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Dear Young People,

Istanbul Gelisim Vocational School, which started its education life in 2008, started to publish a monthly E-Bulletin as of 2021. We are very happy to bring you the August issue of our e-bulletin and to share with you the developments in our Vocational School. I believe you will enjoy reading our bulletin and I present my greetings and respect with the hope of meeting you in a new issue.

You can follow all the developments in our Vocational School on our social media channels.

Director of IGVS
Assoc. Prof. Mehmet SOYAL



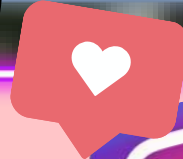
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LEADERSHIP

ACADEMICIANS FROM IGU ARE ON THE "BEST SCIENTISTS" LIST OF THE WORLD AND COUNTRIES!

Research.com, one of the world's leading research and academia portals, has announced the list of the "Best Scientists" of the world and countries. Istanbul Gelisim University academics were shown among the best scientists in Turkey and the world with their degrees in "Engineering and Technology", "Economy and Finance" and "Neuroscience".

Great success in the fields of "Engineering and Technology",
"Economics and Finance" and "Neuroscience"!

Istanbul Gelisim University, which is modern, developing, producing and advancing with an understanding of quality education, stands out with its science, technology and R&D studies. According to the list created on the basis of the D-index created for the purpose of measuring, evaluating and monitoring the performance of scientists in terms of scientific productivity. 3 academicians from Istanbul Gelisim University were included in the list of "Best Scientists" with their successful work.

Istanbul Gelisim University Rector Prof. Dr. Bahri Şahin ranked 17th among 47 scientists from Turkey and 4020th in the world in the field of Engineering and Technology.

Prof. Dr. Kemal Sıtkı Türker from IGU Faculty of Dentistry achieved an important success by being 4th among 6 scientists from Turkey and 5870th in the world.

Asst. Prof. Dr. Festus Victor from the Faculty of Economics, Administrative and Social Sciences of IGU was the only scientist from Turkey to be ranked in the field of Economics and Finance, and he was ranked 1183 in the world.





SCIMAGO
INSTITUTIONS
RANKINGS

SCImago 2024 results have been announced: IGU is in the top 5 in the field of research!

The results of "SCImago University Rankings 2024", which ranks the scientific research, innovation and social impacts of world universities according to SCOPUS publication and citation data, have been announced. Standing out with its work in research areas, Istanbul Gelisim University ranked 5th among Turkish universities in the field of research and 25th in all fields. It attracted attention with the results it received in the categories of Economy, Environmental Science, Business Administration, Energy, Social Sciences and Engineering.

The results of "SCImago University Rankings 2024", which measures the social, scientific impact and innovation of universities around the world, have been announced. Aiming to give a general idea about universities by measuring their performance in terms of research, innovation and social impact, SCImago University Ranking helps students obtain information about a university's education quality, effectiveness and prestige.



Proceeding with the vision of "World University", IGU attracted attention with the work it carried out for its students and the opportunities it provided. It once again proved its success with the degrees it received in different fields in the SCImago University Rankings 2024 results.

Remarkable success among Turkish universities in the categories of Economics, Environmental Science, Business Administration, Energy, Social Sciences and Engineering!

Istanbul Gelisim University draws attention with its research studies in different fields in the 2024 results of SCImago, one of the university evaluation organizations. As a result of the evaluation made on SCOPUS research data, Istanbul Gelisim University ranked 25th in all fields and 5th in the field of research among Turkish universities. IGU also ranked 2nd in Economics, Econometrics and Finance, 4th in Environmental Science, 7th in Business, Management and Accounting, 8th in Energy, 13th in Social Sciences and 14th in Engineering.

IGU achieved great success by being in the 1001-1200 rankings in THE World Universities Ranking 2025



Istanbul Gelisim University has achieved great success by ranking in the top 500 in the field of Research Quality in the list of THE World Universities Ranking 2025, which includes many well-established institutions such as Oxford University, Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT) and Harvard University.

Times Higher Education (THE), the London-based international higher education rating agency, announced the World University Rankings for 2025. The ranking was evaluated with the criteria of Education, Research Environment, Research Quality, Industry and International Outlook between 2019-2023. In this process, those who met various criteria from approximately 40,000 universities worldwide were included in the ranking. While there are more than 2,000 institutions in this ranking, Türkiye has achieved a historical success by being represented by 91 universities. In addition, 12 Turkish universities were included in the top 1000.

IGU, which achieved a significant success in the World Universities Ranking 2025, was ranked in the 1001-1200 in the world in general rankings, being 13th among Turkish universities and 8th among foundation universities.

IGU, which ranks 473rd in the world with Research Quality field, was listed as the 3rd among Turkish universities and as the 2nd among foundation universities. In the field of International Outlook, it ranked 596th in the world, and 5th in Türkiye. The success of IGU in the rankings shows the university's commitment to high-quality education and research and its compliance with international standards. IGU, which advances to the vision of the world university, takes firm steps towards becoming a globally recognized university by supporting its research activities while providing an innovative and contemporary education to its students.



“This achievement is not only a ranking; it is also a reflection of our understanding of academic excellence and innovative education”

Istanbul Gelisim University Rector Prof. Bahri Şahin: “As Istanbul Gelisim University, we are proud to be among the top 500 universities in the field of Research Quality in the Times Higher Education (THE) World Universities Ranking 2025. The fact that we are ranked 8th among the foundation universities in Turkey by being in the 1001-1200 in the general rankings in the international arena is a result of the intense efforts and dedication we carry out together. This achievement is not only a ranking; it is also a reflection of our understanding of academic excellence and innovative education. Our vision is to provide our students with the highest quality education, making them individuals who can compete on a global level. We aim to be a pioneer in knowledge production with our studies in the field of research and innovation. I would like to thank all our academicians and stakeholders of our university who contributed to achieving this success. We will continue to work to achieve many more achievements that will strengthen the presence of IGU in the international arena by continuing to move forward with determination to achieve larger goals in the future.”

Commenting on Türkiye's success in the Times Higher Education (THE) 2025 World University Rankings, THE Global President Phil Baty stated, “The increase in the number of Turkish universities in the top rankings is an indication that Türkiye has made rapid progress in terms of research and education quality. It is really great to observe this and we think it will go higher in the rankings of universities.”

IGU has risen 23 places in the overall ranking!

According to the results announced by Round University Ranking (RUR), one of the institutions ranking universities in the world, Istanbul Gelisim University rose 23 places in the world with 1099th. IGU, on the other hand, ranked 48th among universities in Türkiye and 18th among foundation universities.



Continuing to progress with the vision of "World University", Istanbul Gelisim University (IGU) has achieved a significant success in the international arena and increased its place in the RUR 2024 World Universities Ranking by 23 steps compared to last year. According to the list published by the RUR Rankings Agency for 15 years, IGU ranked 48th in Türkiye and 18th among foundation universities in Türkiye this year.

Round University Ranking (RUR), one of the prestigious organizations ranking world universities, announced the results of 2024. RUR, which evaluates the leading universities around the world according to a total of 20 indicators under the headings of teaching, research, international diversity and financial sustainability, bases its ranking on certain criteria. When determining the scores of universities, teaching and research dimensions are reflected in the total score as 40 percent, and international diversity and financial sustainability indicators are reflected in the total score as 10 percent.

According to the ranking explained in the indicators of Teaching, Research, International Diversity and Financial Sustainability, IGU ranked 1113th in the world in the 'Teaching' indicator and 15th among foundation universities in Türkiye. While maintaining its place in the 'Research' indicator last year, it ranked 1017th in the world ranking and 16th among foundation universities by increasing its score. IGU, which achieved global success with its internationalization strategies, continued its success in the 'International Diversity' indicator and ranked 730th in the world and 16th among the foundation universities in Türkiye, while it ranked 1106th in the world and 16th in the foundation universities in the 'Financial Sustainability' indicator.

YÖK evaluated universities: IGU ranked 1st in 3 categories

The "University Monitoring and Evaluation General Report-2024" prepared by the Council of Higher Education (YÖK) was published. Istanbul Gelisim University (IGU), which stood out in 6 fields last year, stood out in 10 fields this year with its studies. While IGU was at the top with its studies in the field of water saving investment and energy efficiency investment per the amount of water consumed in the "Sustainability" category, which is one of the evaluations made by the Council of Higher Education, it maintained its 1st place as the university with the most accredited undergraduate programs.



The "University Monitoring and Evaluation General Report-2024", in which the Council of Higher Education evaluated 201 universities in Turkey according to 64 different indicators, was published. Istanbul Gelisim University (IGU) ranked 1st in the university category, where the use of energy efficiency investment and water saving investment per the amount of water consumed was the highest. IGU, which took firm steps towards internationalization, maintained its 1st place as the university with the most accredited undergraduate programs among both state and foundation universities.

IGU entered the rankings in 10 different indicators in 4 different categories

Istanbul Gelisim University, which proceeds with the vision of "Research University ", ranked 6th in the category of "applied patent, useful model or design" in the field of " Research-Development, Project and Publication" according to 2024 data, and 13th in the category of "Field-weighted citation impact". In the "University Monitoring and Evaluation General Report-2024"; IGU, which is the 1st university with the most accredited undergraduate programs in the field of "Education and Training", ranked 3rd in the "Number of E-Resources" category.

Advancing with the vision of the world university, IGU ranked 5th in the category of "Number of international doctoral academicians employed" in the field of "Internationalization", 9th in the category of "Number of international students" and 11th in the category of "Number of students participating in exchange programs".

Success in 3 different indicators in the sustainability field!

Istanbul Gelisim University, which attaches importance to sustainability studies in all areas, especially environmental sustainability by adopting the "Sustainable Development Goals", once again emphasized the importance it attaches to the practices for the effective use of natural resources as the 8th in the category of "Direct carbon footprint per capita" as well as its first place in the categories of "energy efficiency investment use" and "water saving investment per amount of water consumed" in the field of "Sustainability" in the 2024 report.



"We act with a strong spirit of cooperation to shape the future"

Istanbul Gelisim University Rector Prof. Bahri Şahin underlined the success of IGU in 10 fields in the University Monitoring and Evaluation General Report-2024, which maintains its 1st place as the university with the most accredited undergraduate program among both state and foundation universities. Prof. Şahin also added: We are proud of the studies we have carried out on many issues such as rapidly developing technology, climate and environmental problems, global conflicts, changes in social needs, employment and economic crises, which YÖK President Prof. Erol Özvar said these are the issues that higher education will seek solutions in the coming period. As a university, we adopt the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals with the aim of leaving a more livable world for future generations. Sustainability is critical not only for the world, but also for humanity, and achieving this goal is a shared responsibility of all of us. In this regard, we aim to develop innovative solutions and increase social benefit by giving special importance to our education and research activities. We act in a strong spirit of cooperation to shape the future."

Istanbul Gelisim University received YÖKAK Corporate Accreditation for 5 years!

Istanbul Gelisim University (IGU) was fully accredited for 5 years as a result of the institutional accreditation evaluation carried out by the Higher Education Quality Board (YÖKAK). After the detailed audit process in December, IGU was entitled to receive accreditation at the highest level with the high standards it has shown in the fields of education, research and development, management system and community service.



**İstanbul Gelişim Üniversitesi,
YÖKAK tarafından
5 yıl süreyle tam akredite edildi!**

Üniversitemiz, eğitim-öğretim, araştırma, yönetim ve topluma hizmet alanlarındaki kalite standartlarını sağlayarak, Yükseköğretim Kalite Kurulu (YÖKAK) tarafından **5 yıl süreyle "Kurumsal Akreditasyon Belgesi" almaya hak kazandı.**



Institutional accreditation is an important process that evaluates whether universities meet the quality standards set in the fields of education, research, management and community service. This rigorous evaluation process carried out by YÖKAK aims to increase the competitiveness of higher education institutions on a national and international scale and to ensure that they establish a transparent and sustainable quality assurance system. Universities that are entitled to receive institutional accreditation prove that they successfully manage quality processes, adopt sustainable development in education and effectively fulfill their mission of adding value to society. Istanbul Gelisim University successfully completed this important process and made its name among the few universities in Türkiye that received full accreditation.

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IGU TTO Strengthens R&D Collaborations with Visit to IDEF 2025 ber Security Training Program applications have started!

Istanbul Gelisim University Technology Transfer Office (IGU TTO) participated once again in the IDEF 2025 International Defense Industry Fair—an international hub for the defense sector—establishing strong connections with industry leaders. IDEF 2025, one of Turkey's largest defense industry events, was held in Istanbul with participation from 103 countries. Over 120,000 visitors attended the fair, which hosted 1,491 companies operating in defense, aerospace, security, maritime, and space industries. The event drew significant international attention, welcoming 231 official delegations and 937 foreign guests, with 20% of attendees coming from abroad.

State Support Highlighted in Opening Speeches

The opening speeches of IDEF 2025 were delivered by Turkish Armed Forces Foundation (TSKGV) General Manager Bilal Topçu, President of Defense Industries Prof. Haluk Görgün, Minister of National Defense Yaşar Güler, and President Recep Tayyip Erdoğan. These speeches emphasized recent successes in the defense industry and underlined the strategic support of the state. During the fair, numerous ministers were observed visiting booths. The participant profile extended beyond defense to include diverse technology and R&D fields, forming a multifaceted collaboration platform.

IGU TTO Committed to Bringing R&D Projects to the Field

At IDEF 2025, Istanbul Gelisim University Technology Transfer Office held productive meetings with defense and tech companies, presenting domestically **developed projects and patented innovations**. Key projects discussed included:

- Agricultural Drone (Zirai İHA): UAV solutions for agricultural spraying
- Frost Prevention Drone: Crop protection technology against low temperatures
- Fire Response Drone: A system with early warning and rapid response capability
- Jet Drone: A high-speed UAV powered by electric fan motors
- 3D Mapping System: Advanced imaging technology for creating digital twins of terrains



IGU TTO distributed its brochure titled "Domestic Production with National Effort", showcasing academic inventions developed through national efforts within the university. Discussions also focused on patent commercialization and licensing processes.

Ongoing Collaboration Talks

As part of the fair, IGU TTO **reconnected with Volo**, with whom prior meetings had been held, confirming continued cooperation on material development projects. Additionally, during a meeting with Flexoil—in the context of fire prevention drone initiatives—both parties discussed designing a drone equipped with a **special fire-extinguishing fluid** for effective forest fire intervention.

“A Focal Point Where Innovation Meets Domestic Production”

IDEF 2025 served as a significant contact point where Istanbul Gelisim University merged its academic expertise with sectoral demands and combined its innovative approach with domestic production.

The Istanbul Gelisim University Technology Transfer Office remains determined to strengthen university-industry collaborations, contribute to the national technology initiative, and promote a patent-focused production culture.



<https://www.gelisim.edu.tr/en/gelisim-news-igu-tto-strengthens-r-d-collaborations-with-visit-to-idef-2025>

Strategic Meeting at Gelisim University Technology Center

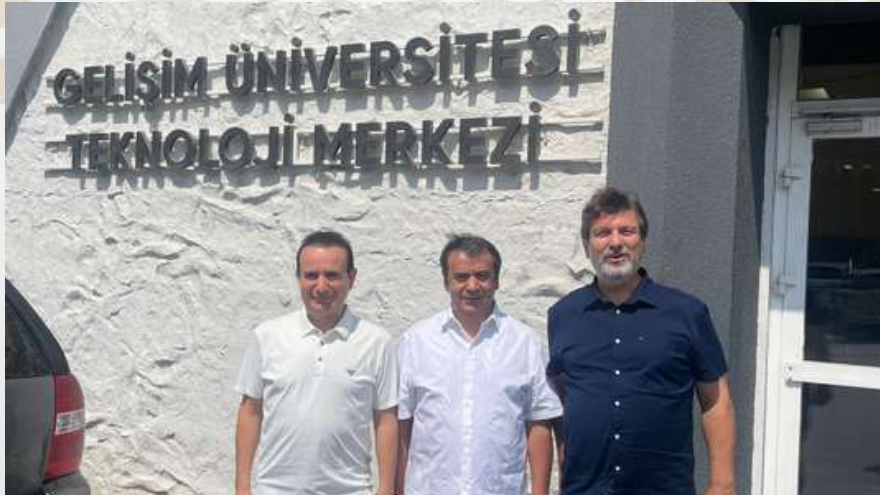
Gelisim University Technology Center (TEKMER) hosted a critical visit as part of an important project developed in the field of health technologies. The project, conducted in collaboration between CİM Games Software and Technology Inc., one of the companies operating within TEKMER, and Trinogate, aims to bring an innovative dimension to the healthcare sector. As part of the project, Istanbul Gelisim University Chairman of the Board of Trustees, Abdülkadir Gayretli, visited the Technology Center. The visit, hosted by TEKMER, was also attended by Asst. Prof. Orhan Çömlek, the project lead, as well as Mehmet Atmaca, Chairman of the Board of Atmaca Holding. During the visit, project details were examined on-site, and the potential for collaboration between the university and industrial organizations was evaluated.

Emphasis on University-Industry Collaboration

During the meeting, participants exchanged ideas specifically regarding the ongoing project and emphasized the importance of aligning R&D-based academic studies with industry. Discussions also addressed the transferability of products developed in the health technology field to practical applications, and the synergy that could be created through partnerships with the private sector.

Scientific Production with a Focus on Social Contribution

Istanbul Gelisim University continues to host such visits and expand its collaborations as part of its strategic efforts to ensure that scientific research contributes to society. IGU TEKMER aims to launch broader joint projects with industry representatives in the near future.



<https://www.gelisim.edu.tr/en/gelisim-news-strategic-meeting-at-gelisim-university-technology-center>

R&D SUPPORT FROM TUBITAK TO HEFA TECHNOLOGY INC.!

IHEFA Teknoloji A.Ş., one of the companies operating under the Istanbul Gelisim University Technology Development Center (TEKMER), has been awarded support under the TUBITAK 1507 SME R&D Initial Support Program. Founded by IGU academics Lecturer Çağrı Faydacı and Lecturer Saddam Heydarov, the company aims to develop a technology-based innovative solution for early childhood education with their project titled “Development of an NFC-Interactive Toy Device and AR-Supported Mobile Application Compatible with the Montessori Approach for Children Aged 2–6.”

Technology Meets the Montessori Approach

Carried out under the roof of IGU TEKMER, the project aims to fill a significant gap in the field of educational technologies. The interactive toy hardware to be developed based on NFC (Near Field Communication) and the AR (augmented reality) supported mobile application are designed to contribute to children's cognitive, social, and motor development.

This system, to be designed in line with the Montessori educational philosophy, is structured to support children's self-directed learning skills while using technology as a pedagogical tool to make learning more interactive and sustainable.

IGU TEKMER Continues to Support the Entrepreneurship Ecosystem

The success achieved by HEFA Technology INC. once again demonstrates Istanbul Gelisim University's tangible contribution to the ecosystem of entrepreneurship, innovation, and R&D. Operating within the university, TEKMER stands out as a key platform in transforming the knowledge and expertise of academics into innovative projects.

This project, to be realized with TUBITAK support, aims to contribute not only to the field of educational technologies but also to Türkiye's innovation power in terms of domestic production and original design.



2025 PROJECT YEAR ERASMUS+ KA131 RESULTS ANNOUNCED: IGU RANKS AT THE TOP AMONG FOUNDATION UNIVERSITIES

The results of the 2025 Erasmus+ KA131 Higher Education Student and Staff Mobility Project applications have been announced. According to the announced results, Istanbul Gelisim University (IGU) has been awarded a total grant of 384,020 Euros. This amount represents the highest KA131 budget the university has received to date. The grant obtained is not only a concrete result of the university's efforts in line with its internationalization vision but also marks an important milestone in offering more opportunities and support in the field of student and staff mobility.

36.7% Increase Compared to 2024!

The total KA131 grant accepted in 2024 was 280,980 Euros. In 2025, it increased by 103,040 Euros, reaching 384,020 Euros. This increase is considered a significant indicator of IGU's success in mobility activities.

IGU Ranks at the Top Among Foundation Universities!

According to the 2025 results, IGU ranked among all foundation universities in Türkiye as follows:

Grant Category Rank	Among Foundation Universities
Training Mobility Grant	1st place
Teaching Mobility Grant	2nd place
Internship Mobility Grant	3rd place
Total Accepted Grant	3rd place
Study Mobility Grant	6th place

This success clearly demonstrates that academic and administrative capacity has been effectively utilized towards internationalization, especially in staff mobility.

Strong Steps in Internationalization

Thanks to strategic partnerships, the quality of project applications, and comprehensive planning of mobility targets carried out by the International Exchange and Cooperation Coordination Office, IGU continues to hold a more visible position in Europe, be more effective in collaborations, and be more active in student/staff exchanges.

More Mobility, More Experience

With the Erasmus+ KA131 grant for the 2025 Project Year, more IGU students will have the opportunity to study and intern abroad, while more academic and administrative staff will be able to participate in teaching and training activities at universities across Europe. With its increasing Erasmus+ grants each year, internationalization strategies, and strong academic partnerships, Istanbul Gelisim University is steadily advancing on the path to becoming a world university that is more visible in Europe and offers more opportunities to its students and staff.

With this achievement, IGU has once again proven that it is one of Turkey's leading foundation universities not only in Erasmus+ grants but also in vision, development, and impact areas.



<https://www.gelisim.edu.tr/en/gelisim-news-2025-project-year-erasmus-ka131-results-announced-igu-ranks-at-the-top-among-foundation-universities>

IGU RECTOR PROF. BAHİRİ ŞAHİN MEETS WITH ENTREPRENEURIAL FIRMS AT TEKMER

Prof. Bahri Şahin, Rector of Istanbul Gelisim University (IGU), visited the Gelişim University Technology Center (TEKMER), one of the university's key hubs for technology and entrepreneurship. During the visit, Rector Prof. Şahin received information about the ongoing projects at TEKMER and examined the work developed by entrepreneurial firms on-site.

Innovative Application in Health Technologies

During the visit, Sintech Health Technologies R&D and Engineering Co. INC., one of the TEKMER-based companies, conducted a foot analysis on Rector Prof. Bahri Şahin. The company provided detailed information about the health technologies they have developed, and the analysis results were shared. It was stated that the application offers modern and science-based solutions aimed at preserving orthopedic health.



Congratulations to Young Entrepreneurs and Academics

Rector Prof. Şahin emphasized the importance of the work being done and congratulated the young entrepreneurs and academics for their success in the fields of technology and innovation. He expressed his satisfaction with the continued development and growth of the university's technology and entrepreneurship ecosystem.



Technology-Oriented Growth at IGU

TEKMER, established as a reflection of IGU's innovative vision, integrates the university's knowledge production capacity into the entrepreneurial ecosystem. The center supports R&D activities in a wide range of fields, from health technologies to engineering solutions, software, and artificial intelligence applications. In this way, both students and academics have the opportunity to commercialize their projects and contribute them to the industry.

Istanbul Gelisim University, in addition to its ongoing efforts in education and research, also stands out with its investments in technology and innovation. Positioned at the heart of this strategy, TEKMER functions as a platform that transfers the university's academic knowledge to the real sector, encourages entrepreneurship, and enables the realization of innovative ideas.





Istanbul Gelisim Vocational School started education in 2008 with 9 programs and became a school that forms the core of Istanbul Gelisim University. It has shown rapid development since its establishment; it has reached 19 departments, 37 programs and 10,630 students. Evening education is provided in 21 of 37 programs.

Istanbul Gelisim Vocational School continues its educational activities with its experienced and strong academic staff. In addition to the permanent instructors, by employing the leading names of the sector part-time, the students are given the opportunity to learn their practical experience in business life.

Istanbul Gelisim Vocational School, which has moved to its new campus as of the Fall Term of the 2017-2018 Academic Year, has a total of 22 workshops, including Aircraft Maintenance Workshops, Mock-Up, Kitchen, Electric, Construction, Automotive, Serigraphy, Ceramics and Fashion workshops, in its new campus so that students can apply their theoretical education practically. Besides it offers a field of application with 7 Computer Labs, one of which is MAC.

Our School's Aircraft Technology Program has the Recognized School Approval Certificate from the General Directorate of Civil Aviation (SHGM) as well as the Flight Operations Specialist Training (Dispatcher) Authorization Certificate from the DGCA. Apart from our two programs authorized by DGCA, the licensing processes for the Approved Cabin Crew Basic Training Organization Certificate for Civil Aviation Cabin Services Turkish and English Programs and the Approved Ground Handling Training Organization Certificate for Civil Air Transport Management Turkish and English Programs are continuing at the DGCA.

Istanbul Gelisim Vocational School students can benefit from the educational and social activity opportunities available in all campuses of our university without interruption.

OUR MISSION

To equip our students in all the programs with innovations in their fields, to keep them informed of current developments, to keep this process alive with scientific activities, and to support the scientific studies of lecturers. To be the solution for the need of qualified intermediate staff with the qualifications required by the sector, to have assimilated the latest technological developments, to have developed a practical side.



OUR VISION

Our vision is to be one of the world's leading vocational schools with qualified academic staff and all the programs recognized by international institutions and organizations, and to train students who are demanded by the market and who are all employed after graduation.

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EDUCATION



NEWS FROM IGVS

Academic Visit to Vern' University in Zagreb by Asst. Prof. Sercan Yıldız, Faculty Member of the Tourist Guiding Program

Asst. Prof. Sercan Yıldız, a faculty member of the Tourist Guiding Program at Istanbul Gelisim University Vocational School, conducted an academic visit to Vern' University in Zagreb, the capital of Croatia, within the scope of the Erasmus+ Staff Mobility for Training between July 14–18, 2025.

During the visit, the academic structure of the university was examined, and information was gathered on educational processes through meetings with various departments. Course syllabi were compared, and sample practices related to applied teaching methods and student-centered learning models were observed. Opportunities for developing academic collaborations between the two institutions were evaluated, laying the groundwork for potential joint projects in the future.

The outcomes of the visit are planned to be transferred to the academic activities conducted within the department and to benefit the students accordingly.



IGVS academic Lect. İpek Ebru KARAÇAY visited the University Business Academy in Novi Sad Faculty of Contemporary Arts in Belgrade, Serbia, between July 21 and 25, 2025, within the scope of Erasmus+ Staff Mobility.

During the visit, productive discussions were held with Prof. Dragan Čalović regarding future bilateral collaborations, joint projects, and Erasmus+ agreements.

Additionally, our Computer-Aided Design and Animation, as well as Game Development and Programming programs within IGVS, have been included in the agreement made with the relevant institution under the Erasmus+ student mobility program.

Our international collaborations continue unabated!



Visit to the Air Transport Workers' Union

On July 9, 2025, Istanbul Gelisim University's Civil Aviation Cabin Services (Turkish) and Civil Aviation Transportation Management (English) Programs paid a return visit to the Air Transport Workers' Union.

This visit, which aimed to thank Hava-İş representatives who had previously contributed to an event held at our university by participating as speakers, was also an important step towards mutual acquaintance and cooperation between the institutions.

During the meeting, sectoral curriculum proposals, experiences regarding job interview processes, demands for professional English proficiency, and current needs in the sector were discussed. Additionally, ideas were exchanged regarding potential joint projects and collaborations that could be implemented in the future.

We would like to thank Hava-İş Union for their kind hospitality and express our desire to further strengthen our relationship as partner institutions within a framework of mutual understanding and trust..



ISTANBUL GELISIM UNIVERSITY IGVS HAS LAUNCHED AN EMPLOYMENT-GUARANTEED EDUCATION PROJECT THAT OFFERS STRONG CAREER OPPORTUNITIES TO ITS STUDENTS AND GRADUATES

IGVS has signed an important collaboration that opens the door to a new career opportunity for its students and graduates. Within the framework of the protocol signed with **İŞKUR, the Union of Chambers and Commodity Exchanges of Turkey (TOBB)**, and one of the leading brands in the sector, **Emirgan Sütüş, the Qualified Workforce Training Program (NİYEP)** has been implemented.

As the first project of its kind in Turkey, Istanbul Gelisim University Vocational School has developed a comprehensive training module specifically for the profession of **"Milk-Based Dessert Master" based on its academic expertise and sectoral analysis**. These training sessions, which will include both theoretical and practical components, will begin on August 14, 2025, at the Emirgan Sütüş production factory located in Beylikdüzü, Istanbul, and will last for 3 months. The training will be conducted by our university's expert academic staff.

Graduates of Istanbul Gelisim University will be given priority for the program, and participants who successfully complete their training will be directly employed by the **Emirgan Sütüş company**. In this way, the project not only helps young people gain professional competencies but also prepares them for a strong entry into the business world.

The project is coordinated by **Asst. Prof. Kenan Akpınar**, and the training sessions are led by **Asst. Prof. Kübra Sağlam, Asst. Prof. Eda Şensu Demir, Lect. Zeynep Kurhan, and Lect. Müzeyyen Büşra Sağlam**.

Our esteemed Board of Trustees of Istanbul Gelisim University, Rectorate, General Secretariat, and the Directorate of IGVS have shown sincere and strong support at every stage of the project, making a heartfelt contribution to the realization of this training program. **The administrative staff of IGVS** played a crucial role in the successful progress of the project by working diligently on the planning, organization, and implementation aspects of the process.

This collaboration will be a concrete reflection of Istanbul Gelisim University IGVS' vision of "equipping its students and graduates with the best possible skills for the industry", and it will make a significant contribution to both the development of a qualified workforce and the employment of graduates.

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R & D



The study titled "Digital Transformation with Generative Artificial Intelligence: Career Fields of the Future," co-authored by Asst. Prof. Dr. Ercan AYKUT from the IGVS Electricity Generation, Transmission, and Distribution Program and Lect. Ali ÇETİNKAYA from the Electronic Technology Program, was published by BIDGE Publications as a chapter in the book titled "New Generation Artificial Intelligence Approaches: Software, Kariver, and Neural Architectures." The relevant book chapter study has been published with ISBN: 978-625-372-677-5 and DOI: 10.70269/10.70269/8482166552.

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Most active GitHub users in Turkey

This is a list of most active GitHub users in Turkey over the past year. Other countries/regions can be found [here](#). This list was generated at 2025-07-19 02:14:13.8 +0000 and machine-readable JSON is available for

• rank-only with categories

This list is generated with this piece of code. The topic is as follows (in pseudocode):

```
githubusers.sort(_followers)
.filter(_location == "Turkey")
.take(1000)
.sort(_contributions)
.take(250)
```

This list contains all public commits for each user. There are 116227 total users in the region and you need at least 142 followers to be on this list.

Badges are also available, which you can include on your profile pages. Simply include the following markdown for users:

```
[!committers.top.badge](https://user-badges.committers.top)
```

For organizations, you need to use a slightly different markup:

```
[!committers.top.badge](https://org-badges.committers.top)
```

To see you aren't currently linked on this page, you'll simply receive an "unlinked" badge.

Rank	User	Contribs	Picture
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Lect. Ali Çetinkaya, Head of the Autonomous Systems Technician Program at Istanbul Gelisim Vocational School, Ranked Among the Top 3 in Turkey on GitHub in 2025. GitHub is one of the most widely used platforms worldwide for software development, sharing open-source contributions, and supporting collaborative production. In the 2025 rankings, which evaluated users from 138 countries and 674 cities, a total of 974 users from Turkey were listed. Among these, 141 developers stood out based on their level of active contributions. Lect. Ali Çetinkaya achieved a remarkable position by ranking within the top 3 in Turkey in two separate international lists published on GitHub: "Top GitHub Users By Public Contributions in Turkey" and "Most Active GitHub Users in Turkey."

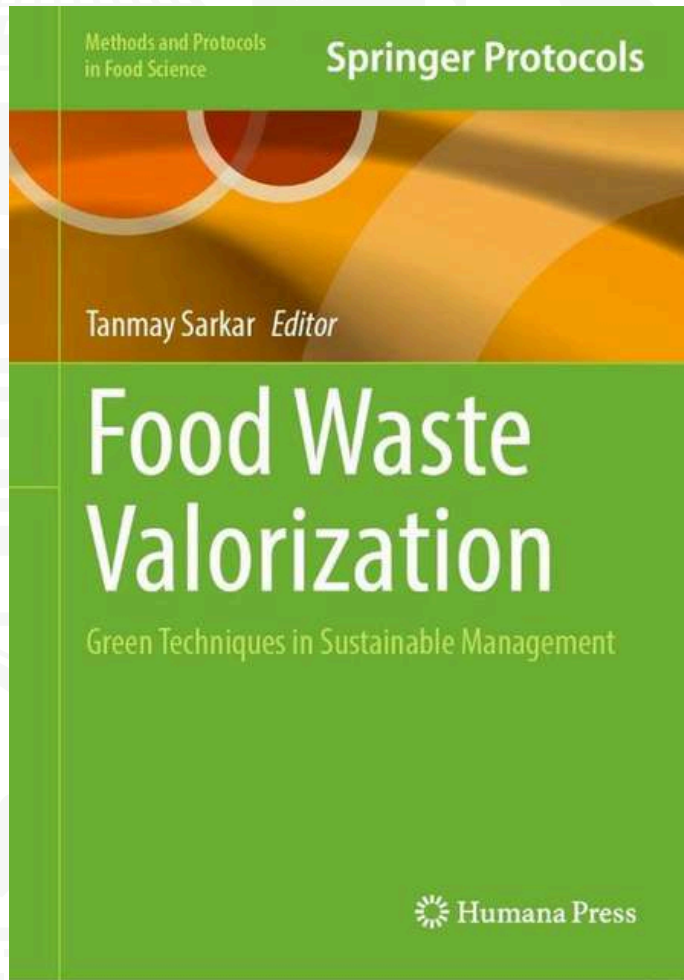
Top GitHub Users By Public Contributions in Turkey					
The public contributions by users in Turkey on 2025/7/14 12:14 AM UTC. This list contains users from Turkey and cities Istanbul, Ankara, Izmir, Konya, Gaziantep, Adana.					
There are 138 countries and 674 cities can be found here.					
There are 974 users in Turkey. You need at least 142 followers to be on this list.					
Don't forget to star this repository					
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"Most active GitHub users in Turkey" ranking:
<https://committers.top/turkey>

"Top GitHub Users By Public Contributions in Turkey" ranking:
https://github.com/gayanvoice/top-github-users/blob/main/markdown/public_contributions/turkey.md

GitHub Profile: <https://github.com/acetinkaya>

The book chapter titled "Green Valorization of Dairy Waste: Protocols for Sustainable Protein Recovery" by Asst. Prof. Kübra Sağlam, an academic from the Food Technology Program at IGVS, has been published in the book Food Waste Valorization by Springer Nature. **[Click here for access to the book.](#)**



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Digital Publishing Platforms and Digital Games: The New Frontiers of Entertainment

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Digital streaming platforms are rapidly transforming the way content is delivered. Netflix, leading this transformation, is no longer just a platform for TV shows and movies but is also becoming a major player in the gaming industry. Once used solely for watching movies and TV shows, these platforms now offer interactive entertainment experiences through initiatives like Netflix Games. This trend highlights the potential for collaboration between streaming platforms and digital games while also opening up significant opportunities for user satisfaction.

Netflix, which introduced its first games in 2021, now offers its subscribers more than 80 games on mobile platforms. These games can be played without any additional fees or advertisements. The most important reason behind this strategy is to increase the time spent on the platform and strengthen user loyalty. To this end, Netflix continues to expand the universes of its popular series with games. Users can now play games set in the universes of their favorite series or films, transforming content consumption into a more immersive experience. For example, offering a game set in the Stranger Things universe not only delights fans of the series but also adds new value to the platform. One recent example is the mobile game "Blood Line," based on Zack Snyder's science fiction universe "Rebel Moon." Meanwhile, award-winning titles like "Monument Valley 3" and "Oxenfree II" have been added to Netflix's lineup, while the company is also focusing on developing its own original games to increase engagement. As of July 2025, licensed titles like "Hades" and "Monument Valley" have been removed from the platform.

This is interpreted as part of Netflix's strategy to strengthen its own production rather than relying on external licenses. Additionally, through licensing partnerships with Roblox, Netflix-branded experiences are being extended to other digital platforms. These steps aim to move users beyond mere viewing and encourage deeper engagement with the platform. Netflix seeks to increase user loyalty and reduce cancellation rates through these games.

Netflix, although initially limited to mobile games, is constantly expanding the game library it offers its members. Netflix is preparing to go beyond mobile devices and offer optimized gaming experiences for Smart TVs. This initiative, planned to be launched by the end of 2025, aims to bring a console-like experience directly to the television. As a result, users will be able to engage in a more immersive experience by transforming their remote control or mobile device into a game controller. Games for streaming platforms are a new way to increase content diversity and differentiate from competitors. Especially in today's competitive environment, where streaming rights and production costs are steadily increasing, games can be an attractive alternative. On the other hand, for game developers, streaming platforms represent a massive distribution channel reaching billions of subscribers. This is particularly significant for independent game studios, as they can reach much broader audiences with the support of major streaming platforms. Additionally, this integration enables platforms to strengthen their own brands and add new value to their subscription models.

From the user's perspective, streaming platforms offering games provide great convenience and accessibility. Access to high-quality games without the need to pay additional fees or download separate applications significantly improves the user experience. These games, which are easily accessible on mobile devices, offer a quick and enjoyable escape from daily life. Users have the opportunity to both watch movies and TV shows and play games through a single platform.

In the future, this integration is expected to deepen further. With the advancement of cloud gaming technologies, even high-graphics games may become playable directly through streaming platforms. This will enable players to access their favorite games without the need for additional hardware. The convergence of streaming platforms and digital games is opening the door to a new generation of entertainment experiences and redefining the boundaries of the content available to users. This new era is likely to bring exciting developments from both creative and commercial perspectives.

What Are Turkey's Goals for Tourism in 2025?

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The year 2024 marked a significant milestone for tourism in Turkey. In fact, tourism figures in 2024 surpassed the 56.7 million visitors and 54.3 billion USD revenue achieved in 2023, setting new records in both visitor numbers and income. Following this strong performance, Turkey entered 2025 with even more ambitious goals in the global tourism market. According to the strategic plans of the Ministry of Culture and Tourism, by the end of 2025, the country aims to host between 65 and 70 million international visitors and generate between 64 and 70 billion USD in revenue from these visitors. These targets are part of Turkey's vision to become one of the world's top three most visited destinations and to diversify tourism revenues, thereby increasing the added value tourism contributes to the national economy. To achieve these ambitious goals, the Turkish tourism sector is developing policies that not only focus on increasing visitor numbers but also aim to raise per visitor spending and average length of stay.

Where Do the First Quarter 2025 Data Stand Regarding Tourism Goals?

The first quarter data of 2025 indicate that Turkey's tourism sector continues its dynamic growth momentum. In the first three months of the year, Turkey's tourism revenues reached 9.45 billion USD, reflecting a 5.6% increase compared to the same period in the previous year. This growth is particularly supported by rises in individual expenditures and package tour revenues. Industry stakeholders view these figures as a positive indicator on the path to achieving year-end targets.

Meanwhile, analyses for the 2025 summer season published by the Association of Tour Operators of Russia (ATOR) show that Turkey remains the most popular destination for Russian tourists. However, as in previous years, Turkey's tourism sector faces strong competition from countries like Spain and Greece. In this competitive environment, Turkey aims to differentiate itself not only through affordable holiday options but also by offering high-quality service, rich cultural heritage, and diverse tourism products.

How Has Istanbul's Tourism Performed from January to May?

Istanbul continues to hold its position as the flagship of Turkey's tourism sector in 2025. Between January and May, the city hosted over 7 million 4 thousand international visitors, marking a 1.16% increase compared to the same period last year. In May 2025, the top countries sending visitors to Istanbul were the Russian Federation (177,000), Germany (123,000), and the USA (104,000). The United Kingdom (73,000) and Iran (70,000) also contributed significant visitor numbers. These figures demonstrate Istanbul's potential to attract tourists from diverse regions, both regionally and globally. Notably, Istanbul's accommodation sector continues to maintain strong performance in 2025. The average hotel occupancy rate in the city reached a high level of 74.2% during the first five months. Total overnight stays in Istanbul in 2025 reached 15.6 million nights. This high number of overnight stays indicates that visitors are staying longer in the city, thereby contributing more to the local economy.

Will Turkey Achieve Its 2025 Tourism Goals?

The first quarter and first five-month data presented above are critical for assessing Turkey's potential to meet its 2025 tourism targets. These indicators clearly reflect the sector's momentum at the beginning of the year, its position in international markets, and the performance of key cities such as Istanbul. Rising revenues and visitor numbers confirm the effectiveness of implemented strategies, while successes in niche markets and the diversity of visitors from various regions highlight Turkish tourism's capacity for sustainable growth. These dynamics form the foundation for reaching the ambitious targets of 65 to 70 million visitors and 64 to 70 billion USD in revenue by the end of 2025.

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ultrAslan UNI is a sub-group of Türkiye's biggest fan group ultrAslan, consisting of university students. The aim of the group is to bring university students together to go to the team's matches and support the team's success. ultrAslan UNI Gelisim is a fan group formed by Galatasaray students studying at our university. ultrAslan UNI supports the team and cheers in the stands during the team's matches. In addition, the group's activities include pre- and post-match meetings, bannermaking activities and social events. ultrAslan UNI has gained an important place among Galatasaray fans and has played an important role in supporting the team's success. Our club organizes many social events inside and outside the university and interacts with other clubs to increase solidarity between clubs. It also organizes many social responsibility projects, enabling students to be useful to the society. The main purpose of the club is to bring the students of Istanbul Gelisim University together to support our team, take part in social responsibility projects and make university life more enjoyable.



We, who have been brought together by Galatasaray, are not limited to Galatasaray, but with the organizations and social responsibility projects carried out, we make the name of UltrAslan UNI known everywhere, and we continue to give the message 'WE ARE EVERYWHERE' beyond the borders of Türkiye every day.

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