

ISTANBUL GELISIM UNIVERSITY HOSTS CULTURAL ATTACHE OF THE YEMEN EMBASSY IN ANKARA

As part of its efforts to strengthen international cooperation, Istanbul Gelisim University (IGU) hosted Ibtisam Al-Shater, the Cultural Attaché of the Yemen Embassy in Ankara. The visit was attended by IGU Rector Prof. Bahri Şahin, Vice Rector Prof. Necmettin Maraşlı, and International Student Director Umedjon Haitmurodov.

IMPORTANT MEETINGS FOR EDUCATIONAL COOPERATION

During the meeting, discussions focused on improving educational relations between the two countries, supporting the educational processes of Yemeni students studying at Istanbul Gelisim University, and providing more opportunities for new students coming from Yemen. In this context, ideas were exchanged on expanding current facilities and implementing new projects.

STRONG SUPPORT FOR YEMENI STUDENTS

Istanbul Gelisim University stands out with its wide range of educational opportunities and various projects aimed at supporting the academic and personal development of Yemeni students. The university also attracts attention with its social, cultural, and academic support programs designed to facilitate the integration process of international students. At the end of the visit, it was emphasized that concrete steps would be taken to strengthen existing cooperation and that more productive projects would be implemented in the future.

FUTURE STEPS IN INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION

Istanbul Gelisim University will continue to deepen educational relations with Yemen, contributing not only to academics but also to cultural interaction and mutual understanding between the two countries.

A MEANINGFUL VISIT FROM UZBEKISTAN TO ISTANBUL GELISIM UNIVERSITY

Istanbul Gelisim University (IGU) hosted an important meeting aimed at strengthening international academic collaborations. IGU Chairman of the Board of Trustees Abdulkadir Gayretli, Vice Rector Prof. Necmettin Maraşlı, Secretary-General Assoc. Prof. Dr. Serdar Egeli, Head of Public Relations and Promotion Department Asst. Prof. Bülent Deyirmenci, Director of the International Student Office Umedjon Haitmurodov, and Deputy Director of the International Student Office Alkan Kotro welcomed education representatives from Uzbekistan.

UZBEK EDUCATION REPRESENTATIVES AT IGU

Among the visitors were Azizbek Ismailov, Founding Rector of Alfraganus University; Ruzieva Dilnoz, Founding Rector of Bukhara Innovation University; Dilduza Rahmonova, Founding Rector of Axborot Technologies and Management University; Nishanov Rustam, Founder of Topex Schools; and Elyor Yuldashev, Founder of Namangan International School. The parties discussed opportunities for collaboration in higher education and held meetings that could pave the way for joint projects.

THE VISIT CONCLUDED WITH A CAMPUS TOUR

Following the meeting, the delegation toured Istanbul Gelisim University's campus, particularly the Faculty of Dentistry. During the tour, information was provided about the university's academic infrastructure, laboratories, and educational facilities.

AIMING TO PROVIDE STUDENTS WITH GLOBAL OPPORTUNITIES

Through the academic ties it has established with higher education institutions in different countries, Istanbul Gelisim University aims to offer students opportunities on a global scale. As part of its internationalization strategy, the university continues its efforts to become one of the centers of quality education and research both in Türkiye and worldwide.

ISTANBUL GELISIM UNIVERSITY MAKES ITS MARK AT TEKNOFEST 2025!

Istanbul Gelisim University (IGU) participated in TEKNOFEST 2025, the world's largest and Turkey's first and only aviation, space, and technology festival, with its innovative projects in science and technology. Held between September 17–21 at Ataturk Airport, the festival brought together students, academics, and technology enthusiasts. With over 1 million visitors, the projects aimed at contributing to the national technology initiative attracted significant attention.

FIRST PLACE IN TEKNOFEST AVIATION IDEATHON

The AirNova team, composed of students from IGU's Aircraft Engineering Department, won first place among more than 150 teams in the TEKNOFEST Aviation Ideathon category, receiving their award from President Recep Tayyip Erdogan.

IGU WINS 6 MEDALS AT ISIF'25

Within the scope of TEKNOFEST, Istanbul Gelisim University also achieved significant success at the International Invention Fair ISIF'25, organized by the Turkish Patent and Trademark Office. The inventions represented by IGU TTO won 1 gold, 2 silver, and 3 bronze medals. The awards were presented by Prof. M. Zeki DURAK, Director of TÜRKPATENT.

AWARD-WINNING PROJECTS

Gold Award

- Asst. Prof. Serkan Gönen, Banu Altay Altın — A system ensuring the security and privacy of biometric data in autonomous vehicles

Silver Awards

- Lecturer Çisem Yaşar — A sensor mechanism to detect the location for epidural anesthesia
- Lecturer Aysun Yılmaz Kızılboğa, Abdullah Mert Leblebici, Cem Arslanpençesi — Security incident data management platform

Bronze Awards

- Assoc. Prof. Sertaç Aksakallı — A functional coating system containing biologically active agents applicable to orthodontic plates and surgical splints with modified surfaces
- Dr. Sena Taş, Prof. Fırat Kaçar — A 3-bit LC lattice digital phase shifter circuit operating at 4.5–5.5 GHz
- Dr. Kübra Sağlam, Prof. Ömer Şimşek, Assoc. Prof. Fatma Coşkun — A functional sourdough with antifungal activity and its production method

JET DRONE PROJECT INTRODUCED FOR THE FIRST TIME

Throughout the festival, in addition to technology, aviation, and flight shows, award ceremonies and events were held. Visitors to Istanbul Gelisim University's booth had the opportunity to learn about the university's R&D-oriented projects, with students' innovative ideas attracting attention. Among these was the Jet Drone Project, introduced for the first time. Having won first place at the TUSAŞ Hangar Campus 2023 competition, the project was produced in collaboration between IGU's Aircraft Engineering Department and the Technology Transfer Office (TTO).

ACADEMIC GATHERING AT ISTANBUL GELISIM UNIVERSITY: INTERNATIONAL BLACK SEA AND CASPIAN BASIN COUNTRIES SYMPOSIUM

Istanbul Gelisim University (IGU) is preparing to host a major international scientific event focused on the Black Sea and Caspian Basin. Organized by Istanbul Gelisim University in collaboration with Istanbul Beykent University, the International Black Sea and Caspian Basin Countries Symposium will be held on October 15, 2025, at IGU's J Block Mehmet Akif Ersoy Conference Hall. The symposium is coordinated by the Political and Social Research Application and Research Center (IGUSAM) within Istanbul Gelisim University.

“WE AIM TO CONTRIBUTE SCIENTIFIC OUTPUTS TO ACADEMIA AND MEDIA”

Asst. Prof. Emre Gündoğdu, Vice Chair of the Department of Political Science and International Relations at Istanbul Gelisim University and one of the academic coordinators of the symposium, shared the following remarks about the goals and scientific contribution potential of the event:

“Together with Prof. Şenol Durgun and Assoc. Prof. Kemal Olçar, I am serving as the academic coordinator of the International Black Sea and Caspian Basin Countries Symposium, which will be held on October 15, 2025, at Istanbul Gelisim University in collaboration with Istanbul Beykent University. We expect that the scientific outputs of our event will provide a unique perspective to the academic community and data for the media. We believe that the symposium will contribute to the scientific body of knowledge by presenting scientific findings and recommendations under the theme of regional stability in the Black Sea and Caspian Basin geography.”

A REGION AT THE CENTER OF THE GLOBAL AGENDA: THE BLACK SEA AND CASPIAN BASIN

The Black Sea and Caspian Basin has historically been a region of strategic importance and rich underground resources, serving as a stage for many regional and global power struggles. Shaped by factors such as energy routes, geopolitical location, and ethnic and cultural diversity, this geography remains one of the most dynamic arenas of international politics today.

For this reason, the symposium will analyze not only current political developments but also the political regimes, economic structures, social fabrics, and historical experiences of the countries in the region within an academic framework.

INTERNATIONAL PARTICIPATION AND AN INTERDISCIPLINARY APPROACH

The symposium aims to bring together academics and expert researchers from various countries, providing a multidimensional scientific discussion platform. Among the participants will be not only experts from the Black Sea and Caspian Basin countries but also international scholars from different disciplines studying this geography.

In this respect, the symposium is regarded not only as a platform for information exchange but also as a venue where regional analyses are shared with the global academic community.

HIGH-QUALITY ACADEMIC DATA FROM IGUSAM

The Political and Social Research Application and Research Center (IGUSAM) at Istanbul Gelisim University, which is organizing the event, stands out as a research center that promotes multidisciplinary studies in social sciences and produces data and analysis for policymakers and the media.

The papers to be presented at the symposium are expected to contribute to the academic literature as well as provide recommendations for ensuring regional stability.

AN IMPORTANT PLATFORM FOR ACADEMIA, DIPLOMACY, AND MEDIA

This symposium, hosted by Istanbul Gelisim University, aims to serve as a strong bridge between academia, diplomacy, and the media. The scientific outputs prepared at the end of the event will serve as a valuable source of information for decision-makers and the public.

ISTANBUL GELISIM UNIVERSITY OFFERS FREE COUNSELING SERVICES TO STUDENTS DURING THE ADDITIONAL PLACEMENT PERIOD

Istanbul Gelisim University (IGU) is providing free counseling services to prospective students during the YKS additional placement period, supporting them in planning their future effectively. IGU expert psychologist and preference advisor Gizem Açıkgöz emphasized that candidates are not only making university preferences during this time but also taking conscious steps that will shape their careers.

“IN ADDITION TO OSYM AND PREFERENCE SCHOLARSHIPS, STUDENTS CAN ALSO BENEFIT FROM THE 10% ON-CAMPUS PREFERENCE SCHOLARSHIP”

Speaking about the efforts carried out during the additional placement period, Gizem Açıkgöz said, “We offer one-on-one and free counseling services to prospective students through our expert preference advisors. Students can visit our campus for face-to-face consultations and benefit not only from the ÖSYM and preference scholarships but also from the 10% On-Campus Preference Scholarship. For candidates who are undecided about their career path or do not want to wait another year, we provide professional support to help them choose the most suitable department according to their interests and abilities. In this way, students have the opportunity to plan not only the preference process but also their future careers in a conscious manner.”

PROFESSIONAL SUPPORT TO REDUCE THE RISK OF MAKING THE WRONG CHOICE

Explaining the advantages of the free counseling service, Açıkgöz said, “This service helps students reduce the risk of making wrong choices and guides them to the most suitable department according to their interests and goals. Additionally, students who receive face-to-face counseling on our campus also have the opportunity to benefit from additional placement and on-campus preference scholarships.”

EDUCATION AND INTERNSHIP OPPORTUNITIES IN EUROPE WITH ERASMUS+

Highlighting IGU’s international opportunities, Açıkgöz stated that students can study and intern in many countries, especially Germany, Italy, Spain, Poland, Portugal, and France, through the Erasmus+ program. “Through this program, our students gain experience in different cultures both academically and professionally,” she said.

“AN INTERNATIONALLY RECOGNIZED DIPLOMA OPENS GLOBAL DOORS FOR OUR GRADUATES”

Providing information about the internationally recognized diploma, Açıkgöz said, “Our graduates can access education and job opportunities in different countries around the world thanks to their diplomas from IGU. This offers a significant advantage in applications for graduate and doctoral programs, as well as in job applications to global companies.”

WORLD-CLASS EDUCATION: GUARANTEED BY ACCREDITATIONS

Açıkgöz also emphasized the importance of the accreditations held by the university: “Our departments approved by respected organizations such as ABET, AQAS, and AHPGS guarantee world-class education for our students. As a result, our graduates achieve international recognition and become preferred candidates in the job market.”

“OUR STUDENTS EXPERIENCE THE PRIVILEGE OF GRADUATING FROM A GLOBALLY RECOGNIZED UNIVERSITY”

Istanbul Gelisim University is among the few universities in Türkiye that have received the 5-year Institutional Accreditation Certificate awarded by YÖKAK. This certificate is an official indicator that the university maintains sustainable quality in education, and it serves as proof for students that they receive reliable, transparent, and internationally standardized education.

Explaining the significance of this certificate for students, expert psychologist and preference advisor Gizem Açıkgöz said, “The Institutional Accreditation Certificate shows that the education our students receive is a guarantee not only for today but also for the future. With this certificate, our students experience the privilege of graduating from a university that is globally recognized.”

“ADDITIONAL PLACEMENT IS A CHANCE TO RESHAPE THE FUTURE”

Finally, Açıkgöz called on candidates, saying, “The additional placement period is a second chance for students and an opportunity to reshape their future. Istanbul Gelisim University offers candidates a comprehensive roadmap during this process, with various scholarship opportunities, internationally accredited programs, globally recognized diplomas, and Erasmus+ options. Students who choose IGU during the additional placement period are not just enrolling in a university; they are stepping into a journey that will shape their careers on an international level.”

"SKILLS OF THE FUTURE" COURSE INTRODUCED FOR THE FIRST TIME IN TURKIYE AT IGU FACULTY OF FINE ARTS

Istanbul Gelisim University (IGU) Faculty of Fine Arts has achieved a first at the university level in Turkey. The "Skills of the Future" course was added to the curriculum for the first time in the 2025–2026 academic year and offered as an elective. The course has been made available to all students across the faculty.

CURRICULUM INSPIRED BY GLOBAL REPORTS

The course content was designed based on the World Economic Forum's "Future of Jobs" report and Deloitte's "2024 Global Human Capital Trends" report. Developed under the Department of Visual Communication Design within the Faculty of Fine Arts, the program focuses on equipping students with the skills they will need to stand out in the professions of the future.

The course will run for fourteen weeks, with a different skill covered each week. Topics such as analytical thinking and innovation, lifelong learning, complex problem-solving, critical analysis, leadership, technological literacy, networks and cybersecurity, artificial intelligence and big data, environmental responsibility, and talent management will be addressed. The goal is to provide students with both theoretical knowledge and practical experience.

A BRIDGE BETWEEN ACADEMIA AND THE BUSINESS WORLD

Asst. Prof. Aslı Kasar, who will lead the course, summarized its aim as follows:

"We want our students to be prepared not only for the professions of the future but also for the skills of the future. Acquiring future-ready skills is just as important as having a profession. To help our students establish a stronger presence in professional life, we must prepare them not only in terms of knowledge but also in terms of skills. Individuals equipped with various up-to-date skills are more likely to succeed in the sector and stand out from the competition. Therefore, it is important to integrate skill-oriented courses into academic programs by closely following current developments. As the Department of Visual Communication Design, we took this idea into account and introduced the course titled 'Skills of the Future' into our curriculum for the first time in Turkey. In doing so, we have taken another step toward strengthening the connection between academia and the business world."

HIGH INTEREST EXPECTED

The course will be held on Thursdays at 2:00 PM and is expected to attract high interest from students. The faculty administration emphasized that the "Skills of the Future" course is anticipated to become a model that could be applied across different departments in the coming years.

THE MOMENT HAS ARRIVED: ADDITIONAL PLACEMENT PERIOD BEGINS!

A second chance is opening up for candidates dreaming of a university education. Based on the results of the 2025-YKS, the additional placement preference period will begin on September 25, 2025, at 2:00 PM and will end on September 30, 2025, at 11:59 PM. During this time, candidates will have the opportunity to submit their preferences through ÖSYM's official system and take a step toward the university of their dreams.

A SECOND OPPORTUNITY FOR CANDIDATES

The additional placement period offers a major opportunity for candidates who were not placed in their desired program during the first round or who wish to revise their choices. Prospective students can submit their preferences individually via <https://ais.osym.gov.tr> using their Turkish ID numbers and passwords or through the ÖSYM Candidate Procedures Mobile Application.

ADDITIONAL PLACEMENT ADVANTAGES AT ISTANBUL GELISIM UNIVERSITY

Istanbul Gelisim University (IGU) continues to support prospective students during the additional placement period. Candidates visiting the university during this period are offered free, one-on-one, in-person preference counseling services by expert advisors and psychologists. Students receive professional guidance not only based on their exam scores but also in line with their interests, career goals, and personal expectations, helping them choose the most suitable program. This ensures a more informed and confident decision-making process.

Additionally, Istanbul Gelisim University offers an extra advantage for students who make their choices on campus during the additional placement period. In addition to the scholarships determined by ÖSYM and existing preference-based scholarships, a 10% On-Campus Preference Scholarship is also available. This benefit not only reduces the cost of education but also gives students the chance to explore the campus in person. Candidates who visit the university to make their preferences get the opportunity to experience both the academic and social aspects of campus life.

FINAL APPLICATION DEADLINE: SEPTEMBER 30

The additional placement period will last only five days. The preference marathon, which begins on September 25, will end at 11:59 PM on September 30, 2025. Therefore, it is essential for candidates to make quick and informed decisions. With all its resources and expert staff, Istanbul Gelisim University will continue to guide candidates throughout the additional placement process to help them make the best possible choices.

IGU CROWNED ITS ACHIEVEMENTS AT TEKNOFEST 2025 WITH A CERTIFICATE PRESENTATION CEREMONY

A certificate presentation ceremony was held at Istanbul Gelisim University (IGU) for the project and invention owners who received awards at the International Invention Fair (ISIF) and the TEKNOFEST Aviation Ideathon competitions, held between September 17–21, 2025, as part of TEKNOFEST 2025. At the ceremony held at the Rectorate, the awards were presented by IGU Rector Prof. Bahri Şahin. Vice Rectors Prof. Necmettin Maraşlı and Prof. Nuri Kuruoğlu, as well as TTO Director Yahya Kemal Kıran, also attended the ceremony.

AWARDS RECEIVED AT ISIF

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AVIATION IDEATHON AWARD

At the Aviation Ideathon competition sponsored by Turkish Airlines (THY), IGU Faculty of Engineering and Architecture Research Assistant in Aircraft Engineering Hüseyin Furkan Çelik won first place and received the gold medal. The award was presented by the President of Türkiye.

A RISING VISION IN SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY

These awards stand as concrete evidence of Istanbul Gelisim University's achievements in the fields of research, innovation, and entrepreneurship, and its rapid development in line with its vision of becoming a "Research University."

The university continues to increase its visibility in both national and international arenas with its scientific output and innovative projects, writing new success stories for its students and academics.

ACADEMIC STRENGTH OF ISTANBUL GELISIM UNIVERSITY RECOGNIZED ON THE INTERNATIONAL STAGE

Istanbul Gelisim University (IGU) has added a new international achievement to its scientific progress. Asst. Prof. Bahadır Kopçasız, faculty member of the Department of Basic Sciences at the Faculty of Engineering and Architecture, was honored with the "Best Researcher Award" at both the Global Particle Physics Excellence Awards 2025 and the Math Scientist Awards 2025, where distinguished researchers from around the world are nominated.

GLOBAL RECOGNITION THROUGH INTERDISCIPLINARY CONTRIBUTIONS

Asst. Prof. Bahadır Kopçasız, who continues his academic career at Istanbul Gelisim University, specializes in computational methods, nonlinear partial differential equations, soliton theory, and Lie symmetries. His research is not limited to the field of mathematics but also interacts with disciplines such as quantum physics, engineering, machine learning, and optimization.

Asst. Prof. Kopcasız has published numerous articles in high-impact international journals. These publications demonstrate his lasting contributions not only to theoretical mathematics but also to applied sciences and interdisciplinary research. His work on modeling nonlinear dynamics, applying computational methods in quantum systems, and AI-based optimization techniques has created a wide area of impact, ranging from sustainability to advanced engineering applications.

IGU'S CULTURE SUPPORTS SCIENTIFIC PRODUCTIVITY

Istanbul Gelisim University paves the way for international success by providing its academics with strong research infrastructure, interdisciplinary collaborations, and a supportive academic environment. The two prestigious awards received by Asst. Prof. Bahadır Kopçasız are among the clearest indicators of IGU's culture that continuously supports scientific productivity and its vision to unlock the full potential of its academics.

ACADEMIC VISION THAT SHAPES THE FUTURE

Award jury reports emphasized that Asst. Prof. Kopçasız is expected to develop new collaborations with international consortia, contribute to academia through increasing publications in Q1 journals, and mentor young researchers. This highlights his potential to become not only a leading academic in Turkey but also a prominent figure on the global stage.

These awards, which support the university's vision of "producing knowledge and adding value to society," once again affirm the global impact of Istanbul Gelisim University's research culture.

ISTANBUL GELISIM UNIVERSITY ACADEMICS FEATURED IN THE “WORLD’S MOST INFLUENTIAL SCIENTISTS” LIST

The 2025 edition of the “World’s Most Influential Scientists” list, which ranks over 200,000 scientists in the top 2% worldwide based on the impact of citations to their publications, has been published in the Elsevier database. The list was compiled by a research team led by Stanford University. Published in two categories—“Career-Long Impact” and “Annual Impact (2024 Studies)” —the list includes four academics from Istanbul Gelisim University in the “Career-Long Impact” category and one academic in the “Annual Impact” category.

ACADEMICS FEATURED IN THE CAREER-LONG IMPACT CATEGORY

In the Career-Long Impact category, the following academics from Istanbul Gelisim University were listed: Rector Prof. Bahri Şahin, Prof. Kemal Sıtkı Türker from the Faculty of Dentistry, and Prof. Ahmet Cihat Baytaş from the Faculty of Engineering and Architecture. Additionally, Assoc. Prof. Festus Victor Bekun from the Faculty of Economics, Administrative and Social Sciences was included in both categories.



SCOPE OF THE STUDY

The study classified scientific publications into 22 scientific fields and 174 subfields, and the list was created based on Scopus data. Key international metrics such as the number of qualified publications, citation count, h-index, hm-index, number of patents, and number of cited articles were among the evaluation criteria.

STRONG SUPPORT FOR ACADEMIC RESEARCH AT IGU

Istanbul Gelisim University continues to provide strong support to its academic staff to increase the number of high-quality research studies. Through the opportunities offered for research-oriented projects, interdisciplinary collaborations, and a global publishing vision, the university aims to lead the scientific production of the future.