

EMU ACADEMIC PERSONNEL UNION (EMU-SEN) GRANTS FULL SCHOLARSHIPS FOR TWO EMU STUDENTS



Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU) Academic Personnel Union (EMU-SEN) supported EMU's new scholarship system which was launched on the 23rd of July, 2020. "EMU-SEN Student Scholarship" agreement was signed between EMU and EMU-SEN on the 10th of September, 2020 – Thursday at 11:00 at EMU Rector Prof. Dr. Aykut Hoca'nın's office. The signing sessions was attended by EMU Rector Prof. Dr. Aykut Hoca'nın, Vice Rector for Social and Cultural Affairs Assoc. Prof. Dr. Deniz İşçiöğlü, EMU-SEN Chair Ulaş Gökçe, EMU-SEN General Secretary Assoc. Prof. Dr. Hamit Caner, EMU-SEN Personal Rights Secretary Ali Katircioğlu and EMU-SEN Board member Dr. Berfu Çerçi Öngün. EMU Rector Prof. Dr. Aykut Hoca'nın and EMU-SEN Chair Ulaş Gökçe signed the agreement on behalf of the signing parties.

"I Sincerely Thank Our University's Academic Staff Members"

EMU Rector Prof. Dr. Aykut Hoca'nın made a speech during the signing session: "I am sincerely glad that the authorities of our university's Academic Personnel Union are paying a visit with the intention

of providing financial support for two EMU students who are in need. Today, we are gathered to sign the protocol between two parties. I would like to express my gratitude for our university's academic staff members who contributed to the support of our students. As it is known, the contributions and supports made towards the scholarship system are acts that make us happy through the challenging period of financial problems, concerns and other worries that we are experiencing during the COVID-19 pandemic process. Our university will overcome this difficult period by pulling together with our society".

By emphasizing the fact on unions supporting the university with their personnel, academic staff members and as well as the volunteers starting from March which was the beginning of the pandemic period, Prof. Dr. Hoca'nın added that; "Seeing the spirit of unity and cooperation made us happy back in March. I can say that this was the reason that inspired me to create the scholarship system. Business people, companies, individuals and donators from the society made significant

contributions to our cause. Today, I would like to thank our academic personnel union and its authorities for providing this scholarship".

"EMU-SEN Plays a Part in Every Right Step Taken in EMU"

EMU-SEN Chair Ulaş Gökçe also made a speech and included: "I would like to thank the Rector's Office for starting such a meaningful project like this. You took a very important step in many significant aspects. You stepped between the university and the society and created a serious bond between the two parties. A project like the scholarship system project is a first in our university. Although scholarships has been granted from various institutions, especially from abroad, the society was generally put beneath the radar. Remembering the society, bonding and connecting with people is very important. Therefore, EMU has achieved a huge success. Without a doubt, EMU-SEN is willing to participate in every rightful act of EMU. That is why we, as EMU-SEN, wanted to be a part of this project. I would like to thank you for giving us the chance to participate in this scholarship system project. Two EMU students who are in need and also have the desire to study will receive a 4-year scholarship from EMU-SEN. The resources of our union are resources created by the contributions of you and all the individuals present here. Therefore, we all contribute the two students who are to receive the scholarships. EMU-SEN will support projects of Rector's Office that are towards all societies and in favor of university's improvement. Thus, we wish the continuation of two parties' collaborations".

EMU-CEC SUPPORTS LIFE-LONG LEARNING



Eastern Mediterranean University Continuing Education Center (EMU-CEC) is ready to enter the new academic year with the training opportunities and projects the society needs. EMU-CEC has completed the relevant preparations to cater for the educational needs of the members of society at all ages and to deliver educational services outside the campus. According to the written statement made by EMU-CEC Chair Assoc. Prof. Dr. Metin Ersoy, EMU-CEC, which was established in 2004 to provide educational

services to all stakeholders of the society with the understanding of lifelong education, continues its activities in line with this mission with EMU's quality and assurance.

From Village Institutes to Continuing Education Centers

Stating that "In the current digital age, the need for quality and sustainable educational activities is increasing day by day," EMU-CEC Chair Assoc. Prof. Dr. Metin Ersoy emphasized that EMU-CEC's educational activities reach more and more people every day in order to keep up with the changing and developing business and living conditions. Emphasizing that lifelong education is an added value to people's lives, EMU-CEC Chair Assoc. Prof. Dr. Ersoy said, "In the past, the lifelong education needs of the society were tried to be catered for through village institutes. Today these institutions have

been replaced by Continuing Education Centers with their staff consisting of more modern, qualified and professional educators".

A Learning, Developing and Strong Society

Emphasizing that as the EMU-CEC Executive Board, they are pursuing their educational vision through "a learning, developing and strong society" vision, Assoc. Prof. Dr. Ersoy added that individuals continue to learn lifelong, develop and become stronger, and that this creates added value to the general society. Stating that EMU-CEC also provides vocational technical training that society needs, Assoc. Prof. Dr. Ersoy noted that they act together with many business areas for the development of a qualified, specialized, developing and learning workforce. Assoc. Prof. Dr. Ersoy also emphasized that in line with the development of

technology and digital world, they cooperate with different chambers such as Industry, Commerce, Trade and Crafts, as well as public institutions and organizations with a strong vision of public understanding in order to develop sectors that have a large share in production wheels and employment.

EMU-CEC Boasts

International Memberships

With the support of EMU's high quality education, international faculty members and international accreditations, EMU-CEC is the only institution in Cyprus which has membership in the European University Continuing Education Network (EUCEN), and in Turkish Universities Continuing Education Centers Council (TÜSEM). EMU-CEC Chair Assoc. Prof. Dr. Metin Ersoy also stated that the center has the authority to apply internationally recognised exams (e.g. TOEFL-IBT, TOLES).

EMU FACULTY OF HEALTH SCIENCES RELEASES A STATEMENT ON 8 SEPTEMBER WORLD PHYSIOTHERAPY DAY



Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU) Faculty of Health Sciences issued a message on the occasion of September 8, World Physiotherapy Day. EMU Health Sciences Faculty, Physiotherapy and Rehabilitation Department Chair Prof. Dr. Ayşe Nur

Tunali's statement reads as follows: World Physiotherapy Day is observed every year on 8 September. In 1996, the World Physiotherapy Confederation accepted September 8 as the World Physiotherapy Day. Physiotherapy profession is defined as the field of health responsible for developing, protecting and renewing the movement and functioning ability of individuals. Health is an integral part of manpower. Physiotherapists contribute with preventive, treatment / intervention and rehabilitation services when various conditions or environmental factors such as

aging, injury, illness, discomfort at any stage of life threaten the movement and function of the individual. Physiotherapists help individuals maximize their physical, psychological, emotional and social well-being and quality of life. Physiotherapy in the world and in the TRNC: It is a profession that makes field-specific evaluations and plans, implementing and following the results of the individual's physiotherapy and rehabilitation program in the light of these evaluations. They serve not only treatment but also public health with protective and preventive approaches. During the pandemic

in 2020, physiotherapists actively provide rehabilitation and treatment services to patients with respiratory problems in hospitals. Our colleagues devotedly serve the society, risking their lives when necessary, just like other healthcare professionals. In addition, they plan and implement physical activity and exercise programs to raise the awareness of the society online in this process. "Happy 8 September, World Physiotherapy Day to all our colleagues who give hope to lives and add years and meaning to life with their knowledge, effort, patience and determination."

EMU DR. FAZIL KÜÇÜK MEDICINE FACULTY RELEASED A STATEMENT ON WORK REGARDING COVID-19 VACCINE

Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU) Dr. Fazıl Küçük Medicine Faculty Vice Dean Asst. Prof. Dr. Mümtaz Güran answered questions about COVID-19 vaccine process:

What is the Current Situation Regarding the COVID-19 Vaccine?

Various research on vaccination to ensure effective immunity against Sars-Cov-2 virus were immediately initiated after the extent of the epidemic was understood. More than 10 countries, including Turkey, have participated in the said study and currently 173 different projects are being carried out in these countries. 33 of the ongoing vaccine research studies have already entered the clinical trial phase and the effectiveness of these vaccines has started to be tested on humans. These vaccines aim to neutralize the virus through different strategies. When we look at the stages of vaccine development studies, we observe that they are carried out in three phases in which healthy volunteers participate and the effects of the vaccine on these volunteers are observed. Whilst tens of people are included in the said research during the first phase, hundreds of people in the second phase and thousands in the third phase are involved in the studies. In the last phase, in which thousands of people participate, different age groups are included, such as individuals with health problems and pregnant women, in order to represent the general structure of the society.

These three phases, in which the possible efficacy and safety of the vaccine are tested, constitute the most critical part of vaccine research studies. Since healthy individuals are expected to be infected with the virus during this test process, applying these phases can take a long time. While this transmission is not done intentionally for ethical reasons, it is expected to occur spontaneously. There are only five vaccine studies that have gone into the third phase with the participation of thousands of volunteers to develop vaccines worldwide.

When do We Expect the Vaccine to be Ready?

Many countries around the world have started research to develop a vaccine against Covid-19, and some of these research have been reported to have made good progress. However, we can foresee that effective

vaccination will not begin before the beginning of the coming year. Before starting vaccination, we must look at the structure of the society and make sure that necessary precautions have been taken to ensure that vaccination is safe and effective. In research conducted to date, no failure has been noted in terms of safety and immune activation among vaccines that have passed to the third phase. Therefore, we can say that there is no reason for disappointment.

For the development of a vaccine against COVID-19, a period of 18-24 months was set earlier at the beginning of the vaccine finding process. However, we currently foresee that this period may be shorter in the light of the research. The shortening of this process is due to the contribution of many groups to the vaccine research due to the current pandemic. As a result, given the positive developments, I am hopeful that an effective vaccine will be found soon.

What Kind of Life Awaits Us After the Development of the Vaccine?

There are positive developments supporting the development of an effective vaccine against Sars-CoV-2 virus. We can describe this vaccine as “a light at the end of the tunnel”. However, even if an effective vaccine is found and the society has been immunized, this vaccine may protect people from death, but may be insufficient to prevent transmission. That is, even if the individual has been vaccinated, they can take the virus from an infected individual and spread it to other susceptible individuals. For this reason, as in today’s conditions, we may have to maintain social distance and continue our habit of wearing a mask even if we have been vaccinated.

What Can Be Said for the Vaccine Found by Russia?

Everyone was very excited on Russia’s announcement stating that the vaccine “has passed all the necessary tests and thus, been registered “. This is because finding a vaccine may be the turning point of the pandemic process. However, until the scientific results recorded about the vaccine are shared with us, it is not possible to make a definite judgment on the effectiveness of the vaccine. There are many important criterion in the development of the vaccine. That is to say, different



questions such as whether the vaccine will be administered to all ages, the period of its effectiveness and how long it lasts, one or more doses to be administered, its applicability to individuals in the risk group, its economic dimension, and its large scale production capacity should be answered and, of course, supported with scientific data. Of course, the development of the vaccine in a short time is a success that cannot be ignored. However, it is important that the scientific research and the successful completion of the phases of the vaccination process that will cast no shadow about the efficacy and safety that may arise from its availability in a short time are all satisfactory. Russia’s announcement that it has developed the vaccine may increase motivation and speed up the vaccine research in other countries. I hope this competition will not interfere with the number, scope and quality of scientific tests conducted in the vaccine development process. Unscientific efforts to develop a vaccine may not only disappoint us, but may also yield harmful effects if the reliability of the vaccine is not fully established. If a safe and effective vaccine is found, another question that needs to be answered after its protection rate has been determined is, while there are 4-8 billion people on average to be vaccinated, how will this vaccine be produced on an industrial scale? Considering the economic dimension of this production, who will finance it, whether it is possible to produce sufficient amount to all countries, how it will be shared, logistics distribution, correct application when it reaches the target audience are the parameters that affect the vaccine availability and the duration of use. This leads to the result that this process will take 1-2 years from the most optimistic point of view.

EMU ENGLISH PROFICIENCY TEST ADMINISTERED FACE-TO-FACE

The English Proficiency Exam held by the Eastern Mediterranean University Foreign Languages and English Preparatory School (EMU - FLEPS) was held face - to - face on the EMU campus on 3 and 4 September 2020. More than 200 students participated in the English Proficiency Exam, which started at 09:00 a.m. on Thursday, 3 September, 2020 at the Central Lecture Halls. Within the scope of the health measures taken by the EMU Rector's Office in order to protect the health of the students taking the exam as well as EMU staff, students without masks were provided with masks at the entrance and their

temperature was taken. Students were placed in classrooms in accordance with social distancing rules.

"We Wish All Students Success"

Giving a statement on the subject, EMU-SFL Director Assist. Prof. Dr. Ramadan Eyyam said, "A series of health measures have been taken under the supervision of the EMU Rector's Office prior to the English Proficiency Exam held by EMU-FLEPS. First of all, the ventilation systems of the classrooms were arranged to provide natural air circulation and the filters were changed. Students who came to the exam were placed

in the classrooms in numbers allowing social distancing. Our exam is being held face-to-face for the first time since the start of the COVID-19 virus in March 2020. For our students who could not take the exam on 3 and 4 September 2020, the same exam will be held on 21 and 22 September 2020, under the same conditions. We anticipate that approximately 200 students will take this exam. We wish success to all our students".

We asked the students who took the EMU English Proficiency Exam about health measures:

Gizem Türcan:

"We felt safe in the exam.



Social distancing rules were applied. During the exam, we wore masks. Our teachers had gloves. We did not come into contact with anyone."

Sevgi Yeşile:

"It was extremely safe because we followed the social distancing rule. We put on our masks. Our teachers put on their gloves and gave us our papers like that."

Berkay Göçer:

"I felt safe. We sat for the exam by taking the necessary precautions."

Durmuş Levent Külük:

"It felt very safe. We came with our masks. Thanks to our teachers for spraying disinfectant on our hands. We sat in accordance with the social distancing rules. We didn't have any problems"

This Week's Academic Publications

Source: Web of Science

Faculty of Arts & Sciences

1- Mazharimousavi, S. Habib, and M. Halilsoy. "n+ 1-Dimensional Bertotti-Robinson solutions in gravity coupled with nonlinear electrodynamics." Classical and Quantum Gravity 37, no. 17 (2020): 177001.

2- Aktuğlu, Hüseyin, and S. Yashar Zaheriani. "Approximation of Functions by Generalized Parametric Blending-Type Bernstein Operators." Iranian Journal of Science and Technology, Transactions A: Science (2020): 1-10. (Early Access)

3- Kürt, Cemaliye, Mehmet Ali Özarslan, and Arran Fernandez. "On a certain bivariate Mittag-Leffler function analysed from a fractional-calculus point of view." Mathematical Methods in the Applied Sciences. (Early Access)

Faculty of Business & Economics

1- Güngör, Hasan, Ifedolapo Olabisi Olanipekun, and Ojonugwa Usman. "Testing the environmental Kuznets curve hypothesis: the role of energy consumption and democratic accountability." Environmental Science and Pollution Research (2020): 1-15. (Early Access)

2- Rafindadi, Abdulkadir Abdulrashid, and Ojonugwa Usman. "Toward sustainable electricity consumption in Brazil: the role of economic growth, globalization and ecological footprint using a nonlinear ARDL approach." Journal of Environmental Planning and Management (2020): 1-25. (Early Access)

Faculty of Communication and Media Studies

1- Arqoub, Omar Abu, Adeola Abdulateef Elegu, Bahire Efe Özad, Hanadi Dwikat, and Felix Adedamola Oloyede. "Mapping the Scholarship of Fake News Research: A Systematic Review." (2020) (Early Access)

Faculty of Engineering

1- Akçaoğlu, Tülin, Beste Çubukcuoğlu, and Amir Reza Tarassoly. "Effects of Glass Powder as a Supplementary Cementitious Material on the Performance of High Strength Mortars." Journal of Testing and Evaluation 48, no. 5 (2020): 3525-3538.

2- GhavamShirazi, Sandra, and Huriye Bilsel. "Characterization of volume change and strength behavior of micro-silica and lime-stabilized Cyprus

clay." Acta Geotechnica (2020): 1-14. (Early Access)

3- Babalola, Felix Olanrewaju, Yiltan Bitirim, and Önsen Toygar. "Palm vein recognition through fusion of texture-based and CNN-based methods." Signal, Image and Video Processing (2020): 1-8. (Early Access)

Faculty of Medicine

1- Aghcheli, Ayoub, Mahsa Toolabi, Adileh Ayati, Setarch Moghimi, Lohman Firoozpour, Tayebbeh Oghabi Bakhshaiesh, Elahe Nazari, Maryam Norouzbahari, Rezvan Esmaili, and Alireza Foroumadi. "Design, synthesis, and biological evaluation of 1-(5-(benzylthio)-1, 3, 4-thiadiazol-2-yl)-3-phenylurea derivatives as anticancer agents." Medicinal Chemistry Research (2020): 1-11. (Early Access)

Faculty of Tourism

1- Akhshik, Arash, Ali Oztüren, and Hamed Rezapouraghdam. "A passionate travel to mind green turtles—Unpacking the complexity of visitors' green behaviour." International Journal of Tourism Research. (2020) (Early Access)



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