

## **One more university incubation center is established in Turkey**

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### WHAT IS BIO-ELECTRONICS?

Bioelectronics is a discipline that develops applications for use in biology, medicine and other fields using electronic principles and devices.

The 'Gelisim Biotech Tekmer' incubation center aims to increase the interaction between entrepreneurs and companies aiming to develop biotechnology, medical devices, biosensors, smart health applications, electronic solution products that the health sector needs, and to create an environment for the creation of value added products.

### “IDEAS WILL TURN INTO ENTERPRISES”

Stating that they aim to compete with the incubation centers of the world's leading universities, Chairman of the IGU Board of Trustees Abdülkadir Gayretli said, “We will turn ideas into initiatives with the ‘Gelisim Biotech Tekmer’ incubation center established within the university. We will work to be included in the UBI Global index that compares the entrepreneurship incubators of universities around the world.”

### “WE WILL PREPARE THE GROUND FOR QUALIFIED COLLABORATIONS”

Gayretli emphasizing the contribution of the incubation center to science and the economy in Turkey, said: “We will provide entrepreneurs with the opportunity to develop products in the Bio-Electronics entrepreneurship ecosystem, and we will accelerate their business ideas with the common use machine-equipment infrastructure. We will provide access to qualified fundamental scientists and qualified engineer workforce needed in projects. We will bring

entrepreneurs together with sector representatives and angel investors and prepare the ground for qualified cooperation.”

Pointing out that the acceleration of the higher education system continues under the leadership of YÖK President Prof. Dr. Yekta Saraç, Gayretli said that he is excited that they will contribute to the development of both science and economy.

“PATENT CONSULTANCY SERVICE WILL BE PROVIDED”

Emphasizing that it is Turkey's first biotechnology incubation center, the project coordinator of the center, IGU Vice Rector Prof. Dr. Nail Öztaş said: “We will provide support to entrepreneurs to transform new ideas and technologies into products in a 1100 square meter closed area in a 30-storey skyscraper building in Avcılar Campus of Istanbul Gelisim University. Free space support for entrepreneurial ideas, legal, financial and patent consultancy services will be provided in the incubation center, which has two laboratories equipped with the latest technological equipment, working areas, meeting rooms and a car park.”

“APPLICATIONS WILL BE ACCEPTED SOON”

Öztaş continued his speech as follows:

“One of the primary goals of the incubation center is to bring the products with high added value and sustainability priority to the economy, such as health, medicine, food and energy, which are of vital importance in the field of biotechnology for Turkey. With a five-year plan covering the years 2021-2026, the Istanbul Gelisim University incubation center will soon begin to accept applications from entrepreneurs. Other research and development facilities of the campus where the incubation center is located will also be open to the companies to be opened in the incubation center.”

The executives of the incubation center and the project team consist of Lect. Çağrı Faydacı, Lect. Saddam Heydarov, Asst. Prof. Dr. Asiye Karakullukçu and Asst. Prof. Dr. Serap Yeşilkır Baydar.

## **Special scholarship program applications for university candidates have started**

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### **MOTIVATION LETTER MUST BE WRITTEN**

In order to apply to the special scholarship program, the application form is required to be filled in completely on the website with the same name as the scholarship program and candidates are asked to write a motivation letter. In the statement made by the university for the motivation letter included in the application form, it is said: "Candidates need to talk about their features and capabilities in great detail. Supporting documents, if there are, must be attached as evidence of the feature and ability applied."

The subjects that can be applied for the special scholarship program 'Come To Gelisim' are listed as follows:

"Culture and art activities, Sports achievements, Literature skills, Design knowledge, Talents in the field of information and technology, participated social responsibility projects, National and international events, School team performances, Awards received, TÜBİTAK etc. competitions. "

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It is possible to apply free of charge to the High School Winter Academy, which helps prospective students to choose the areas suitable for their abilities and interests, through the university's relevant website.

### “NO LIMITS FOR COURSE SELECTION”

In the statement made by the university, it was stated that students who will meet with university academicians will be given a certificate of participation if they provide continuity to experience university life for a week. The courses to be included in the academy are listed as follows:

“Artificial Intelligence Applications in Dentistry, Creative Video Editing in Social Media, Aircraft Fire Extinguishing Techniques, Infectious Diseases and Vaccines, Unmanned Aerial Vehicles Technology and the Future of Remote Sensing Cyber Security, Creative and Persuasive Writing, Digital Marketing, Understanding Cinema in Short Film Taste, Food Safety & Hygiene, Being a Humanistic Leader-Manager In the 21st Century Positive Peer Relations, Artificial Intelligence, Chef's Table, Cyber Security, Digital Fitness, Mental Training (Memory and Attention: Ways to Strengthen Memory and Attention)”

## **Warning to parents from the expert: Read the same books as your children**

Speaking at the event organized by the Istanbul Fuat Sezgin Science and Art Center within the framework of the "Parent Academy Project" aimed at improving the school-parent cooperation of the Ministry of National Education (MEB), Asst. Prof. Dr. Pelin Ekşi said: "Reading for the family should be organized. Families should read the same books with their children, talk about them and create a conversation environment."

Supporting the Ministry of National Education Parent Academy Project, Asst. Prof. Dr. Pelin Ekşi, Head of the Department of Turkish Language and Literature from Istanbul Gelisim University, gave advice to teachers and parents about making students gain reading habits with an online event.

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Emphasizing the values that reading habit adds to the individual and the society through the individual, Dr. Ekşi said that parent-school cooperation is important for children to gain reading habit and said: "In order for individuals to gain the love of reading, the family should exhibit an exemplary model. A library should be kept at home and a place should be reserved for children's books."

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Stating that family reading activities should be organized, Dr. Ekşi said: "Families should read the same books with their children, talk about them and create a conversation environment. If people in books are associated with events, people and events encountered in daily life, children will also learn to connect books with life. Again, by talking about new words and expressions learned from books, it can contribute to the language development of children."

**"TEACHERS MUST READ BOOKS"**

Dr. Ekşi continued her speech as follows:

"Parents and teachers should support children to read books of interest. Children should not only be forced to read fictional genres such as novels and stories, but they should also be able to read informative books in line with their abilities and interests. Teachers should also read

books. The teacher who comes to the classroom with a book is inspiring. Teachers can talk to their students about the books they have read and love and encourage them to read.”

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Referring to the fact that reading a book is not stealing from the test solving time, Dr Ekşi said: “It is not right to warn our children who read books to “solve the test or study” and so to portray reading as a useless activity. The child who reads will also be more successful in the tests. Because as he reads, his comprehension and reading speed will increase.”

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Drawing attention to the need to include characters who read books in television series, Dr Ekşi said: “It will be a useful model to show the characters of popular TV series while reading a book. Another important point is that schools raise students' awareness about technological literacy.”

## **Loan amounts increased by 1 Trillion TL in the pandemic**

Speaking about the financial statements of the banking sector during the coronavirus pandemic period, Asst. Prof. Dr. Lokman Kantar said: "The amount of loans provided in the banking sector has increased by 1 trillion TL and in parallel, non-performing loans have increased by approximately 7 billion TL."

Stating that receivables of the banks from the Central Bank of the Republic of Turkey and the assets allocated as required reserves and kept with the Central Bank increased by approximately 100 billion TL, Asst. Prof. Dr. Lokman Kantar, Head of the Banking and Insurance Department of Istanbul Gelisim University, said: “During the Pandemic period, the amount of loans extended in the banking sector increased by 1 trillion TL and parallel to this, non-performing loans increased by approximately 7 billion TL.

Stating that the expected loss provisions during the pandemic period increased by approximately 50 billion TL, Kantar said: “The banking sector obtained 1 trillion TL more deposits during the pandemic period and issued approximately 50 billion TL of securities for

the resources it needed. In this period, when the off-balance sheet items of the banking sector are analyzed, approximately 900 billion TL of additional derivative products were used in order to prevent interest and exchange rate risks.”

“BANKS RECEIVED 11 BILLION TL PROFIT”

Speaking about the profitability of the banking sector in the pandemic, Kantar said: “Despite the decrease in the interest from loans, the banking sector has made approximately 11 billion TL more net profit in this period as there is a further decrease in the interest paid on deposits. Again in this period, foreign exchange losses increased by approximately 7 billion TL due to the increasing exchange rates.”

“NUMBER OF BRANCHES DECREASED”

When other developments in the banking sector are examined, Kantar stated that the number of domestic branches decreased from 11,361 to 11,160 (201) due to home working, and added: “In parallel with this decreasing branch numbers, the number of domestic personnel decreased from 203 thousand 475 to 201 thousand 063 (2412 persons).”

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### **Semester advice for YKS candidates: Let your goal be your source of motivation**

The 2021 Higher Education Institutions Exam (2021-YKS) will be held on June 26 - 27, according to the examination calendar announced by the Assessment, Selection and Placement Center (ÖSYM). According to the information in the MEB's education calendar, the semester break starts on Monday, January 25, 2021. Educator Abdülkadir Gayretli advising university candidates who want to spend the 3-week semester holiday efficiently due to the pandemic, said: “Your goal will be your source of motivation.”

Underlining that the candidates who are preparing for the university must create a course program, Abdülkadir Gayretli, Chairman of the Board of Trustees of Istanbul Gelisim University, said: “Be careful to comply with your schedule. Instead of buying a ready-made program online, create your own. Make sure that your schedule is suitable for your own situation and time. Write your goal on the sheet of your program. Your target will be your motivation source.”

#### **“COMPLETE YOUR MISSINGS”**

Stating that the semester break provides an important "repeat" opportunity, Gayretli said: "Complete your missing subjects. Do not forget to repeat the topics you know. Take topic tests as you repeat topic. Solving these tests will allow you to see different question types and reveal the points you missed. You can prepare for topics you haven't learned yet. Preparing a few times will make it easier for you to learn that subject.”

#### **“READ BOOKS WITH LITERARY VALUE”**

Gayretli warning students to "be sure to be at your desk while studying", added: "Studying in bed, in front of the TV will not be efficient and will cause you to waste time. Leave your phone where you will not see it during your study. Read a book. Read books of literary value to

facilitate paragraph questions that have changed especially in recent years. Solving paragraph questions will save time and help you understand the question.”

“TAKE TIME FOR YOUR FAMILY”

Stating that the semester break is an opportunity for the hobbies that the candidates cannot spare time due to school, Gayretli said: “Spend time for your family and friends. Play games that you had to pause. Watch a movie you can't watch. Do not go out of the program while doing these.”