



ORTA DOĞU TEKNİK ÜNİVERSİTESİ
MIDDLE EAST TECHNICAL UNIVERSITY



Mission

Attaining excellence in research, education and public service for society, humanity and nature, in an environment nurturing creative and critical thinking, innovation, leadership, and universal values.

Vision

A leading international university that transforms its region and the world.

International Mandate and Vision



Türkiye's
premier state research
university



Established with an
international mandate
and an international vision



English as the
medium of instruction
at ALL levels and degrees

Campuses

1956

Ankara

main campus



2000

Northern Cyprus Kalkanlı



1975

Mersin Erdemli



*Baku Campus at Türkiye
Azerbaijan University*

Baku



Strengths of METU



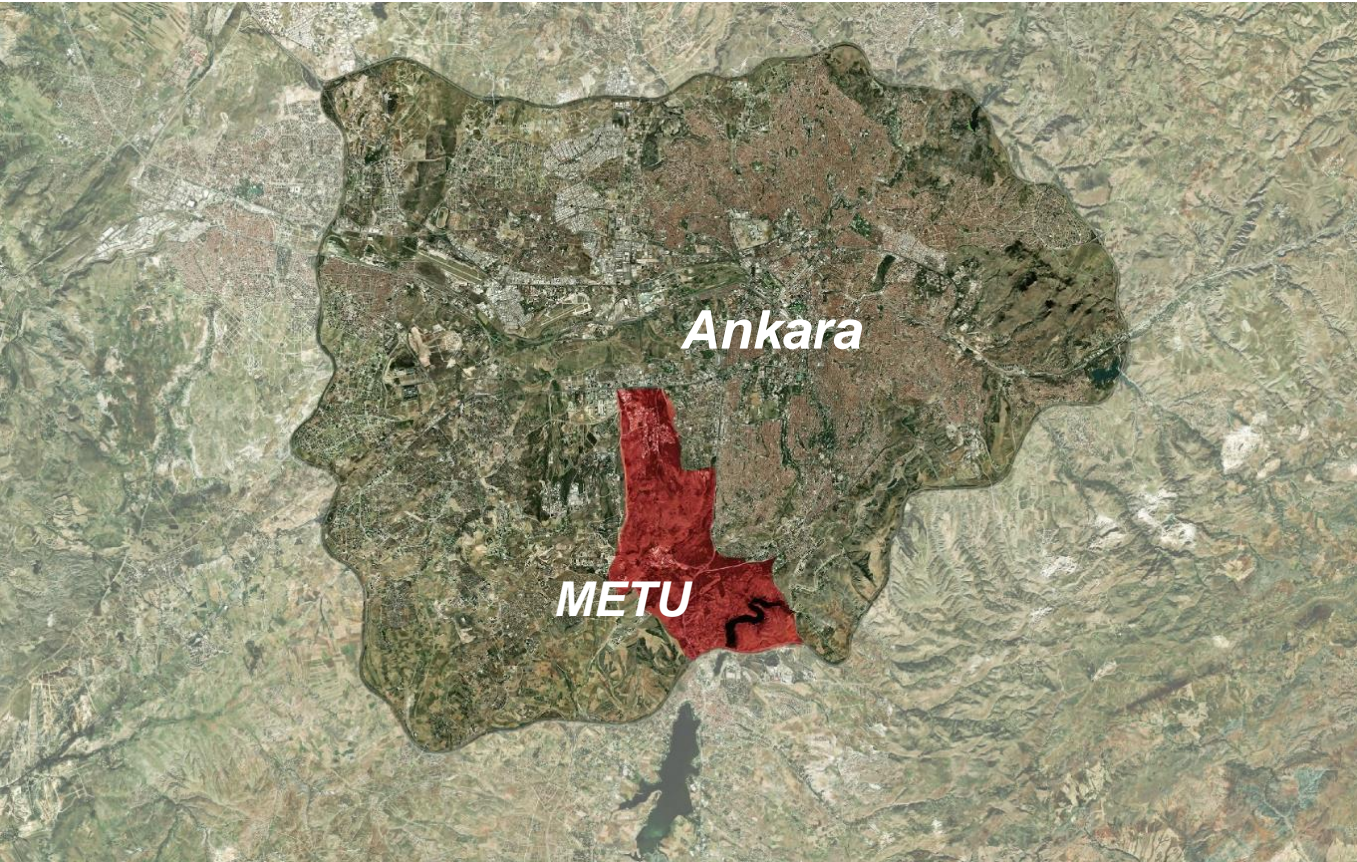
Ankara Campus Plan



campus area
4500 hectares
(45 km²)



forest area
3043 hectares
(33 km²)





Lake Eymir



lake area
45 km²



METU **SAILING** TEAM

In 1956, within the 45 km² granted, a lake (Lake Eymir) was also allocated to Middle East Technical University for use.

METU is the only university in Türkiye with a lake inside the campus area.

Lake Eymir is located on 20 km south of Ankara at an altitude of 970 meters.

METU has a 54-year-old Sailing Team in the city, having been training without a sea.

Social Opportunities



65.800 m²

*indoor & outdoor
sports area*



42

sports teams



110

*student cultural
groups*



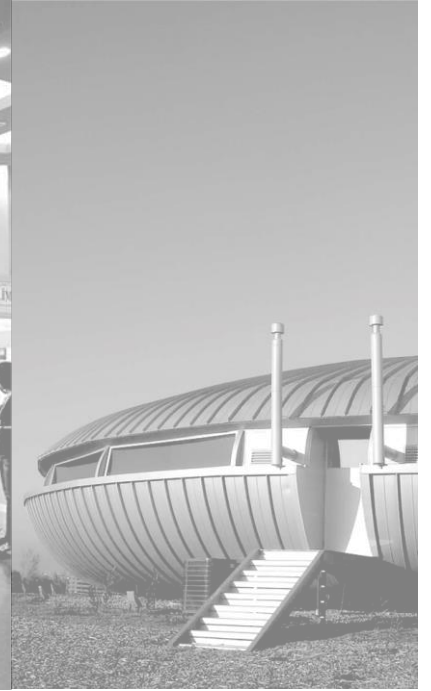
1.539

*participants of
continuing education
center trainings*



774

*scientific meetings
and cultural events
organized*



9.728

*visitors to science
and technology
museum*



Middle Eastern Technical University Institute of Marine Sciences

The Graduate School of Marine Sciences ***Marine Geology, Geophysics, Marine Biology, Fisheries and Oceanography*** offer postgraduate doctoral and post-doctoral research opportunities.

IMS studies are carried out with an emphasis on combined theory and practical laboratory work.

Turkiye's first Research Vessel the R/V Bilim2 belongs to the IMS and important research in Türkiye's 4 seas continues today.



Middle Eastern Technical University Northern Cyprus Campus

Middle East Technical University Northern Cyprus Campus is the first overseas campus of a Turkish university, and was founded in accordance with an invitation conveyed to METU by the governments of Republic of Türkiye and Turkish Republic of Northern Cyprus in the year 2000.

Located at the Güzelyurt district of North Cyprus, the Campus currently offers 15 undergraduate and 5 graduate programs providing the academic repertoire and quality maintained at the home campus in Ankara, Türkiye.



5 faculties

currently enrolled
students lie within
the 1% - 5% of
2.000.000+ applicants

for more information:



Architecture

3

Arts & Sciences

10

Economics & Administrative Sciences

6

Education

10

Engineering

*METU is the 1st university receiving ABET
accreditation in Türkiye. All engineering
programs have ABET accreditation.*

13

total undergraduate programs

42

5 graduate schools

for more information:



Graduate School of Natural and Applied Sciences

94

Graduate School of Social Sciences

59

Graduate School of Informatics

14

Graduate School of Applied Mathematics

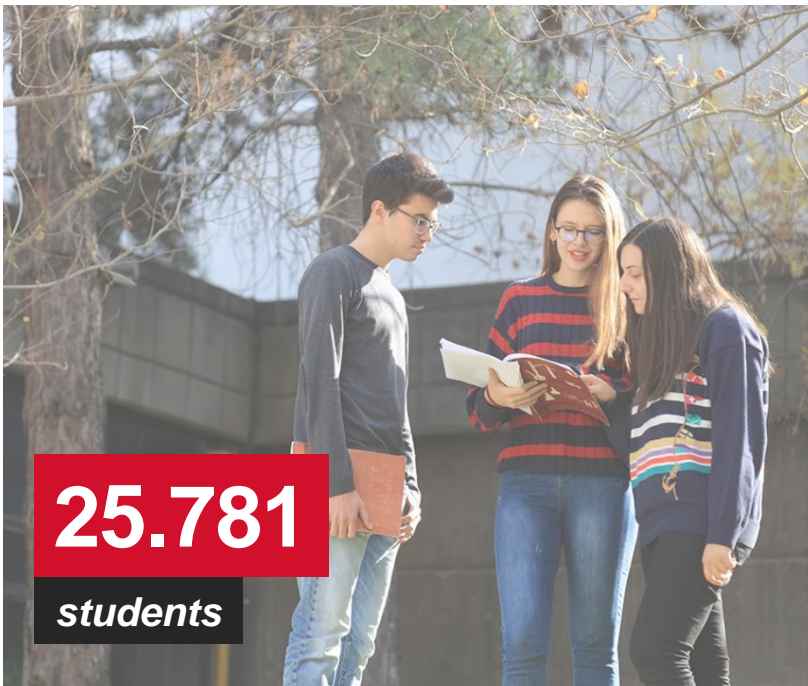
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Institute of Marine Sciences

6

total graduate programs

180



25.781

students



154.897

graduates since 1960

222

programs

42

undergraduate programs

109

master's programs

71

doctoral programs

16

accredited programs

47

interdisciplinary programs



1500+ international students

from 84 countries



1978

*academic personnel
as of 2024*



HR EXCELLENCE IN RESEARCH

682 faculty members

2446 administrative staff

378 professors

177 associate professors

127 assistant professors

344 lecturers and instructors

144 specialists

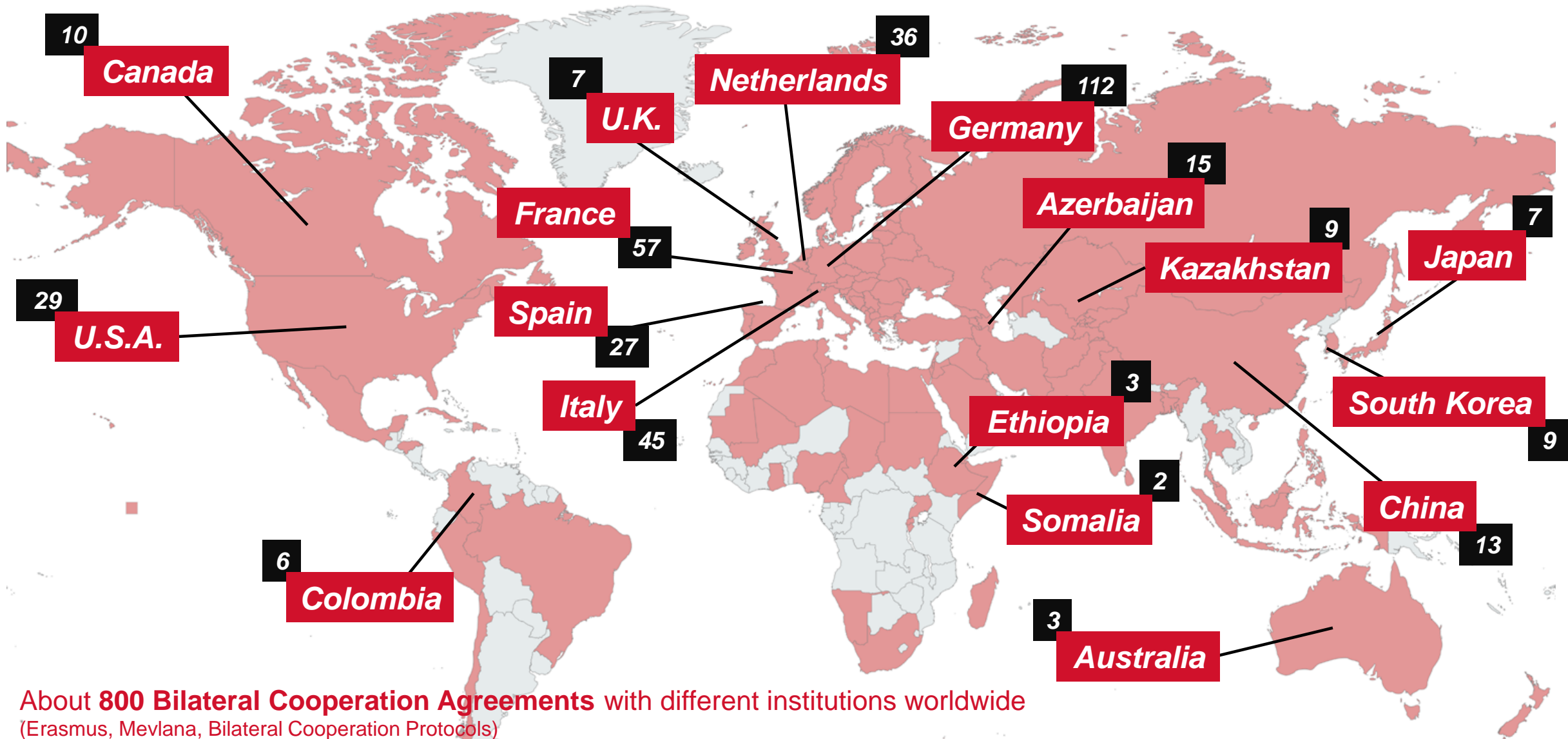
72 research assistants under article 35 (including OYP)

736 research assistants

31 international faculty members

METU is the first Turkish university to receive HR Logo, that is an important symbol for the international visibility and reliability of universities.





About **800 Bilateral Cooperation Agreements** with different institutions worldwide
(Erasmus, Mevlana, Bilateral Cooperation Protocols)

Each year, we send approximately **550 students** and **over 150 teaching/ administrative staff** abroad,
while hosting around **250 incoming students** and **100 teaching/administrative staff**
(an annual average of 1,000 participants in our mobility programs)

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International Students

Top 10 nationalities within 1529 international students from 84 countries

| Ankara Campus | | Northern Cyprus Campus | |
|--|--------------------|--|--------------------|
| Nationality | Number of Students | Nationality | Number of Students |
| <i>Azerbaijan</i> | 265 | <i>Turkish Republic of Northern Cyprus</i> | 108 |
| <i>Pakistan</i> | 174 | <i>Pakistan</i> | 66 |
| <i>Iran</i> | 147 | <i>Kenya</i> | 26 |
| <i>Egypt</i> | 55 | <i>Azerbaijan</i> | 12 |
| <i>Kazakhstan</i> | 41 | <i>Zambia</i> | 10 |
| <i>Turkish Republic of Northern Cyprus</i> | 42 | <i>Nigeria</i> | 9 |
| <i>United States of America</i> | 42 | <i>Iran</i> | 7 |
| <i>Russian Federation</i> | 36 | <i>Rwanda</i> | 6 |
| <i>Syria</i> | 28 | <i>Jordan</i> | 5 |
| <i>Bangladesh</i> | 24 | <i>Egypt</i> | 5 |



International Accreditation



Engineering
Technology
Accreditation
Commission

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Europass certificate in all
diplomas from all METU



European Association for
Public Administration
Accreditation

Joint Degree Programs & Protocols

| University Partner | Country | Name of Joint Program | Program Level |
|---|---------------------------|---|---------------|
| SUNY Binghamton University | U.S.A. | Global and International Affairs | Undergraduate |
| SUNY Binghamton University | U.S.A. | Business Administration | Undergraduate |
| SUNY New Paltz University | U.S.A. | Business Administration | Undergraduate |
| SUNY New Paltz University | U.S.A. | Foreign Language Education/Liberal Studies | Undergraduate |
| Humboldt University | Germany | Social Sciences (Turkish-German) | Master's |
| Middlesex University | England | Work Based Learning | Master's |
| Eindhoven University of Technology | Netherlands | Industrial Engineering | Master's |
| TU Delft | Netherlands | Design for Interaction | Master's |
| TU Delft | Netherlands | Computational Design and Fabrication Technologies in Architecture | Master's |
| The Rose School of the Institute for Advanced Study of Pavia The University Joseph Fourier G I The University of Patras | Italy France Greece | Earthquake Engineering and Engineering Seismology | Master's |

Joint Degree Programs & Protocols

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|--|-------------|-------------------------|---------------|
| University of Poitiers-ENSMA | France | Aerospace Engineering | Doctoral |
| University of Orleans | France | Aerospace Engineering | Doctoral |
| Universite Paul Sabatier (Toulouse) | France | Biology | Doctoral |
| Claude Bernard Lyon University | France | Biotechnology | Doctoral |
| INSA of Lyon (Institut National des Sciences Appliquees de Lyon) | France | Chemical Engineering | Doctoral |
| Ecole Nationale Supérieure des Mines de Paris | France | Civil Engineering | Doctoral |
| University Bordeaux 1 | France | Food Engineering | Doctoral |
| Univers.Louis Pasteur- Strasbourg | France | Mathematics | Doctoral |
| Lumiere Lyon 2 University | France | International Relations | Doctoral |
| Technical University of Eindhoven | Netherlands | Chemical Engineering | Doctoral |
| Carnegie Mellon University | U.S.A. | Civil Engineering | Doctoral |
| Carnegie Mellon University | U.S.A. | Environmental Eng. | Doctoral |



QS World University Rankings

2025 Results by subject

The sole **first place in 7 subjects** among universities in Türkiye and has been recognized as the top university in Türkiye across a total of 12 subjects.

Ranked 8th in Petroleum Engineering (only discipline from Türkiye ranking among the top 10), placed in the top 100 in two subjects, the top 200 in nine subjects, the top 300 in 19 subjects, and the top 400 in 22 subjects.

QS World University Rankings 2026

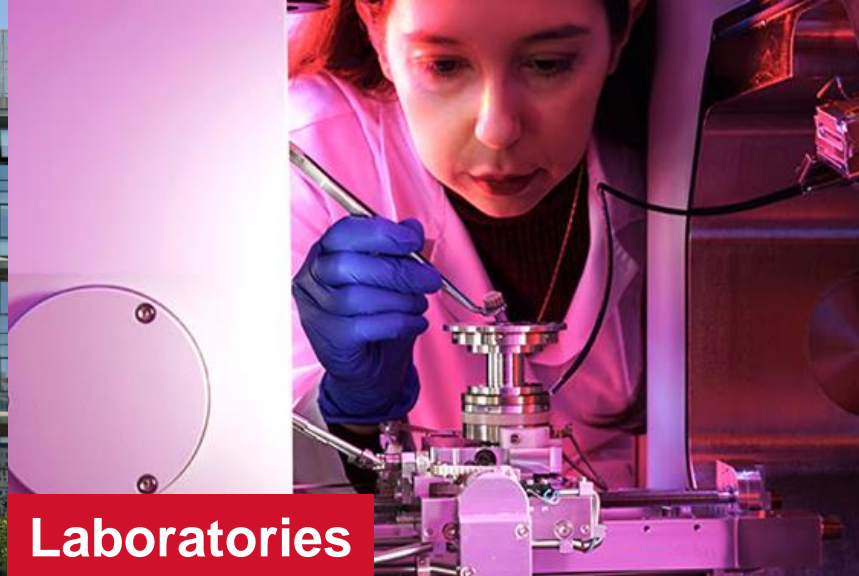


Times Higher Education (THE) World University Rankings





METU Technopark



Laboratories



Library



USD 550 million
export



TL 40 billion
total turnover



~400
companies



10.200
research personnel



31
research centers



549
research and training laboratories



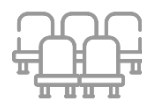
1.000.000+
resources



1.427.580
electronic books



80.975
electronic journals



1.350
seating capacity of people

Research Potential



YÜKSEKÖĞRETİM KURULU
COUNCIL OF HIGHER EDUCATION

Selected as the **most successful research university** (among the 23) in the last **6 years** by CoHE (Council of Higher Education)

Approximately **25% of the annual budget** of the university is provided from competitive national and international research funds with its research and development activities.

146
BAP projects

303
revolving fund projects



141
TUBITAK projects

37
international cooperation projects

46.71 million USD

(~1.812.402.503 TL)
total project budget

METU & EU Projects at a glance

Horizon 2020

55 Projects

~18 M€ METU Budget

6 Coordinatorships

PRIMA Section I, MSCA & REA I&A

MSCA Co-fund –20 post doctoral researchers

Green & Blue Transition

Horizon Europe

39 Projects

~17 M€ METU Budget

<https://ufukavrupa.org.tr/tr/en-basarili-turk-arastirma-kuruluslari>

METU ranked 1st in Horizon Europe with receiving the highest number of projects.

Research Potential



European Research Council

Established by the European Commission

*The ERC, set up by the European Union in 2007, is the **premier** European funding organisation for **excellent frontier research**. It funds creative researchers of any nationality and age, to run projects based across Europe.*

METU is the only public university in Türkiye with 7 European Research Council (ERC) projects.

<https://erc.europa.eu/about-erc/erc-glance>

ERC Projects of METU

| Project Type | Acronym | Name | Budget |
|------------------------|-------------------------------------|---|----------------------|
| ERC Starting Grant | InfraDynamics | Realization of Advanced Drugs for Targeted Non-Invasive Cancer Treatment | 1.5 M€ |
| ERC Starting Grant | LCFLOW | Liquid Crystals in Flow: A new era in sensing and diagnostics | 1.5 M€ |
| ERC Consolidator Grant | FLAMENCO | An Autonomous and Fully Implantable Cochlear Implant | 2 M€ |
| | FLAMENCO Proof-of-Concept Grants | 1) Road to Market for Fully Implantable Cochlear Implant: Phase 1 (OPERA) 2) Validation of Magnet-Free Wireless Charging and Communication for Intra-body Devices (ARIA) | 150 000€ 150 000€ |
| ERC Consolidator Grant | Neogene | Archaeogenomic analysis of genetic and cultural interactions in Neolithic Anatolian societies | 2.5 M€ |
| ERC Consolidator Grant | DeepTrace | Tracing nanoparticle-fuelled co-mobilization of catalyst metals across Earth's deep-sea redox interfaces to pave the way for habitability detection in Ocean Worlds | 2.5 M€ |
| ERC Advanced Grant | Go-Space | Goal-Oriented Networking for Space | 2.4 M € |

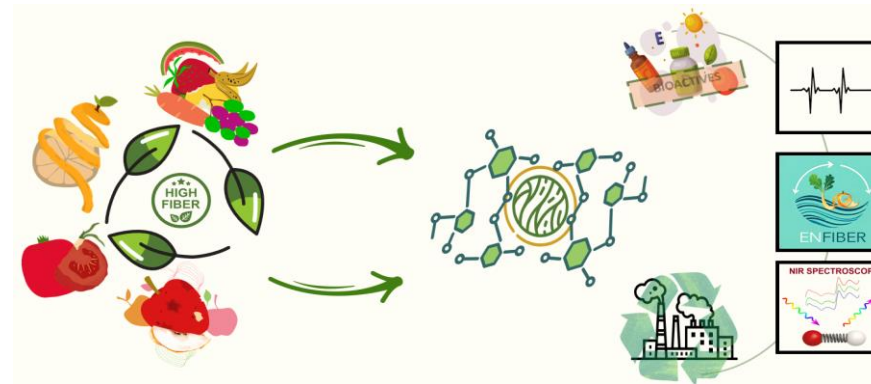
COST ACTION Success of METU

METU as Main Proposer

METU has taken the lead in establishing a COST Action under the 2024 call, a notable success given the few COST Actions led by Türkiye. This achievement was accomplished with a competitive success rate of only 8%.

ENFiber : European Network for Valorising Food Processing Waste into Sustainable Fibers

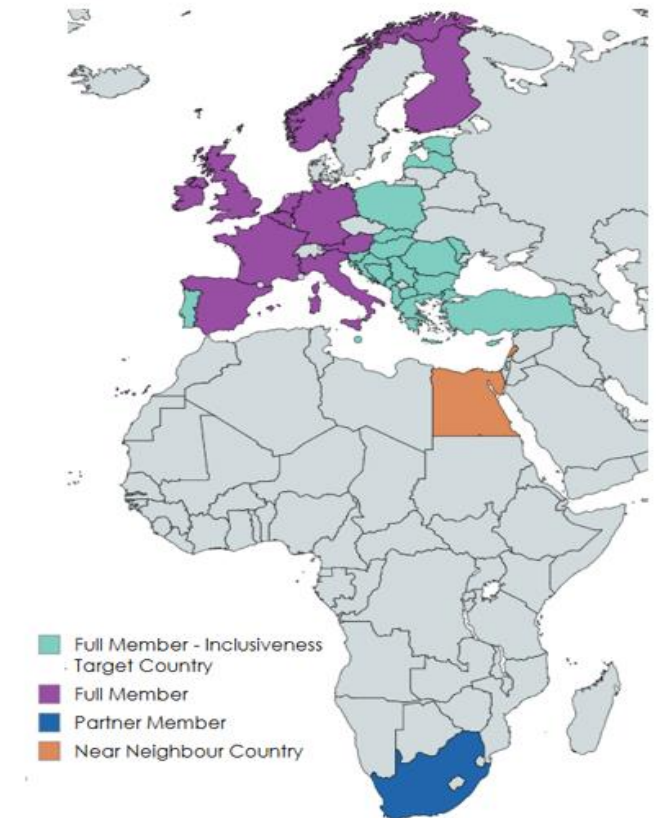
Department of Food Engineering



COST Actions:

Networking Excellence Across Europe

COST Actions are prestigious EU-funded networks that bring together researchers, innovators, and experts from academia, industry, and policy. They accelerate innovation through dynamic tools like short-term scientific missions, high-impact workshops, and hands-on training schools.



WIDERA Projects of METU

METU as Consortium Coordinator

The Department of Food Engineering was granted as one of the 13 projects funded under **Horizon Europe - WIDERA – ERA Talents - 2024 call**. Under this call, where only two projects from Türkiye were funded, the **APRISE** project, coordinated by Middle East Technical University (METU), became the only project from Türkiye to be supported in the coordinator role.



APRISE | WIDERA ERA Talents

Department of Food Engineering

ALTERNATIVE PROTEINS RESEARCH AND INNOVATION SKILLS ENHANCEMENT

- APRISE aims to train talents in sustainable food production and explore new protein sources for 'innovative product formulations'.
- 16 partners from 11 countries

PROJECT BUDGET: 3 MILLION €

METU SHARE: 654.000 €

Hop On Facility Successes

The Hop On Facility integrates one additional participant from a Widening country to an ongoing project under Pillar 2 while topping up a relevant task or work package and the cost incurred by the additional participant.

TRANSITION:
fuTure hydRogen Assisted gas turbiNeS for
effective carbon capTure IntegratiON

Department Of Aerospace Engineering



Metu budget

386.250 €

**VIRUSong: Vibrations of viral particles
scatter light**



Metu budget

542.000 €

IPA (Instrument for Pre-accession Assistance) Projects

ECITE - Emergence of Creative Industries and Transformation of Economy through Innovative Technologies

Financial source

The Ministry of Industry and Technology / EU Competitive Sectors Programme

Target sectors

Gaming, Wearable Technology, Film

Project budget

5M€

With the project, it was aimed to support the competitiveness and sustainability of entrepreneurs, micro SMEs and SMEs in the fields of gaming, wearable technologies and new generation film production and to increase their place in the global market by creating a creative center.

Digital Innovation Center



BİLTİA
ODTÜ-BİLTİA MERKEZİ
METU-BİLTİA CENTER



Financial source

The Ministry of Industry and Technology / EU Competitive Sectors Programme

Target sectors

Machine manufacturers and automotive

Partners

MAKFED (Turkish Machinery Federation) and ODTÜ TEKNOKENT

Project budget

5M€

With the project, it is aimed to establish a digital innovation center to provide R&D training and mentoring services in the digital transformation of the manufacturing industry, and to have this center play an important role in the ecosystem to be formed by participating in national and international networks in the field of digital transformation.

METU as a Research Friendly University



HR EXCELLENCE IN RESEARCH

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which is given to research friendly universities.**

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Science Communication

*Society and Science Application
and Research Center*

METU proudly houses the first
Society and Science Center
among all Turkish universities.

This center welcomes more than
30,000 K-12 students throughout
the year.

All activities are free of charge.



Office of Science Communication

METU is the pioneering Turkish university to establish a dedicated Science Communication Office.

The science communication model implemented at METU is designed within a framework characterized by creative elements based on what is referred to in the literature as the second-generation approach. This model aims to establish bidirectional communication between the scientific community and society.



Office of Science Communication



*Science at Home
is on Turkish
Airlines in-flight
entertainment
system.*



Office of Science Communication

Science is Life

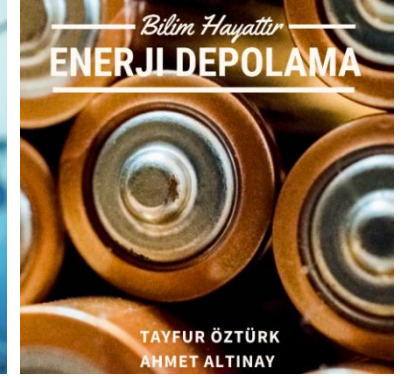
Cooperation between METU and TRT gave way to various television and radio programs

This is a radio program that was aired on TRT-Radio 1, consisting of 20 episodes.

Podcasts of the program were also produced, available on Spotify.

The program was hosted by a student from METU.

A radio studio was established at GİSAM.



Office of Science Communication

METU Presidential Lecture Series

In this program, we invite world-renowned scientists and researchers to deliver speeches at METU.

Guest Speaker Examples:

Dr. Peter Agre

Nobel Prize winner in Chemistry, 2003

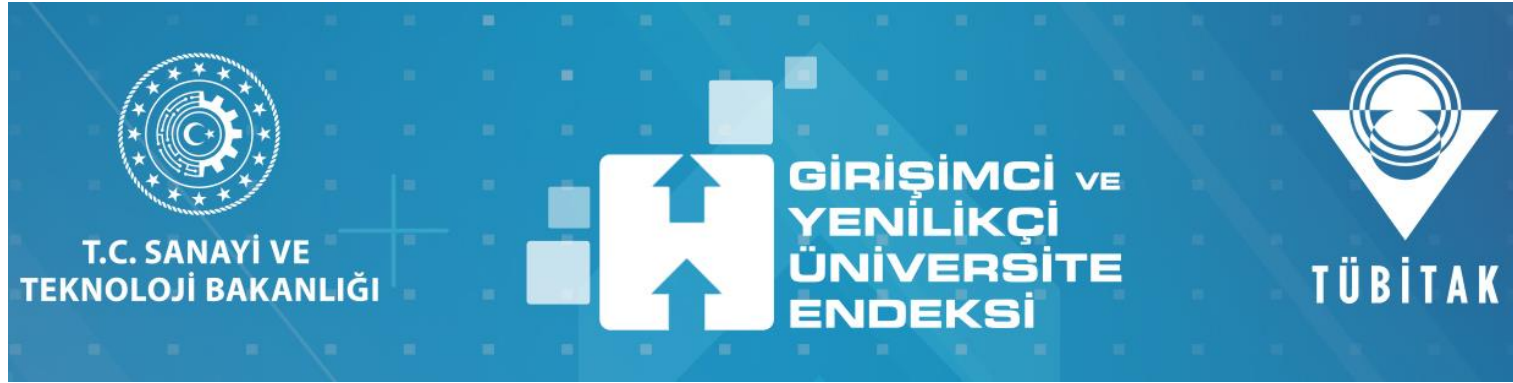
Dr. William Colglazier

*Former Science and Technology Advisor to
the USA Secretary of State*

**Dorothy Marie "Dottie" Metcalf-
Lindenburger**
NASA Astronaut



Entrepreneurship



METU has consistently maintained leadership in this field by ranking in 8 out of the 13 years since 2012 in the Entrepreneurial and Innovative University Index by TÜBİTAK.

TÜBİTAK in collaboration with Ministry of Industry and Technology as well other state and private institutions



ODTÜ-TEKNOKENT

The first Technopark in Türkiye

One of the most successful Technopark

Ranked first for seven times (2011 – 2024) by the Ministry of Industry and Technology

~400 technology companies, with over 70% founded within ODTÜ TEKNOKENT

170,000 m² of total indoor space across 3 campuses

10,200 research personnel

USD 550 million in annual technology exports as of 2024



Yeni Fikirler Yeni İşler (YFY) Acceleration Program

First of its kind in Türkiye

19 years of success with more than **1000** employments,
250+ startups established

INCUBATION CENTERS

Incubation Centers focusing on education Technologies,
serious gaming, impact, space and aviation and academic
entrepreneurship

70+ new startups established each year

150+ startups/spinoffs hosted at a time



Animation Technologies and Digital Gaming (ATOM) Pre-Incubation and Incubation Center

First of its kind in
Türkiye

15+ years of success with more
than **2000+** developers supported,

700+ games developed,

50+ startups established and

20+ Million USD exports realized
employment,

250+ startups established



**First technology transfer
office in Türkiye**
established in 2007

200+ inventions,

50+ commercialized patents,

550+ patent applications and

280+ patents granted in its portfolio

2000+ joint R&D projects between
university and technopark companies,

700+ different academics matched
with the industry,

3000+ contracts between university
and technopark companies



Growth Circuit Ventures, investment in early startups (Pre-seed and seed)

Investments realized between
50,000USD - 250,000USD per venture

A total amount of **2 Million USD** investment realized to 14 startups by the end of 2022, by the start of 2023 within its exit stage



Venture Capital Investment Fund established in collaboration with Türkiye Development Fund and İstanbul Development Agency

Seed investments to 22-25 early stage technology startups and 7 follow on investments will be realized focusing on deep tech, gaming, life sciences and renewable energy areas

Closed 2022 with **6 Million USD**, aims to reach a size of **10 Million USD** by the end of 2023 with its second closing

5+ investments realised in 2023



Turkey's **first technopark supported co-working zone**

Total closed area of **4500m²** with **more than 600 members**

Offers various membership models and services in the form of private and shared offices, co-working, virtual office, meeting rooms and event zones

METU Research Park



*Funded by Republic of Türkiye
Presidency Office
Directorate of Strategy & Budget*



10.800 m²
seating area



28.150 m²
total usable area

October 2023

Directorate of Research Coordination
Directorate of Scientific Research Projects
Center for Robotics and Artificial Intelligence (ROMER)
Energy Materials and Storage Devices Research Center
Center of Excellence in Biomaterials & Tissue Engineering
ODTÜ Center for Solar Energy Research & Applications
Climate Change and Sustainable Development Application & Research Center.

April 2024

ODTÜ-Central Lab.- R&D Center for
Molecular Biology and Biotechnology
Cancer System Biology Lab.
Ecosystem Implementation and Research
Center
The Research and Application Center for
Space and Accelerator Technologies

Interdisciplinary Research



*Center for Wind
Energy Research*



ROMER
Center for Robotics and Artificial Intelligence

*Center for Robotics and
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*Center for Space and
Accelerator Technologies*

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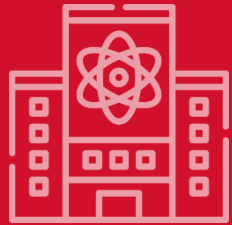
***interdisciplinary
research centers***

*Center for Climate Change
and Sustainable
Development*



DİŞLİ, GÜÇ
AKTARMA
SİSTEMLERİ VE
TİTREŞİM
UYGULAMA VE
ARAŞTIRMA
MERKEZİ
DİMER

*Gear, Power Transmission
Systems and Vibration Application
and Research Center*

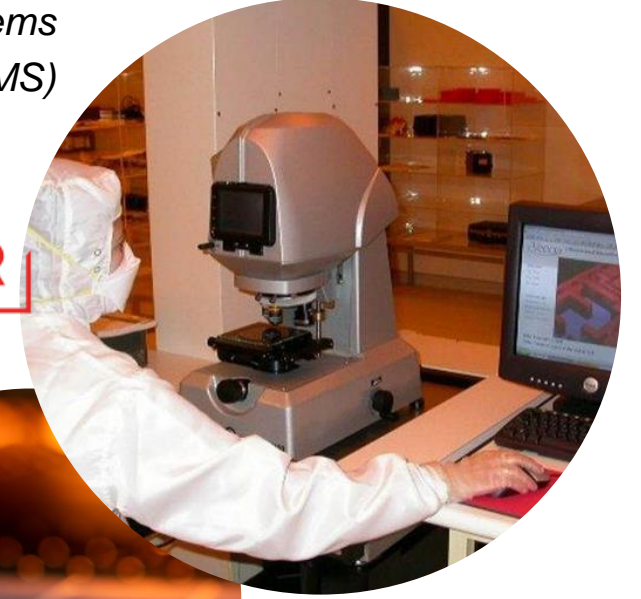


*Center of Excellence for
Neuroscience and
Neurotechnology*



National-Level Research Infrastructure under Law N:6550

*Micro-Electro-
Mechanical Systems
(MEMS)*



ODTÜ GÜNAM
CENTER FOR SOLAR ENERGY RESEARCH AND APPLICATIONS

*The Center for Solar Energy
Research and Applications*



Together we can
change the world.



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