

## TOTAL OF 30 EMU SCHOLARS - 25 OF WHOM ARE TURKISH CYPRIOTS - FEATURED ON THE 'MOST INFLUENTIAL SCIENTISTS IN THE WORLD' LIST, BOTH IN SINGLE YEAR AND CAREER LONG DATABASES

On 19 September 2025, 30 academics from Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU) were named among the world's most highly cited researchers in the "Most Influential Scientists in the World" list. This recognition came from a study led by Stanford University in the USA, with a team of American and Dutch scientists. The fact that nearly all of these EMU researchers are citizens of the Turkish Republic of Northern Cyprus (TRNC) makes this accomplishment a tremendous source of pride for both the university, as a public institution, and the country.

The list was compiled using Scopus data with support from Elsevier B.V., a leading academic publisher. A total of 236,314 researchers worldwide ranked among the top 2%. Compared to last year, this year saw an increase of 40,062 scientists on the list. It includes both researchers with the highest citations in a 'Single Year' (2024 calendar year) and those with the highest citations over their entire careers 'Career Long'.

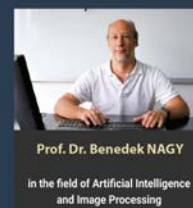
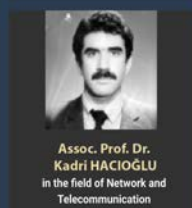
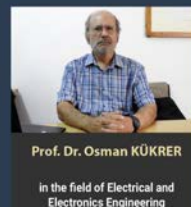
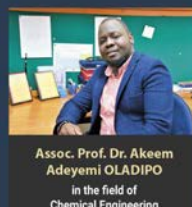
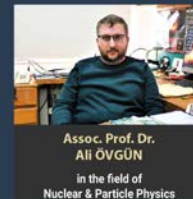
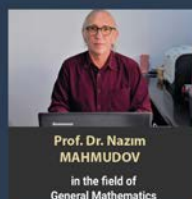
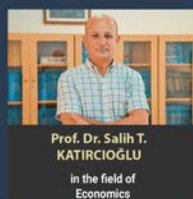
### 17 Academics from EMU listed in the Single Year Database

17 Academics from EMU were included in the 2025 annual database of the 'Most Influential Scientists in the World' list.

The scholars featured on the said list are;  
Prof. Dr. Osman M. Karatepe, Vice Rector for Academic Affairs and Faculty of Tourism Academic Staff Member; Assoc. Prof. Dr. Ali Övgün, Faculty of Arts and Sciences, Department of Physics Academic Staff Member; Assoc. Prof. Dr. Babak Safaei, Faculty of Engineering, Department of Mechanical Engineering Academic Staff Member; Assoc. Prof. Dr. Akeem Adeyemi Oladipo, Faculty of Arts and Sciences, Department of Chemistry Academic Staff Member; Prof. Dr. Salih T. Katircioglu, Faculty of Business and Economics,

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## Stanford List EMU Academics Featured in the Career Long Impact List Worldwide



## EMU ASHINA TEAM MAKES EMU PROUD IN TEKNOFEST

ASHINA TEKNOFEST Team composed of Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU) students won second place medal in the TEKNOFEST 2025 Finals Competition, reaching outstanding success. Selected within the top 15 teams among hundreds to compete in the TEKNOFEST 2025 Air

Defence Systems Competition organized by T3 Foundation and held in Istanbul on 17-21 September 2025, ASHINA Team brought great pride to EMU and the Turkish Republic of Northern Cyprus (TRNC) with the achievement it obtained in the finals.

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Department of Banking and Finance Academic Staff Member; Prof. Dr. Hasan Kömürçügil, Faculty of Engineering, Department of Computer Engineering Academic Staff Member; Prof. Dr. Nazım Mahmudov, Faculty of Arts and Sciences, Department of Mathematics Academic Staff Member; Dr. Emad Sobhani, Former Researcher of Nanotechnology & Multifunctional Structures Research Center; Assoc. Prof. Dr. Arran Fernandez, Faculty of Arts and Sciences, Department of Mathematics Academic Staff Member; Prof. Dr. Hasan Demirel, Faculty of Engineering, Department of Electrical and Electronic Engineering Academic Staff Member; Prof. Dr. Seyedhabibollah Mazharimousavi, Faculty of Arts and Sciences, Vice Chair of Department of Physics; Prof. Dr. İzzet Sakallı, Faculty of Arts and Sciences, Chair of the Departments of Chemistry and Physics; Assoc. Prof. Dr. Davut Solyalı, Faculty of Engineering, Department of Electrical and Electronics Engineering Academic Staff Member; Prof. Dr. Mustafa Gazi, Faculty of Arts and Sciences, Vice Chair of Department of Chemistry; Prof. Dr. Mehmet Ali Özarslan, Faculty of Arts and Sciences, Department of Mathematics Academic Staff Member; Prof. Dr. Omar Mustafa, Faculty of Arts and Sciences, Department of Physics Academic Staff Member; and Prof. Dr. Osman Kükrer, Faculty of Engineering, Department of Electrical and Electronic Engineering Academic Staff Member.

The total number of researchers from universities in the Republic of Türkiye on the list increased by 55 from last year, reaching 1,589. Similarly, the number of researchers from Southern Cyprus grew by 28, bringing the total to 120.

## 5 EMU Academics Listed within Top 100 in their Fields: Prof. Dr. Karatepe – 12th Most Influential Scientist in the World in the Field of Tourism

Prof. Dr. Osman M. Karatepe achieved significant recognition in the list of the world's most influential scientists, ranking 12th globally in the 'Career Long' category in Tourism. This accomplishment earned Prof. Dr. Karatepe the top spot in his field in both Türkiye and the TRNC. Furthermore, in the 2025 'Single Year' list, Prof. Dr. Karatepe ranked 14th worldwide in his field. In the overall annual ranking across all disciplines, he placed 2,377th globally and 12th among Turkish scientists.

Another EMU academic to achieve a top 100 global ranking in their field on the list of the world's most influential scientists is Assoc. Prof. Dr. Ali Övgün. In the 'Single Year' list for 'Nuclear & Particle Physics', Assoc. Prof. Dr. Övgün ranked 83rd worldwide, a remarkable accomplishment that earned him the top position in his field in both Türkiye and the TRNC. Assoc. Prof. Dr. Övgün is also featured in the 'Career Long' list, where he again holds the number one spot in his field in Türkiye and the TRNC.

Other EMU academics to make it into the global top 100 include Assoc. Prof. Dr. Babak Safaei, Assoc. Prof. Dr. Akeem Adeyemi Oladipo, and

## Stanford List EMU Academics Featured In the Top 100 List Worldwide

TOP 100



Prof. Dr. Osman M. KARATEPE

In the Field of  
'Tourism'  
12th Most Influential Scientist globally,  
1st in both Türkiye and the TRNC,  
in the 'Career Long' list.  
14th Most Influential Scientist  
in the World 2025 'Single Year' list.  
2,377th worldwide and 12th in Türkiye  
in Overall Ranking Across All Fields



Assoc. Prof. Dr. Ali ÖVGÜN

In the Field of  
'Nuclear & Particle Physics'  
83rd Most Influential Scientist worldwide and  
1st in both Türkiye and the TRNC,  
in the 'Single Year' list.  
1st in both Türkiye and the TRNC,  
in the 'Career Long' list.



Assoc. Prof. Dr.  
Babak SFAEI

In the Field of  
'Mechanical Engineering and Transportation'  
94th Most Influential Scientist worldwide,  
4th in Türkiye and 1st in the TRNC,  
in 'Single Year' list.  
10th Most Influential Scientist in Türkiye and 1st in the TRNC,  
in the 'Career Long' list.



Assoc. Prof. Dr.  
Akeem Adeyemi OLADIPO

In the Field of  
'Chemical Engineering'  
96th Most Influential Scientist worldwide,  
1st in Türkiye and the TRNC,  
in 'Single Year' list.  
10th in Türkiye and 1st in the TRNC,  
in the 'Career Long' list.



Prof. Dr.  
Hasan KÖMÜRCÜGİL

In the Field of  
'Electrical and Electronics Engineering'  
100th Most Influential Scientist worldwide,  
1st in both Türkiye and the TRNC,  
in 'Single Year' list.  
2nd in Türkiye and 1st in the TRNC,  
in the 'Career Long' list.



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Prof. Dr. Hasan KILIÇ | Rector

Prof. Dr. Hasan Kömürçügil. Assoc. Prof. Dr. Safaei ranked 94th worldwide in the 'Single Year' list for 'Mechanical Engineering and Transportation', placing 4th in Türkiye and 1st in the TRNC. Assoc. Prof. Dr. Safaei also appears in the 'Career Long' list, where he holds the 10th position in Türkiye and 1st in the TRNC.

Assoc. Prof. Dr. Akeem Adeyemi Oladipo, ranked 96th worldwide in 'Single Year' list for 'Chemical Engineering', placing 1st in both Türkiye and TRNC. Assoc. Prof. Dr. Oladipo also appears in the 'Career Long' list, holding the 10th place in Türkiye and 1st in TRNC.

Prof. Dr. Hasan Kömürçügil was among EMU academics to rank in the global top 100 in their field. In the 'Single Year' list for 'Electrical and Electronics Engineering', Prof. Dr. Kömürçügil

achieved 100th place worldwide, securing the top position in both Türkiye and the TRNC. Prof. Dr. Kömürçügil is also featured in the 'Career Long' list, where he ranks 3rd in Türkiye and 1st in the TRNC.

Prof. Dr. Nazım Mahmudov ranked 128th worldwide in 'General Mathematics', 4th in Türkiye, and 1st in the TRNC. Prof. Dr. Salih T. Katırcıoğlu ranked 343rd globally in 'Economics' and 1st in both Türkiye and the TRNC. Dr. Emad Sobhani ranked 200th worldwide in 'Civil Engineering', 6th in Türkiye, and 1st in the TRNC. Assoc. Prof. Dr. Arran Fernandez ranked 228th globally in 'Applied Mathematics', 4th in Türkiye, and 1st in the TRNC. Prof. Dr. Hasan Demirel ranked 6,157th worldwide in 'Artificial Intelligence and Image Processing', 93rd in Türkiye, and 2nd in the TRNC. Prof. Dr.



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## Stanford List EMU Academics Featured in the Single Year Impact List Worldwide



Transportation', 10th in Türkiye, and 1st in the TRNC. Assoc. Prof. Dr. Akeem Adeyemi Oladipo ranked 658th globally in 'Chemical Engineering', 10th in Türkiye, and 1st in the TRNC. Prof. Dr. Osman Kükrer ranked 653rd worldwide in 'Electrical and Electronics Engineering', 7th in Türkiye, and 2nd in the TRNC. Prof. Dr. Hasan Demirel ranked 5,884th globally in 'Artificial Intelligence and Image Processing', 70th in Türkiye, and 2nd in the TRNC. Prof. Dr. İzzet Sakallı ranked 3,377th globally in 'Nuclear & Particle Physics', 14th in Türkiye, and 2nd in the TRNC. Former faculty member of Department of Electrical and Electronics Engineering Assoc. Prof. Dr. Kadri Hacıoğlu ranked 4,068th globally in 'Network and Telecommunications', 37th in Türkiye, and 2nd in the TRNC. Dr. Emad Sobhani ranked 1,318th worldwide in 'Civil Engineering', 29th in Türkiye, and 1st in the TRNC. Prof. Dr. Benedek Nagy ranked 9,677th globally in 'Artificial Intelligence and Image Processing', 122nd in Türkiye, and 3rd in the TRNC.

The total number of researchers from universities in the Republic of Türkiye on the list is 1,320. On the other hand, the number from Southern Cyprus is 102.

The 'Most Influential Scientists in the World' list is accessible at: <https://elsevier.digitalcommonsdata.com/datasets/btchxktzyw/8>.

### "I Wholeheartedly Congratulate Our Academics Featured on the List"

Making remarks on this outstanding achievement, EMU Rector Prof. Dr. Hasan Kılıç said; "This accomplishment highlights that the research outputs of our faculty are not only being read but also widely cited. It also underscores the pivotal role of EMU's research-focused academics, their international collaborations, and the joint publications with their master's and doctoral students, along with the citations these works have received, in achieving this success.

Another point of pride is that most of our 30 academics featured on the world's most influential scientists list—both in the single year and career-long categories—were educated in the TRNC and honed their skills at our university. This proves that EMU, as the pioneer of science in the TRNC, can develop talented researchers from the ground up and guide them to achieve top positions in global academia. It is especially rewarding to see that, in addition to our long-serving faculty, young academics are also making their mark, and new researchers continue to be added to this prestigious list.

I wholeheartedly congratulate our academics featured on the 'Most Influential Scientists in the World' list. I have full confidence that their success and accomplishments are to continue in the future".



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Seyedhabibollah Mazharimousavi ranked 1,917th globally in 'Nuclear & Particle Physics', 8th in Türkiye, and 2nd in the TRNC. Prof. Dr. İzzet Sakallı ranked 1,963rd worldwide in 'Nuclear & Particle Physics', 9th in Türkiye, and 3rd in the TRNC. Assoc. Dr. Davut Solyalı ranked 6,663rd globally in 'Energy', 139th in Türkiye, and 3rd in the TRNC. Prof. Dr. Mustafa Gazi ranked 2,399th worldwide in 'Polymers', 32nd in Türkiye, and 1st in the TRNC. Prof. Dr. Mehmet Ali Özarslan ranked 1,452nd globally in 'General Mathematics', 21st in Türkiye, and 4th in the TRNC. Prof. Dr. Omar Mustafa ranked 3,226th worldwide in 'Nuclear & Particle Physics', 17th in Türkiye, and 4th in the TRNC. Prof. Dr. Osman Kükrer ranked 2,006th globally in 'Electrical and Electronics Engineering', 21st in Türkiye, and 2nd in the TRNC.

### 13 EMU Academics in the 'Career Long Impact' List

Total of 13 scholars from EMU were listed in the 'Career Long Impact' List: Prof. Dr. Osman M. Karatepe ranked 12th globally in 'Tourism' and 1st in both Türkiye and the TRNC. Prof. Dr. Salih T. Katircioğlu ranked 397th worldwide in 'Economics', also 1st in Türkiye and the TRNC. Prof. Dr. Nazım Mahmudov ranked 189th globally in 'General Mathematics', 3rd in Türkiye, and 1st in the TRNC. Prof. Dr. Hasan Kömürçügil ranked 199th worldwide in 'Electrical and Electronics Engineering', 3rd in Türkiye, and 1st in the TRNC. Assoc. Prof. Dr. Ali Övgün ranked 1,305th globally in 'Nuclear & Particle Physics', 1st in Türkiye and the TRNC. Assoc. Prof. Dr. Babak Safaei ranked 746th worldwide in 'Mechanical Engineering and



# FUTURE DOCTORS RECEIVE THEIR WHITE COATS AT EMU

Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU), Dr. Fazıl Küçük Medicine Faculty and Marmara University International Joint Medicine Program's 2025-2026 Opening and White Coat Ceremony was held on Monday, 22 September 2025 at 10:00 a.m. at Rauf Raif Denktaş Culture and Congress Center.

The ceremony was attended by President of EMU Board of Trustees (VYK) Dr. Erdal Özçenk, EMU Rector Prof. Dr. Hasan Kılıç, VYK Members Beyhan Gürgöze and İsmail Güneş Güneşoğlu, Vice Rectors Prof. Dr. Osman M. Karatepe, Prof. Dr. Sonuç Zorlu and Prof. Dr. Ali Öztüren, Prime Ministry Health Consultant Dr. Erkut Aşıcıoğlu, Acting Dean of Dr. Fazıl Küçük Medicine Faculty Prof. Dr. Nilüfer Güzoğlu, Dean of Health Sciences Faculty Prof. Dr. Mehtap Malkoç, Dean of Faculty of Dentistry Prof. Dr. Hikmet Solak, faculty members, students and families.

The ceremony commenced with the observation of A Moment of Silence and National Anthem. In the ceremony, the Faculty of Education, Fine Arts Education Department, Music Teaching Program student Şükrü Kemal Söylemez delivered a guitar performance.

Representing the students at the ceremony, Fersu Salel, a third-year student of the EMU Dr. Fazıl Küçük Faculty of Medicine, opened her remarks by saying, "Welcome to the 2025-2026 Academic Year Opening and White Coat Ceremony". Salel continued; "I am here today to share the excitement I felt when I first wore my white coat two years ago. The white coat symbolizes our respect for human health, the guidance of science, and our commitment to ethical values. Today, you have taken your very first steps into medical school — beginning a journey that is challenging and demanding, yet profoundly meaningful".

## "Only Medicine Faculty Accredited"

Also delivering a speech, Prof. Dr. Nilüfer Güzoğlu, the Acting Dean of Dr. Fazıl Küçük Medicine Faculty, highlighted that since its establishment, the faculty has offered students a distinctive and high-quality education, supported by its team of expert academics and diverse patient cases. Prof. Dr. Güzoğlu expressed pride in the faculty's status as the most successful and the only accredited medical school in the Turkish Republic of Northern Cyprus and said; "Dear students, I sincerely congratulate you on being admitted to the Faculty of Medicine. Embarking on a medical education is a challenging journey, but from this moment on, this faculty will be your home. Our mission is to educate physicians who are not only skilled but also guided by strong ethical principles and compassion. As an accredited institution, we provide a structured and well-established program that ensures a high-quality education". Prof. Dr. Güzoğlu also addressed the families of the students, saying; "Your children have reached this point today thanks to your patience and support. Your pride is also our pride". Highlighting the challenges of medical education, Prof. Dr. Güzoğlu emphasized that, by the end of this journey, students will graduate well-prepared. She pointed out that the medical profession carries both a great privilege and a significant responsibility entrusted by society, adding, "May the white coats you wear for the first time today serve as an armour that surrounds you, enriched by the knowledge you gain throughout your medical



education and the inspiration you receive from your mentors".

**"Symbol of a Life Devoted to Knowledge, Conscience, Responsibility and Humanity"**  
In his address, EMU Rector Prof. Dr. Hasan

Kılıç reminded the audience that EMU is the first and only state university established by law in the Turkish Republic of Northern Cyprus. With a proud history spanning 46 years, the university has grown into an internationally recognized institution, providing students with



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top-tier education, a distinguished academic staff, and extensive opportunities. Prof. Dr. Kılıç also emphasized that the Dr. Fazıl Küçük Medicine Faculty, through its joint program with Marmara University, offers a rigorous curriculum accredited both nationally and internationally, noting that it is the first joint medical program to receive accreditation from TEPDAD. Addressing the students, Prof. Dr. Kılıç said; “Today, the white coat you will wear is more than just a garment; it is a symbol of a life devoted to knowledge, conscience, responsibility, and humanity. As you embark on the sacred journey of medicine, we expect not only that you become skilled doctors, but also individuals who uphold ethical values, prioritize the

well-being of people, and advance through science”.

## “You are the Accomplished Doctors and Scientists of Future”

In his speech, EMU Board of Trustees President Dr. Erdal Özçenk shared the excitement of the day as a fellow professional and warmly welcomed all participants. He remarked, “Today is a remarkable day for each of you; we are not only commencing a new academic year at our university but also witnessing the white coat ceremony of our budding medical professionals. By wearing the white coat, you are stepping into one of the most noble professions in humanity. It represents integrity, responsibility, dedication, and a commitment to serving others. The

responsibilities you assume will be a source of pride, and the knowledge and skills you acquire will allow you to help many people regain hope and life, giving you a profound understanding of your profession’s true value. We will support you in becoming physicians of global standards. You are the successful doctors and scientists of tomorrow”.

Following the opening speeches, White Coat Ceremony symbolizing the commencement of 2025-2026 Academic Year took place. During the ceremony, protocol members and academic staff presented the students with their white coats and extended their best wishes for a successful academic semester. The event concluded with a group photo to commemorate the occasion.



## EMU ASHINA TEAM MAKES EMU PROUD IN TEKNOFEST

### Full Support from Prof. Dr. Kılıç and Karabacak

EMU Rector Prof. Dr. Hasan Kılıç and EMU Board of Trustees (VYK) Member Servet Karabacak travelled to Istanbul to support the students, sharing their happiness on their achievement.

Making remarks on the matter, EMU Rector Prof. Dr. Hasan Kılıç said; "I wholeheartedly congratulate our students, their mentors who motivated them and all our staff for this accomplishment. Moreover, I congratulate those who have contributed to the actualization of TEKNOFEST and sincerely commend those who brought this vision to life. We take great pride in the achievements of our students".

The team, led by EMU Information Systems Engineering third-year student Furkan Batı, is composed of EMU Computer Engineering fourth-year student Cemre Yeşil, EMU Software Engineering second-year student Alper Önder, and EMU Computer Engineering fourth-year student Doğan Efe Çiğdem.





## KYK DORMITORY DIRECTORS AND TR MINISTRY OF YOUTH AND SPORTS, TRNC YOUTH AND SPORTS COORDINATOR VISIT EMU RECTORATE

Prior to the new academic semester, Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU) Rector Prof. Dr. Hasan Kılıç received a visit from Fatma Yonca Akçadağ, the Director of Higher Education Credits and Dormitories Directorate (KYK) Hala Sultan Dormitory; Seyit Ahmet Serbest, the Director of KYK Necmettin Erbakan Dormitory, and Ömer Osman Demirbaş, Turkish Republic of Northern Cyprus Youth and Sports Coordinator of the Ministry of Youth and Sports of the Republic of Türkiye.

EMU Vice Rector for Academic Affairs Prof. Dr. Osman M. Karatepe and EMU Rector's Office Coordinator Assoc. Prof. Dr. Tolga Çelik were also present at the meeting. During the visit, it was emphasized that the strong collaboration and effective coordination established between EMU and KYK dormitories to date will continue successfully in the new term. It was noted that the efforts carried out to improve students' accommodation, social, and cultural life serve as a model of exemplary cooperation and



significantly enrich university life. During the meeting, appreciation was expressed for the valuable support provided to EMU by the Republic of Türkiye's Ministry of Youth and Sports. It was also highlighted that future joint projects will contribute significantly to

the academic and social development of the students.

The visit ended with the exchange of goodwill messages and best wishes for success in the upcoming academic semester.

## EMU RECTOR PROF. DR. HASAN KILIÇ VISITS ALİ ADALIER - DIRECTOR OF THE POLICE DEPARTMENT

Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU) Rector Prof. Dr. Hasan Kılıç paid a courtesy visit to Police Department Director Ali Adalier, who has recently been appointed in the said position. During the visit, Prof. Dr. Kılıç wished Adalier success in this new duty.

During the meeting, Prof. Dr. Kılıç highlighted EMU's initiatives that prioritize social benefit and its strong collaborations with public institutions. Emphasizing that universities are not limited to academic activities alone, Prof. Dr. Kılıç noted their role as key stakeholders in ensuring the safety, well-being, and development of society. Prof. Dr. Kılıç also underscored the importance of the mission carried out by the Police Department.

On behalf of EMU, Prof. Dr. Kılıç presented a special gift to Police Department Director Ali Adalier, expressing his pleasure at the strengthened cooperation between the institutions. Police Department Director Ali Adalier thanked Prof. Dr. Kılıç for the visit and highlighted EMU's role as a vital hub of education and scientific development in the country.



# EMU AND DAU-SEN SIGNS SUPPLEMENTARY PROTOCOL ON RENEWABLE ENERGY

In addition to the agreement signed on 1 July 2022, between Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU) and the EMU Academic Staff Union (DAU-SEN), a supplementary protocol was signed covering the installation of renewable energy systems and related arrangements at the DAU-SEN Local located in the Department of Mechanical Engineering. The signing ceremony was recently held at the Rector's Office, where the agreement was signed by EMU Rector Prof. Dr. Hasan Kılıç and Chair of DAU-SEN Assoc. Prof. Dr. Ercan Hoşkara.

Present during the signing session were; EMU Vice Rector for Academic Affairs Prof. Dr. Osman M. Karatepe, Director of the EMU Institute for Advanced Technology Research and Development Assoc. Prof. Dr. Davut Solyalı and EMU Rector's Office Coordinator Assoc. Prof. Dr. Tolga Çelik.

Under this supplementary protocol, DAU-SEN will establish a renewable energy system integrated into the Electric Vehicle Development Building to fully meet the annual electricity consumption of the DAU-SEN Local located in EMU Department of Mechanical Engineering. It was also stated that, in addition to the installation, DAU-SEN will contribute to the production of a prototype electric vehicle charging unit at the EMU Electric Vehicle Development Center.



## Alumni Update

### EMU GRADUATE KANİ YEŞİLOVALI MAKES EMU PROUD WITH HIS FACEBOOK CAREER AND SUCCESS IN ENTREPRENEURSHIP

Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU), Faculty of Communication, Public Relations and Advertising Department 2014 graduate Kani Yeşilovalı proudly represents EMU with his accomplishments throughout his international career journey. Commencing his career in customer service at Facebook and Yeşilovalı was soon promoted to a consultant position, taking on significant responsibilities.

During his time as a consultant, Yeşilovalı was responsible for managing the markets of Türkiye, France, the Netherlands, Italy, Portugal, Russia, and Poland, gaining valuable experience across seven international regions. Reflecting on his journey as someone who grew up in Güzelyurt, Yeşilovalı stated, "Our resources may be limited, but our imagination knows no bounds", highlighting that limitations can always be overcome.

Following his experience at Facebook, Yeşilovalı advanced his career as a Digital Marketing Specialist. In 2020, he took a step into entrepreneurship by establishing his own digital marketing company, further solidifying his professional presence.

**"I am proud to be a member of EMU and grateful for my decision to come to Famagusta"**

Reflecting on his years at EMU, Yeşilovalı noted that being actively involved in numerous student clubs deepened his curiosity about different cultures and broadened his perspective on the world. Emphasizing the value of EMU's international environment in shaping his personal and professional growth, he expressed his appreciation by saying, "I am proud to be a member of EMU and grateful for my decision to come to Famagusta".





## 9<sup>TH</sup> INTERNATIONAL SYMPOSIUM OF EDUCATION AND VALUES TO BE HOSTED BY EMU

9th International Symposium of Education and Values (ISOEVA) to be hosted by the Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU) and organized in collaboration with the Turkish Language Association (TDK) will be held on 7-9 October 2025. The event will bring together scholars from Türkiye, North Cyprus, Kosovo, Malaysia, Macedonia, Nigeria, Romania, and other countries, and will be held both in person and online.

To offer an international platform that emphasizes the importance of social sciences and values education, the symposium will feature the presentations of high-quality research and interdisciplinary scientific discussions. Oral and poster presentations as well as “Good Examples in Education” presentations to be prepared with the contributions of educators, panels, conferences and a fine arts exhibition will be held as part of the enriched event’s program. Abstracts of accepted papers will be included in the symposium’s abstract book and on its official website, while full papers will be published in electronic or printed form after peer review, contributing to the academic community. Furthermore, all participants will be awarded certificates of attendance.

The event aims to create a productive environment both academically and culturally by bringing together prominent scholars from all fields of social sciences. It also encourages participants to enrich their scientific discussions by experiencing the historical and cultural heritage of Famagusta.

Abstracts related to the symposium will be accepted until 25 September 2025 via [www.isoeva.com](http://www.isoeva.com) web address.



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## REGISTRATIONS FOR EMU CONTINUE RECEIVING GREAT INTEREST

Registrations of new students who earned the right to enrol in the Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU) for the 2025 – 2026 Academic Year continues with full speed. With its internationally recognized approach to education, strong academic staff, and diverse range of programs, EMU continues to be a top choice for both local and international students.

Offering programs at the associate, undergraduate, graduate, and doctoral levels, EMU shapes the academic world while preparing students for success both academically and professionally. Thanks to its collaborations with universities worldwide, graduates gain a broad international perspective. With its modern campus, advanced research facilities, and vibrant social and cultural opportunities, EMU provides students not only with a high-quality education but also with a rich and transformative life experience.

Referring to the deep interest in the registration period as a testament to EMU's quality in education, EMU Rector Prof. Dr. Hasan Kılıç underscored that students are provided with all kinds of academic and social support to ensure they take firm steps towards future. Meeting with the new

students and families who visited the University for the Registration Procedures, Prof. Dr. Kılıç said; "As EMU, we are committed to supporting our students not only academically but also in their social, cultural, and personal development. With our strong academic structure and international collaborations, we prepare you for the future in line with global standards. We are delighted to have you with us. Welcome to the EMU family".

Also addressing the families, Prof. Dr. Kılıç said; "The children you have entrusted to us are very precious to us. We provide every opportunity to ensure they have a safe, peaceful, and successful educational journey. Welcome to the EMU family".

**Registrations Continue**  
EMU's Registrar's Office announced that registration is ongoing for both international students and citizens of the Turkish Republic of Northern Cyprus. The additional placement process for the Vertical Transfer Exam (DGS) and the Higher Education Institutions Exam (YKS) is also underway. Registrations are being handled by the Registrar's Office along with the Türkiye Promotion, Liaison, and Registration Offices.





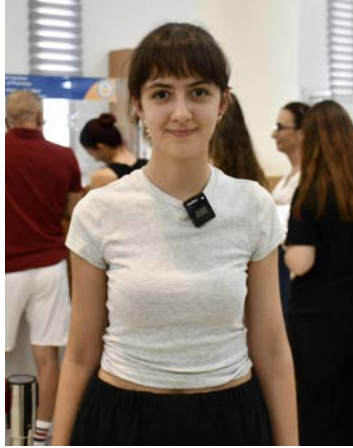
# REGISTRATIONS FOR EMU CONTINUE RECEIVING GREAT INTEREST

## What did the Students say?



**Azra Kutlu**  
**Radiotherapy – Medical Imaging Techniques**

Emphasizing that the Turkish Republic of North Cyprus is truly a university country, Kutlu stated she has chosen EMU for being a deep-rooted university. Kutlu, who has been following EMU through social media, expressed that the university has a beautiful and enjoyable campus. She stated that she is very impressed with EMU's facilities and is delighted to be studying here.



**Menekşe Defne Paralı**  
**Psychology (Turkish)**

Paralı stressed that EMU is one of the best and most recommended universities in Cyprus. Paralı, who researched EMU following guidance from their high school counsellor, said that EMU, their first choice, impressed her with its modern campus and student-friendly environment. She said; "I am so glad I chose EMU".



**Rümeysa Bakmaz**  
**Pre-School Teacher Education**

Bakmaz shared that knowing EMU is a public university gave her confidence. During her research on social media, she was particularly impressed by the university's location, campus, achievements, and academic team. Highlighting how the campus reflects the island lifestyle, Bakmaz said she already feel at home at EMU.



**Aytuğ Tuğra Abalı**  
**International Trade and Business**

Abalı, who was curious about life in the Turkish Republic of Northern Cyprus, said he was very impressed by the architecture of EMU's large and impressive campus. Highlighting the importance of scholarship opportunities in their decision-making process, Abalı noted that EMU's reputation as a respected university on the international stage was one of the key factors influencing his choice.

## What did the Families say?



**Yücel Paralı**

Paralı referred to the Turkish Republic of Northern Cyprus as a "second homeland" and shared, "Our choice was influenced by EMU's distinguished academic staff and its reputation as the island's leading university. It ranks highly in both national and international listings. The quality of education, the campus, the people, and even the climate and atmosphere made us feel right at home. Unlike in big cities, we don't have any safety concerns here".



**Melih Telli**

Noting how much the educators had praised EMU, Telli shared, "After looking into it ourselves, we saw that it truly deserves the compliments. We also kept up with the university through social media. Exploring the campus only increased our confidence and admiration for it".



**Aysel Bakmaz**

Highlighting that EMU's status as a public university was a key factor in their choice, Bakmaz shared, "The university offers excellent education with a safe and impressive campus, designed entirely with students in mind. Since our daughter will be living away from us for the first time, we felt completely confident and comfortable sending her to EMU".



**Serkan Abalı**

Saying that they are impressed with EMU's achievements, Abalı continued; "As a father, I brought my son here without any hesitations regarding safety and social life. We love Cyprus".



# EMU CAMPUS CARRIES OUT EXTENSIVE PREPARATIONS FOR THE NEW ACADEMIC YEAR

Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU) is undertaking an extensive preparation process across the campus to welcome students for the 2025–2026 Academic Year. Ahead of the new academic year, painting, maintenance, and landscaping activities are continuing at various locations across the campus without pause.

Within the framework of the work carried out by the EMU Technical Affairs Directorate, Environment Affairs Directorate and Cleaning Services Unit, painting and maintenance work is being conducted in academic and administrative buildings, social areas, and sports facilities, while landscaping improvements are taking place in green spaces. In addition, cleaning efforts across the entire campus have been intensified to ensure a more comfortable and hygienic environment for students and staff.



## “Campus Undergoes Regular Maintenance and Landscape Work”

Murat Aytekin, a foreperson at the EMU Environment Affairs Directorate, made remarks on the work being carried out around the EMU campus, stating that the campus undergoes regular maintenance and landscape work. Noting that the campus produces nearly 100,000 saplings annually, Aytekin said that regular weeding and pruning are consistently carried out. Highlighting preparations for the upcoming academic year, he emphasized that cleaning efforts are being prioritized. Aytekin also pointed out that tall trees along roads, which could pose risks to students, have been trimmed, and irrigation of green areas continues.



## “We are ready for the New Semester with Our Hygienic and Clean Setting”

Zehra Çelikel, a foreperson at the EMU Cleaning Services

Unit, stated that the Unit employs 112 personnel members who are assigned to various buildings and faculties, alongside contracted personnel who work exclusively in the dormitories. Çelikel emphasized that all employees receive annual training on cleaning and hygiene, and that daily inspections are conducted to prioritize the health of students and staff. Moreover, Çelikel added that campus waste is regularly collected, roads are cleaned with vehicles, and the overall goal is to maintain a hygienic environment. She concluded by stating that the campus is fully prepared for the new academic year with a hygienic and clean setting.



## “Extensive Preparation Work for the New Semester Continues”

EMU Construction, Technical and Plumbing Works Unit Director Sami Ömer noted that the most intensive preparations for the new academic year are being carried out in the dormitories. Alongside dorm maintenance, the infrastructure team is actively working on tasks such as road painting, sidewalk repairs, and renewing the



# EMU CAMPUS CARRIES OUT EXTENSIVE PREPARATIONS FOR THE NEW ACADEMIC YEAR

campus boundary walls. Ömer added that offices and classrooms are being reorganized where needed, with renovation work continuing in other areas. Adding more, Ömer said, “All teams are working across the campus to ensure a seamless start to the new term”.



## “We Always Strive to Welcome Our Students into a Clean and Hygienic Campus”

EMU Cleaning Services Unit Chief Sertaç Eyüpoğlu provided insights on the preparation work conducted ahead of the new academic year. Stating that they always strive to welcome the students into a clean and hygienic campus, Eyüpoğlu said that their goal is to create an environment that feels as comfortable as home. He highlighted that maintaining hygiene in classrooms and restrooms is a top priority, and that all cleaning works are conducted in line with ISO quality standards, with plans prepared accordingly. Noting that perceptions of cleanliness can vary,



Eyüpoğlu said; “What we consider as 100% hygienic, someone else might see as only 70%. That is why it is very important for our students to report any shortcomings they notice. Each building has administrative supervisors and managers, and students can reach us through them”.



## “Our Students will welcome the Spring with a Vibrant Campus”

Ali Ertay, EMU Environment Affairs Director, also provided information regarding the preparation works carried around the campus. Ertay highlighted that, each semester, their aim is to welcome students to a clean, well-organized, and visually appealing campus, noting that preparations have been intensively ongoing for about two months. He explained that before the arrival of new students, all areas—including faculties, dormitories, and the South Campus—have undergone weeding, tree maintenance, and planting. Additionally, flower beds and landscaping along the main campus roads have been maintained. In preparation for the new semester, special arrangements are planned for Atatürk Square and Democracy Square, while new landscaping projects will also be carried out around the Rector’s Office Building and in front of the Technical Affairs Directorate. Stating that a number of roundabouts in the campus will also be having renovations, Ertay said; “Like every semester, we will be adding more colorful flowers throughout the campus. With the plantings done in the fall, students will be greeted by a bright and lively campus in the spring”.

EMU, which boasts one of the largest and most modern campuses in the Turkish Republic of Northern Cyprus, continues to provide its students with a contemporary living environment that also supports academic excellence.





## EMU 28<sup>TH</sup> ORIENTATION DAYS CONTINUE

Being annually organized at the beginning of each academic semester by the Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU) Student Development, Activities and Sports Affairs Directorate with the aim of supporting the new EMU students during their adaptation period, the 28th of the Orientation Days continue at full steam.

As part of the EMU 28th Orientation Days program, organized in communication sponsorship of North Cyprus Turkcell (KKTCELL) and in contributions of the Municipality of Famagusta, various events are being carried out, including informative online seminars, fun social events, workshops, as well as city and campus tours.

### Various Events Being Organized

During the 28th Orientation Days, a variety of in-person and online seminars and activities are being organized. From 11–17 September 2025, students participated in cinema screenings, karaoke, game nights, and recreation days at EMU-2 Dormitory, fostering new friendships and helping them adjust to university life. Furthermore, on 19 September 2025 at 06:00 p.m., students enjoyed a delightful evening at the EMU Activity Center with the Comedy & Culture Shock performance.

### Online seminars are also held within the scope of EMU

Orientation Days. Some of these seminars include: “Preparing for Undergraduate Education at EMU”, “Preparing for Postgraduate Education at EMU”, “Health and Psychological Support in North Cyprus”, “Banking and Budgeting in Cyprus”, “Residence Permit & Student Visa Guide”, “Job, Internship and Volunteering Opportunities”, “Safety and Support in Famagusta”, “Welcome to EMU”, “Urban Life” and “Adapting to Cultural Change”.

### A Chance to Get to Know the City – Famagusta Tour

The Famagusta Tour, held on 15 and 20 September 2025, helped new students learn more about the city. Departing at 10:00 a.m. from the Student Development, Activities, and Sports Affairs Directorate building, students explored historical sites and key official institutions in Famagusta as part of a rich and informative tour program.



### A Close Look into EMU through the Campus Tour

On 18 September 2025 at 10:00 a.m., a campus tour was organized to help students become more familiar with the university. Starting from the Activity Center building, the tour included visits to the Özyay Oral Library, Lala Mustafa Paşa Sports Center, Health Center, and various faculties. Students also met with EMU Vice Rector for Academic Affairs, Prof. Dr. Osman M. Karatepe, Vice Rector for Student Affairs, Prof. Dr. Sonuç Zorlu, and Rectorate Coordinator, Assoc. Prof. Dr. Tolga





# EMU 28<sup>TH</sup> ORIENTATION DAYS CONTINUE



Çelik, in front of the Rector's Office Building.

In his address to the students, Prof. Dr. Karatepe said, "Welcome to EMU, the best university on the island. Each of you is a valued member of the EMU family". He added, "You can always reach out to us if you encounter any problem.", and wished the students success in their academic journey.

Prof. Dr. Zorlu also welcomed all students and emphasized that the doors are always open for them whenever they face any challenges. Highlighting EMU as the best university on the island, she spoke about the academic and social advantages the university offers. Prof. Dr. Zorlu concluded by saying, "Welcome to the EMU family. I wish you all success in your academic journey".

## Informative Session on Residence Permit Procedures

Students who will complete their studies in the Turkish Republic of Northern Cyprus (TRNC) are legally required to complete residence permit procedures to remain in the country. In this context, the necessary steps for obtaining legal student status were explained to students on 17 September 2025 at 12:00 p.m. at the Activity Center.



## Seminar Videos Prepared Regarding Life in North Cyprus and University Life

Within the scope of the 28th Orientation Days, seminar videos; "Life in Northern Cyprus" by the Police Department and "Adaptation to University Life" by EMU Psychological Counselling, Guidance and Research Center (PDRAM) were prepared with the aim of easing the adaptation process of the new coming students. Furthermore, a webinar held by the PDRAM offered more information for the students. On Wednesday, 24 September 2025, at 12:00p.m., EMU PDRAM delivered a seminar, at the Activity Center building, titled "Mental Health and Psychological Support Services at EMU".

## Welcoming Night to be held for Students

A 'Welcoming Night' event will be organized on Friday, 26 September 2025 at 06:00 p.m. at EMU Beach Club facilities. At the Welcome Night, the Niyal Öztürk Band and DJ Fame will perform, offering an enjoyable evening for attendees. Additionally, the event will feature a band performance and a stilt-walking show. Administrative units, faculties and schools, student clubs and international student societies and student council will set booths, offering information for the new students of the university.

More information about the Orientation Days can be accessed via <https://oryantasyon.emu.edu.tr> web address, [emu.orientation@emu.edu.tr](mailto:emu.orientation@emu.edu.tr) e-mail address or from +90 533 833 86 00 WhatsApp line.







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