. Football, basketball, swimming, chess, archery, scouting, values education and foreign language activities contribute to the development of both academic and social skills of children.

### Boğaziçi University Summer Camp:

<https://bogaziciuniversitiesiyazkampi.com/>



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## BÜYEM Trainings providing mentoring support to women

**Boğaziçi University Lifelong Learning Centre (BÜYEM)** offers entrepreneurship programmes and trainings with mentoring support to contribute to gender equality and empower women. In collaboration with Professional Women's Network (PWN Istanbul), United Nations Sustainable Development Solutions Network (UN SDSN Turkey) and Awen for Us, BÜYEM launched the 'Women Leaders to Shape Healthcare Development Programme', which supports the development of women in the healthcare sector. Within the scope of this programme, online courses and workshops as well as mentoring support were provided. At the ceremony held on 8 April 2023, where 25 participants received their certificates, Dr. Tamer Atabarut, Director of BÜYEM, stated that they were very happy to serve the UN Sustainable Development Goals of healthy living and gender equality together through the programme.

[https://buyem.bogazici.edu.tr/library/BUYEM\\_YE\\_BROSUR\\_2023Mart.pdf](https://buyem.bogazici.edu.tr/library/BUYEM_YE_BROSUR_2023Mart.pdf)

[https://impact.bogazici.edu.tr/sites/impact.bogazici.edu.tr/files/buyem\\_ye\\_brosur\\_2023mart\\_en.pdf](https://impact.bogazici.edu.tr/sites/impact.bogazici.edu.tr/files/buyem_ye_brosur_2023mart_en.pdf)

<https://haberler.bogazici.edu.tr/tr/haber/sagliga-yon-verecek-kadin-liderler-programi-ikinci-mezunlarini-verdi>



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## Mentoring Project within the Scope of Special Events in Tourism and Congress Tourism Course:

In the autumn term of the 2022-2023 academic year, in cooperation with MPI (Meeting Professionals International) Turkey Club and SITE (Society for Incentive Travel Excellence) Turkey, a 'Mentoring' project was initiated within the scope of the 'Special Events in Tourism and Convention Tourism' course at Boğaziçi University Department of Tourism Management. A large number of female students who wanted to increase their knowledge and competence in this field successfully shared their project results with their mentors at the Istanbul Chamber of Commerce (ITO) Headquarters.

<https://tourism.bogazici.edu.tr/tr/content/turizmde-ozel-etkinlikler-ve-kongre-turizmi-dersi-kapsaminda-mentorluk-projesi-0>

<https://tourism.bogazici.edu.tr/tr/content/turizmde-ozel-etkinlikler-ve-kongre-turizmi-dersi-kapsaminda-yurutulen-mentorluk-projesinin>



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## Monitoring the Graduation Rate of Women

Since 2009, Boğaziçi University has been tracking gender-disaggregated student data and publishing annual reports on its homepage. In particular, monitoring the application, admission and graduation rates of female students is critical to assess how the university is progressing in terms of gender equality and to determine which strategies it should focus on in the future.

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## Policies to protect those reporting discrimination

### Gender Equality Plan 2023:

[https://bogazici.edu.tr/Assets/Documents/Dosyalar/gender\\_equality\\_plan.pdf](https://bogazici.edu.tr/Assets/Documents/Dosyalar/gender_equality_plan.pdf)

Chapter 2 of the Gender Equality Plan of Boğaziçi University deals with the units and targets that combat discrimination against women within the University. Boğaziçi University Commission for the Prevention of Sexual Harassment (CİTÖK) provides confidential medical, psychological, psychosocial and legal support to those who have been subjected to sexual harassment or violence within the university. All information of persons referred to the Student Guidance and Psychological Counselling Centre (BÜREM) for psychological support by CİTÖK is protected in confidentiality.

## Related Links

### CİTÖK (Boğaziçi University Sexual Harassment Prevention Commission):

<https://citok.bogazici.edu.tr/>

### Principles of BÜREM (Boğaziçi University Student Guidance and Psychological Counselling Centre):

<https://burem.bogazici.edu.tr/tr/ilkelere>



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## News

### **Prof. Dr. Nurcan Meral Özel Awarded Japan's State Order for Her Pioneering Role in Global Science Diplomacy**

Prof. Dr. Nurcan Meral Özel, faculty member of the Department of Geophysics at Boğaziçi University's Kandilli Observatory and Earthquake Research Institute (KRDAE), served as Director of the International Monitoring System (IMS) at the Comprehensive Nuclear-Test-Ban Treaty Organization (CTBTO) between 2014 and 2022. During her tenure, she made significant contributions to nuclear disarmament, the strengthening of global monitoring infrastructures, international diplomacy, and the advancement of CTBTO's collaboration with Japan. In recognition of these contributions, Prof. Dr. Özel was awarded one of Japan's most prestigious state honors, the Order of the Rising Sun, Gold Rays with Neck Ribbon, in 2024, coinciding with the 100th anniversary of diplomatic relations between Turkey and Japan.

Prof. Dr. Özel was also recognized in 2017 at a U.S.-based symposium on "Science, Technology, Engineering, Mathematics, and Women Leaders," where she was named among the "Six Women Leaders Shaping Technology on the International Stage." In addition, under the auspices of the UNESCO Intergovernmental Oceanographic Commission, she spearheaded the establishment of KRDAE's National Tsunami Warning Center, which provides tsunami alert services for Turkey, the Eastern Mediterranean, the Aegean, and the Black Sea. These achievements stand as a powerful testament to the role of Boğaziçi University's pioneering women researchers in advancing global science diplomacy and peace.



<https://haberler.bogazici.edu.tr/tr/news/akademik/1/krdae-jeofizik-anabilim-dali-ogretim-uyesi-pr/2797>

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## News

### Prof. Dr. Rana Sanyal Honored with Award from the European Innovation Council

The European Women Innovators Award, which recognizes women leaders whose research drives innovation and delivers societal impact, was organized in 2023–2024 through the collaboration of the European Innovation Council (EIC) and the European Institute of Innovation and Technology (EIT). The program's most prestigious category, Women Innovators, was awarded to Prof. Dr. Rana Sanyal, faculty member of the Department of Chemistry at Boğaziçi University and co-founder of RS Research.

RS Research is pioneering the development of smart drugs that enable targeted chemotherapy. Through its patented carrier technology, the company aims to increase the effectiveness of chemotherapy while minimizing its side effects, discovering promising new drug candidates. Early-stage development of these candidates has been conducted in collaboration with the Boğaziçi University Center for Life Sciences and Technologies, while the company's facilities in Istanbul manage production processes. RS Research has successfully introduced the first new drug candidate developed in Turkey to reach Phase 1 clinical trials, with studies currently underway in Istanbul and Ankara.

Prof. Dr. Sanyal's achievement exemplifies the transformative power of women in science and health technologies, representing both entrepreneurial vision and scientific excellence. Her recognition marks a distinguished example of how Boğaziçi University's women researchers are gaining international prominence in innovation and impact.



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## News

### Academic Achievement of a Boğaziçi Woman Student: A National Award in Translation

Eda Duman, a student of the Department of Translation and Interpreting Studies at Boğaziçi University, earned second place in the English category of the 2023 Young Translators Contest organized by the Directorate for EU Affairs of Türkiye. This achievement represents a significant outcome of the University's commitment to providing high-quality education and a strong academic foundation for its women students. Beyond technical skills, Boğaziçi equips its students with professional strategies and mentorship, further reinforcing their success. This example stands as a clear demonstration of the University's supportive approach, which enhances the visibility of its women students on national and international platforms while contributing tangibly to their academic and professional development.



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### **National Intervention Model to Increase Girls' Participation in STEM and Digital Technology**

Led by faculty members of Boğaziçi University's Faculty of Education and supported by TÜBİTAK's 1001 Program, the project Removing Barriers in Digital and STEM (D-STEK) is a multi-dimensional education and research initiative designed to strengthen high school girls' interest in careers in STEM (science, technology, engineering, and mathematics) and digital technology. The project encompasses hands-on workshops, professional development seminars for teachers, information programs for families, and long-term school-based engagement, with the aims of reducing gender-based social biases that shape career choices, enhancing digital literacy skills, and empowering girls to make independent and informed career decisions. Planned for national rollout in collaboration with the Ministry of National Education, this large-scale model stands as a pioneering initiative to encourage girls' participation in STEM and digital technology fields where women remain underrepresented.



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### **Academic Contribution to the Preservation of Cultural Heritage: Presidential Culture and Arts Grand Award for Emeritus Prof. Dr. Günay Kut**

Boğaziçi University's Department of Turkish Language and Literature Emeritus Professor Dr. Günay Kut has been honored with the 2024 Presidential Culture and Arts Grand Award in the "Science & Culture" category for her pioneering scholarship in classical Turkish literature, including verse and prose traditions, Ottoman paleography, and codicology. Serving as department chair from 1988 to 2002 and continuing her research at Boğaziçi University until retirement, Prof. Dr. Kut has made nationally and internationally significant contributions to the scientific documentation, preservation, and transmission of the written heritage of classical Turkish literature.

This prestigious recognition also underscores Boğaziçi University's leading role in documenting, safeguarding, and academically reinterpreting cultural heritage, adding scholarly depth and continuity to the preservation of Turkey's literary and linguistic legacy.



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