

## **STRATEGIC GUIDANCE FOR DGS CANDIDATES FROM IGU: A STRONG STEP INTO THE FUTURE WITH THE RIGHT CHOICE!**

The Vertical Transfer Exam (DGS) preference period is of great importance for associate degree graduates as it allows them to elevate their academic journey to the next level, reshape their career plans, and directly influence their future professional positions. This period is not just about calculating scores; it is a strategic stage where candidates must make decisions that align with their long-term goals by understanding themselves better. Clinical Psychologist Beyza Nalan Alçin from Istanbul Gelişim University explained the key points of correct planning during the DGS preference period, focusing on common mistakes made by candidates and how they can maintain their motivation.

**"READING THE GUIDE CAREFULLY IS THE FIRST STEP TO SUCCESS!"**

Clinical Psychologist Alçin stated that the most common mistake candidates make is not examining the preference guide published by ÖSYM carefully enough. She reminded that some programs have mandatory preparatory classes or foreign language requirements, and overlooking such details could lead to difficulties in both academic and social adjustment after placement.

She also pointed out that creating an unbalanced preference list is a significant error: "Instead of only including dream programs with high scores or just safe options, your list should include both your targeted programs and those with a higher probability of acceptance. This way, you won't lose motivation, and you'll maximize your chances of placement," she advised.

**"A BACHELOR'S DEGREE MAKES A DIFFERENCE IN THE BUSINESS WORLD!"**

According to Clinical Psychologist Alçin, continuing with undergraduate education through DGS provides great advantages in one's career journey. She emphasized that a bachelor's degree creates a significant difference in terms of salary, position, and promotion opportunities in the business world: "Associate degree graduates can certainly find jobs, but a bachelor's degree opens much broader doors both academically and professionally. Graduate and doctoral studies are only possible with a bachelor's degree," she said.

"ALWAYS HAVE BACKUP PLANS!"

Highlighting the importance of staying calm and planning when DGS scores do not meet the requirements of desired programs, Clinical Psychologist Alçin recommended that candidates review past years' base scores and quotas: "Be sure to follow the additional placement periods; sometimes excellent programs have available spots in the second placement round. Also, always have backup plans. By considering related programs, you may end up with more opportunities than you initially thought."

"CORRECT PLANNING DURING THE PREFERENCE PERIOD KEEPS MOTIVATION ALIVE!"

Noting that it's not easy to stay motivated in a highly competitive environment, Clinical Psychologist Alçin stressed the importance of psychological resilience and the right perspective: "DGS is certainly a highly competitive exam, but this does not mean failure. On the contrary, many candidates reach their goals through the right strategy and determination. Stay in contact with people who encourage and support you. Correct planning not only for the exam but also during the preference period helps maintain your motivation."

THE RIGHT CHOICE IN DGS: ISTANBUL GELISIM UNIVERSITY

Clinical Psychologist Beyza Nalan Alçin from Istanbul Gelisim University stated that choosing the right university is not only crucial for the undergraduate completion process but also acts as a catalyst in one's career journey after graduation. She emphasized that a strong academic staff, rich internship opportunities, international collaborations, and a system that provides individual support to students greatly contribute to both professional and personal development.

She concluded by highlighting the broad scholarship opportunities IGU offers to students coming through DGS, including the Top 5 Preferences Scholarship, On-Campus Preference Scholarship, Sibling Scholarship, Board of Trustees Success Scholarship, and R&D Incentive Scholarship. The university also provides free double major and minor opportunities, as well as education and internship opportunities across many European countries through Erasmus+. As the university with the highest number of internationally accredited programs in Turkey, IGU meets international education standards through accreditations from respected bodies like ABET, AHPGS, and AQAS. Accredited for five years by YÖKAK, the university also supports students through its career center with services like CV preparation, interview techniques, and standing out in the business world. For graduates looking to start their own businesses, IGU offers free office furniture support, continuing to assist students beyond graduation.

#### **A MULTIDIMENSIONAL PERSPECTIVE ON MIGRATION AT ISTANBUL GELISIM UNIVERSITY: “SYMPOSIUM ON MIGRATION AND ECONOMIC IMPACTS” HELD**

An important academic event was organized as part of the project titled "Determining the Effects of Irregular Migration and Residence Permits on Inflation in Türkiye", supported by the Scientific Research Projects (BAP) Coordination Office of Istanbul Gelisim University (IGU). The "Symposium on Migration and Economic Impacts", held at the Aziz Sancar Conference Hall of Istanbul Gelisim Vocational School, addressed the relationship between migration and the economy from a multidimensional perspective.

#### **THE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN MIGRATION AND INFLATION UNDER THE SPOTLIGHT**

The project, led by Asst. Prof. Atilla Aydın and supported by researchers Asst. Prof. Sibel Aybar Ardil, Lecturer Duygu Hoban, and Lecturer Emine Öztürk Koçali, aims to examine the impact of increasing irregular migration movements and residence permits on inflation in Turkey in recent years. By analyzing the demographic, economic, and social structure of the migrant population, the study aims to distinguish the various effects of these structures on inflation.

Among the ultimate goals of the research are to develop social policy recommendations based on the findings and to propose new approaches to combating inflation. The project also aims to make a unique contribution to the academic literature.

## MULTIDISCIPLINARY PARTICIPATION AND SCIENTIFIC ENGAGEMENT

The symposium was held in a hybrid format, both in-person and online. The event, centered around the theme "Migration and Its Economic Impacts", featured contributions from academics, researchers, and experts from various disciplines. Participants enriched the academic environment by presenting diverse perspectives on the economic dimensions of migration.

Spanning two days, the symposium not only facilitated the sharing of current data but also laid the groundwork for ideas that could inspire future research. In this respect, the event played a significant role in both disseminating the project's findings and identifying new research areas.

## IGU STORM ON THE INTERNATIONAL STAGE: BRONZE MEDAL FROM AHMET YAĞAN!

Ahmet Yağın, a student of the Faculty of Sports Sciences, Department of Exercise and Sport Sciences at Istanbul Gelisim University, achieved significant success by winning the bronze medal in the 86 kg freestyle category at the U20 World Championship held in Bulgaria.

Facing strong opponents from China, Ukraine, India, and Japan, Ahmet Yağın stood out with his outstanding performance. Demonstrating determination and discipline throughout the tournament, Yağın secured third place, making both Turkey and Istanbul Gelisim University proud.

## IGU MARCHES TO THE TOP IN EVERY FIELD OF SPORTS!

Istanbul Gelisim University continues to shine with the achievements of its students in various sports such as football, weightlifting, and wrestling. Embracing the motto "Champions are made at IGU," the university provides all necessary support for young athletes to achieve greater success on the international stage.

Ahmet Yağın's accomplishment is the latest example of IGU's strong vision in sports, adding yet another valuable medal to the university's growing collection of achievements.

## **THE MOST ADVANCED WIND TUNNEL AMONG FOUNDATION UNIVERSITIES OPENED AT ISTANBUL GELISIM UNIVERSITY**

Istanbul Gelisim University has launched the Subsonic Wind Tunnel Project, which features the most advanced specifications among foundation universities. The project was developed through the collaboration of the Faculty of Engineering and Architecture's Department of Aeronautical Engineering and the Technology Transfer Office (TTO). Constructed within the Aerodynamics Research Laboratory, the project was realized through the cooperation between the Department of Aeronautical Engineering and the TTO at Istanbul Gelişim University. The on-campus opening ceremony of the Subsonic Wind Tunnel was held with a speech by Rector Prof. Bahri Şahin and a ribbon-cutting ceremony.

### **THE PROJECT STANDS OUT WITH ITS TECHNICAL FEATURES**

With test chamber dimensions of 50 x 80 x 200 cm and a testing speed of 50 m/s, the Subsonic Wind Tunnel stands out as the largest infrastructure of its kind among foundation universities. The tunnel offers the capability for aerodynamic testing of aircraft components, flow analysis studies, and hybrid validation.

All the design and aerodynamic calculations for the project were carried out by Istanbul Gelisim University academics. The manufacturing was completed by a local firm. It was stated that this nationally produced tunnel is 6–7 times more cost-effective compared to imported alternatives.

### **PROVIDES STUDENTS WITH HANDS-ON EXPERIENCE**

It was noted that the project will support both practical and theoretical courses in aviation, as well as national and international projects, TÜBİTAK research, and patent work. Speaking about the Subsonic Wind Tunnel project, Rector Prof. Bahri Şahin stated:

“The wind tunnel is an essential part of the aerodynamics research laboratory. It is the core component. Wind tunnels exist at 6–7 universities, but ours is the largest among foundation universities. Here, aeronautical engineers can analyze aircraft components and conduct aerodynamic testing. Not only can they perform experimental work, but they can also carry out theoretical CFD analysis on computers. However, these two need to validate each other. Therefore, wind tunnels are indispensable in fields like aviation, marine engineering, mechatronics, mechanical, and automotive engineering.”

Referring to the project's development process, Prof. Şahin said:

“All the designs for the project were done by our professors. They carried out the sizing, calculations, and aerodynamic analyses. The manufacturing was done by a local company. This is a nationally produced wind tunnel. An imported one would have been 6–7 times more expensive. We chose a local and national option. The tests we are currently conducting have been very successful.”

“OUR GOAL IS TO BECOME A RESEARCH UNIVERSITY”

Prof. Şahin continued:

“At Istanbul Gelisim University, we aim to become a research university. To achieve this, we need a strong scientific team, a qualified academic staff, and the necessary infrastructure. We already have a strong academic team in the field of aviation. Now, we are establishing the infrastructure. We’ve made a decision with the board of trustees to open a new research center every year. Our goal this year is to establish an aviation research center and next year, an advanced materials technology center.”

“OUR JET DRONE PROJECT TOOK FIRST PLACE”

Prof. Şahin also shared information about the university’s jet drone project:

“This project is being carried out with our academics, students, and external stakeholders. We want to involve our students in the project so that they gain these capabilities. The prototype production of the project, which won first place in TUSAŞ’s jet drone competition, is progressing rapidly. The Wind Tunnel we’ve established at our university will make significant contributions to this and similar projects.”