



REPUBLIC OF TURKEY
ISTANBUL GELISIM UNIVERSITY RECTORATE
Policy of Academic Freedom, Science and Research Ethics

The University is a structure built on universal values and goals; it tries to contribute to humanity by generating value with its activities. The university, which has the understanding of living together by respecting individual differences, has a structure that is bound by the rule of law and kneaded with a culture of tolerance. The concept of university, science and scientist freedom, which is one of the fundamental values determined by the university, is possible for the university to fulfill its duty of serving humanity by generating value with respect for university autonomy and freedom of science. With an unconditional adherence to the principles of science, research and publication ethics, the principles of science, publication and research ethics are implemented with a zero-tolerance policy.

Within this scope, it is one of the basic policies of the University to carry out the studies that will contribute positively to the development of the University and the scientific world and to observe the scientific ethics rules at the point of support and permission of the University.

Basic Values

The basic values on which the University's Policy for Academic Freedom, Science and Research Ethics are based areas follows:

1. **Contribution of the University:** The exercise of the authorities within the framework of academic autonomy, freedom and goodwill, complete fulfillment of responsibilities; it is essential that these principles are protected by managers in and out of the institution.
2. **Individual Freedom:** Academicians who are members of universities should have the freedom to express, defend or not express their opinions in accordance with universal principles within the framework of international conventions, constitutions and laws.
3. **Academic Freedom:** It is essential that scientists have the freedom to conduct research, to share research results, to participate in scientific activities, to learn and to teach according to universal principles within the framework of scientific ethics and values.
4. **Academic Autonomy:** Scientists have autonomy in explaining their studies and opinions. The general policies of the university or decisions taken by the administrators are not considered as the personal opinion of the scientists and it is essential that the members of the University do not have to adopt or defend these decisions.
5. **Freedom of Publication and Research:** Scientists are free to conduct research and conduct scientific research on any topic they wish and to disseminate them. At this point, the rules of

science or ethics committees are only authorized to evaluate within the scope of ethical values and do not have the authority to interfere with the content of the research.

6. Ethics Approach: The University conducts its activities in accordance with international science ethics. In this context, it follows that its members act in accordance with these values and exercise the rights granted to them. It is essential that university members conduct audits and oversight in their scientific studies, which are limited to ethical values, and they are not authorized to make warnings, suggestions or audits except for adherence to scientific ethics values.

Strategy for Academic Freedom, Science and Research Ethics Policy:

Academic freedom, science and research ethics policy which are shaped around these values are as follows:

The University conducts its services to ensure the creation of an environment that will allow the emergence of free and autonomous individuals serving the scientific world and arranges workshops and meetings within the scope of continuous improvement principle where opinion exchanges are made. The principle of equal representation of academicians from all titles has been adopted in order to achieve the purpose of the meetings held.

Academic freedom criteria defined internationally have been adopted by the University and the obstacles that may arise at this point are tried to be eliminated in advance.

The scientific publications made by academicians are evaluated only on the basis of the scientific competence of the platform on which they are published and they are financially supported within the scope of academic incentives without distinction.

Through the Research and Application Center of Scientific Research Projects (BAPMER), financial support is provided from the University resources in order to ensure the continuity of the scientific research of academic staff receiving or not receiving support from a different institution.

Academicians are free to determine weekly subjects, educational materials/resources and methods to be used in relation to the courses they conduct. At this point, the IT infrastructure of the university gives the academicians the authority to update and edit them through their individual systems without obtaining approval or permission from anyone.

Although the university does not intervene in the publications of academics in terms of subject and content, it conducts audit activities in order to protect and supervise the ethical values within and outside the institution and plagiarism report is requested from the publications that will receive support within the scope of academic incentives.

Objectives of the Academic Freedom, Science and Research Ethics Policy:

1. To provide free and qualified academic publications.
2. To create academic staff with autonomous science ethics.
3. To ensure the strengthening and development of the University's corporate identity with the participation of all stakeholders as a result of the free thinking and discussion environment created.
4. To produce scientific and rational solutions to the problems of the country and the world with the participation of all stakeholders as a result of the free thinking and discussion environment.

Indicators are created to monitor the degree of realization of these objectives. Realization percentages are determined and corrective and remedial measures are taken.

Approval of the Rectorate