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Dean of Students' Message

Dear Partners and Students,

The Office of the Dean of Students is committed to enriching the lives and experiences of our students in collaboration with the Office of International Programs (OIP) to create internationalization opportunities for Koç University students and students from around the world. Internationalization is right at the heart of Koç University's mission and OIP is crucial to achieving this goal.

I invite you to further explore OIP and its activities from the first six months of 2018. I encourage everyone to learn more about what makes Koç University such an amazing place to study, learn, educate and experience.

Warmest regards,

Dr. Bilgen Bilgin
Dean of Students



Directors' Message

Dear Colleagues,

Koç University Office of International Programs (OIP) is proud to present its first newsletter of 2018. OIP is dedicated to supporting and enabling cross cultural experiences and enterprises, promoting study abroad, creating valuable ties with esteemed institutions, supporting international social innovation and service learning, adopting practices to support internationalization at home efforts, and acting as a liaison to the University for international students and scholars.

This newsletter aims to provide you with the latest news on OIP's internationalization efforts. We hope you will enjoy reading it and share it with your community.

Best wishes,

Burcu Sarsilmaz
Director

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KEREM GÖRSEV & KU ORCHESTRA

Hosted by the Dean of Students and the Sevgi Gönül Cultural Center in celebration of Koç University's 25th anniversary, KUOrchestra shared the stage with Kerem Görsev, Turkey's most renowned jazz pianist. Görsev was accompanied on stage by strings, wind instruments, keys and vocals.



This year Koç University celebrates its 25th anniversary. As our University reaches a new milestone, we can all look back on the many important successes of the last 25 years with a great deal of pride. Over the years, our students, faculty, staff and graduates have contributed to a scientific heritage and strength of capability, which together with the intellect and knowledge accumulated at Koç University, have ensured us a bright path to the future. Koç University shall continue to shine as a global star in education and science and we shall all together be the witnesses and architects of its rapid rise in prominence.

In celebration of Koç University's 25th anniversary a Sustainable Development Conference was held on 26 March 2018, conducted under the Sustainable Development Goals framework set by the United Nations. Hosted by the College of Administrative Sciences and Economics and the Graduate School of Business with support from the Corporate Governance Forum, the conference brought together Koç University alumni and business leaders.



The 25th Anniversary Football Tournament, one of the most exciting events of Koç University's 25th Anniversary Celebrations, welcomed students, staff and faculty members as well as Koç University alumni.



Koç University Volunteers Awareness Group has finished installation of a new library at Aydın Mürşide Akçay School, an elementary and secondary school in the southern Anatolian province of Aydın. Boasting a collection of over 3,000 books the 'Koç University 25th Anniversary Library' was funded and constructed under the 'No School Without a Library' project.

International Staff Training Week and Study Abroad Fair at Koç University

The Exchange Programs and Partnership Development Team at OIP organized a comprehensive International Staff Training Week 7-11 May, welcoming non-academic staff from partner universities to network, benchmark and share their expertise with colleagues from around the globe. Throughout the week participants from different institutions learned about Koç University, the city of Istanbul and our international engagements as well as participating in European Project Management and Erasmus+ blended training programs. The training events were conducted by Koç University senior staff and experts from the Turkish National Agency and Turkish Higher Education Council (YÖK).



The fair took place on 11 May as part of the International Staff Training Week program. Representatives from partner universities promoted their institutions and countries to Koç University students. Koç University has more than 250 partnerships from 55 different countries. We are committed to offering diverse exchange opportunities for Koç University students and staff and creating a multicultural environment at home.

Represented universities included:

- [Universidad del Pacifico](#)
- [Indian Institute of Technology Bombay \(IITB\)](#)
- [ADA University](#)
- [St. Petersburg University Graduate School of Mgmt.](#)
- [Caucasus University](#)
- [The University of Jordan](#)
- [National Taiwan University](#)
- [Sup'Biotech Paris](#)
- [China University of Political Science and Law](#)
- [Chulalongkorn University, Faculty of Economics](#)
- [American University of Beirut \(AUB\)](#)
- [Universidad de Montevideo ,IEEM Business School](#)
- [Universidad de Montevideo](#)
- [EGE RABAT](#)

During the Study Abroad Fair students not only met with representatives from partner institutions but also representatives from Consulates and organizations such as:

- [Campus France](#)
- [DAAD](#)
- [Austrade](#)
- [Neso Turkey](#)
- [Swedenedu](#)
- [Consulate General of Canada](#)
- [CEMS MIM](#)
- [Pati Birliği](#)

At the fair, students learned about university life in other countries from incoming exchange students and returned Koç University exchange students. They also learned how to include an exchange program into their study plans and received advice from partner university representatives and OIP's team of experts. Current exchange students brought a taste of traditional cuisines from their own countries. Money raised from food sold at the fair was donated to Çak bi Pati, an animal rescue organization.



TO WATCH THE VIDEO

New joint scholarship program with the Center for International Programs "Bolashak" in Kazakhstan

Koç University signed a cooperation agreement in March 2018 with the Center for International Programs "Bolashak" in Kazakhstan to award full and partial tuition scholarships to talented Kazakh students to pursue their undergraduate, master or PhD degrees at our institution.

Kazakhstan and Turkey have enjoyed growing political, trade and cultural cooperation in the last decade. There is also a growing interest from Kazakh students to pursue their studies at Turkish universities and higher education institutions. This scholarship program represents an important and positive step in furthering links between the two countries and supporting the professional development of human resources in Kazakhstan.

We will begin promoting this new opportunity to our network of partner universities, educational agencies, alumni and other stakeholders in the coming months for Spring 2019 and Fall 2019 admissions.

More information can be requested from mabache@ku.edu.tr



Koç University delegates @International Conference & Fairs and Partner Visits

2018 APAIE Conference in Singapore

The 13th APAIE Conference was held 25–29 March 2018 in Singapore, on 'The Impact of the Fourth Industrial Revolution on Higher Education in the Asia Pacific'. Koç University exhibited with the Turkish Research Universities stand.

Koç University was represented by four members of the OIP team alongside Dean of Students, Dr. Bilgen Bilgin, who met with more than 40 institutions from the Asia-Pacific region. In meetings with our partner universities, we discussed new and future developments and pledged to build on our current mutual exchanges for a stronger relationship.



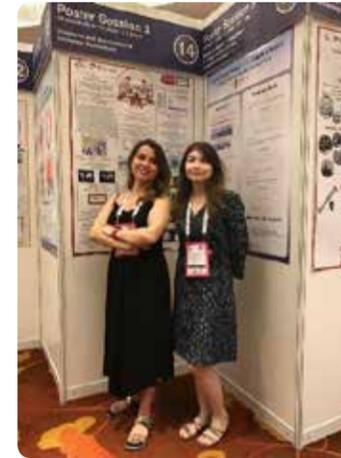
Sessions presented by Koç University at the APAIE Conference

OIP members presented two sessions at APAIE 2018. 'An Innovative Co-curricular Program to Thrive in the 21st Century' was presented by Burcu Sarsilmaz (OIP Director) and Rena Polat Korkmaz (Senior International Marketing and Project Specialist). The session showcased Koç University's own Global Learning and Leadership Program as a comprehensive program geared towards enabling students to become competent global citizens and to develop personal and professional skills to thrive in the 21st century.

The second session titled 'Managing International Education Programs under the Threat of Global Terrorism' was presented by Burcu Sarsilmaz (OIP Director), Oktay Sekercisoy (Binghamton University) and Dr. Hale Işık Guler (METU) and was very well received. The session discussed strategies for developing international education programs and partnerships in the face of threats from global terrorism and other international travel risks, presenting different perspectives by sharing experiences of managing international risks on campus from three institutions in the US and Turkey.



The Team Leader of Exchange Programs and Partnerships, Mrs. Sedef Erçetin Gencosmanoglu, and Exchange Programs Advisor, Ms. Zeynep Ezgi Erdem, presented two posters at the APAIE Conference. Sedef presented a poster titled 'Erasmus+ and Non-traditional Exchange Destinations', while Zeynep's poster was on 'Enhancing Exchange Experience by Connecting Incoming and Outgoing Mobility'. Both posters were well received by the audience and created enthusiastic discussions among colleagues.



OIP Delegates are Abroad

Hong Kong



Office of International Programs Director, Burcu Sarsilmaz, visited Koç University partners during her trip to Hong Kong in January. She met with colleagues at Lingnan University, Hong Kong University of Science and Technology and City of University of Hong Kong. She also visited a potential new partner, Polytechnic University of Hong Kong, and identified key areas of collaboration. On the last two days of her stay, Ms. Sarsilmaz attended the Symposium on Internationalization of Student Affairs Issues in Higher Education, organized by the Chinese University of Hong Kong.

2018 Forum on Education Abroad (FoE):



The Forum's 14th Annual Conference took place in Boston, 21–23 March 2018. The conference focused on the theme 'Building on Strong Foundations: Best Practices for an Evolving Field'. Koç University was represented by the Director of OIP and the Team Leader of Exchange Programs and Partnerships. Interesting discussions were held on different aspects of the study abroad experience. The OIP team attended thought-provoking sessions and round-table discussions, also meeting with colleagues from diverse and varied institutions.

Japan



Exchange Programs and Partnership Development Team Leader, Sedef Erçetin, and Exchange Programs Advisor, Zeynep Ezgi Erdem, visited several universities and institutions in Japan. These fruitful meetings have led to new partnership opportunities and provided comprehensive information for Erasmus+ ICM partners in Japan. The organized visits are listed below:

- Japan Students Services Association (JASSO) Office
- Nagoya University Business and Commerce
- Hitotsubashi University
- Waseda University
- Kyoto University
- Keio University
- Embassy of Turkey in Tokyo

Our team members also visited Thailand, Georgia, France and Hungary.

During visits to King Mongkut's University of Technology Thonburi and Chulalongkorn University in Thailand, Exchange Programs Advisor Zeynep Ezgi Erdem met with students and faculty interested in studying abroad. At Chulalongkorn University an information session was held with a group of students from the Faculty of Economics.

Zeynep attended Sup'Biotech University's 6th International Fair which took place 29 January 2018. During the fair students learned about Koç University and available services for exchange students. Zeynep visited Science Po Paris, HEC Paris and Ecole Nationale Supérieure d'Arts et Métiers (ENSAM) within the scope of this trip.

In May 2018, Zeynep attended the 'Erasmus Going Digital' conference organized by European University Foundation in France. The conference was held at Etvös Lorand University and focused on the Erasmus without Paper Project and online applications for Erasmus+. Zeynep also visited Corvenius University to meet with the Exchange Coordinator and CEMS Program Manager.



The Global Recruitment Team has been out and about!

Between January and June 2018 the Global Recruitment Team traveled to 25 cities in 16 countries across Europe, Asia, Latin America and the Middle East to provide information and advice to students looking for bachelor, master and PhD programs in Turkey and at Koç University. The team participated in student fairs, school and university visits and meetings with key stakeholders in each country. Here are some pictures of our trips and keep an eye out on our country visits calendar to see if we'll be visiting your city later this year.

During the Fall semester we'll be looking forward to meeting you in Baku, New Delhi, Mumbai, Chennai, Bangalore, Beijing, Shanghai, Abu Dhabi, Dubai, Beirut, Paris, Brussels, Berlin and others.

Enquiries should be directed to study@ku.edu.tr and you can also follow the team on [Twitter](#), [Facebook](#), [Instagram](#) and [YouTube](#).

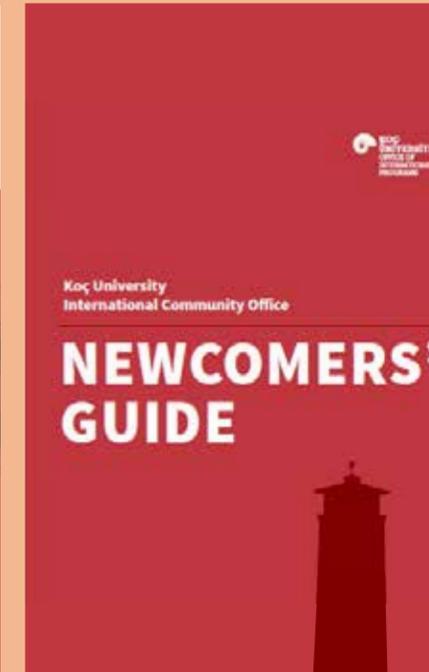
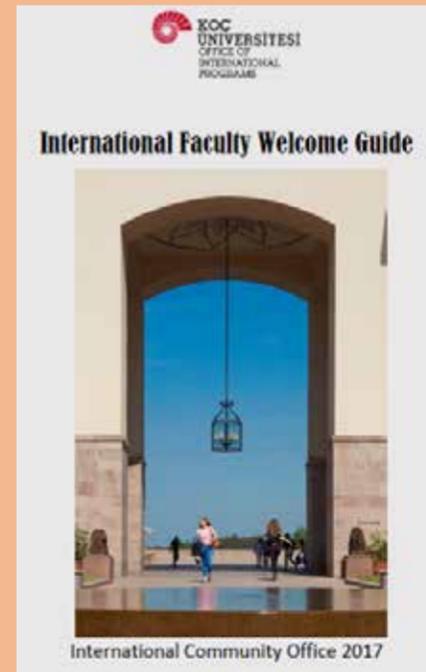


For International Students, By International Students: ISC

The International Student Community Club (ISC) came into being in Fall 2017 with the initiative of Associate Dean Serpil Eksioglu as an official club for international students and others interested in joining their activities. The club's board recruits members and organizes activities. To date, the club has organized around fifteen events bringing together a diverse range of international and domestic students. This is the first such club for international students and offers members the opportunity to learn how to be responsible for budgets, event proposals, logistics, social media, publicity and reporting. A senior Business Major, Rawia Hassan Shaheen, was elected the first President of ISC. Rawia is from Syria and she is happy to contribute to diversity activities at Koç University. You can follow the club on [Instagram](#) at koc.isc and on the Koç University International Student Community [Facebook](#) page.



3 New Guidebooks Out for Koç University's International Community



We are pleased to announce three new international community guides. The 'Newcomers' Guide' is an updated edition of a comprehensive guide first produced by the International Community Office in 2015 and includes expanded content, a new design and welcome messages by OIP Director, Burcu Sarsılmaz and ICO Coordinator, Mert Şanivar. The 'New Faculty Welcome Guide' addresses the needs of international faculty. The 'ICO Welcome Guide for New International Students' is for international, visiting and exchange students arriving at Koç University. All three guides are available online or by clicking the images to the left. Printed copies of the 'Newcomers Guide' are also available at our offices.

We welcome thoughts and feedback about the new guides. Please send your comments to Mert Şanivar at msanivar@ku.edu.tr

Students Exploring Istanbul by Bike



This Spring Break, Turkish and International students gathered to bike up to Rumelifeneri, enjoy open buffet traditional Turkish brunch and ride back down to campus.



Day Trip to Sile – Ağva

On 21 April, International Student Community Club took students out on a trip to the famous Şile-Ağva. The trip brought together domestic students and international students from both graduate and undergraduate programs.



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Istanbul is the city where anything can be: historical and modern, religious and secular, chaotic and peaceful. Now, I know that I have lived the best exchange experience I could have ever asked for. I cannot be grateful enough with Turkey and with its people.



Carlos Torres White
ITAM, Mexico

Every Exchange Has a Story!

Incoming Students

Time flies in Turkey. My semester at Koç has been a great experience. The city is magnificent and full of history, culture, and delicious food. There is something for everyone, from jazz bars to great clubs and as well as classical orchestra. One advantage is the quality of the sports facilities on campus that include a 25 meter pool as well as an ice skating rink. As I write these lines I am enjoying a Jazz concert organized on campus, one of the many events that take place regularly on campus. Turkey, I will be back!



Joseph Gringer Gasser
Nova University of Lisbon, Portugal



Nijat Muslumzada
ADA University, Azerbaijan

From the moment of entering the campus, you can feel the student spirit; it is not only the place for learning but living the best moments of student life. Spending a couple of minutes near the seaside or watching sunset in Haliç, Golden Horn is priceless experience. That is not the end, every region of Turkey has something unique to offer both in terms of culture and nature and I believe that 4 months will not be enough to explore all of them.

I have been in Koç University for three months. The school has a relaxing learning environment, and teachers are very willing to answer any questions for me. It is no exaggeration to say that people in Turkey are extremely beautiful and helpful. I am very honored to have such an opportunity to study and live in another country.



Jiaqian Li
Zhejiang University, China

I would like to say that it was a very beautiful and wonderful experience that I had here. Full of joyful, meeting new people and of course studying. I really did like the people here, they were helpful, kind, straightforward although they don't know English much. I really thank the OIP for everything they've done for us and I really felt like we are somehow a family. Thanks KOÇ, Thanks OIP and big Thanks for our mentors who made our life much easier.



Mahmoud Obaid
The University of Jordan, Jordan



Yasmina Teouil
Paris Dauphine University, France

I'm spending my second semester at Koç University in Istanbul and I recommend it to everyone who is keen to experience student life within a new and diverse cultural environment. Istanbul has it all; history, culture and traditions, amazing landmarks, vibrant nightlife and breathtaking views. I would say this city and the university have something for everyone to enjoy.

Every Exchange Has a Story!

Outgoing Students

Not only going to Finland but also staying in a small city called Mikkeli that is 3 hours away from the capital city Helsinki was something special. During my exchange period I found the opportunity to experience Finnish and Nordic cultures with only 6 hours of daylight, dressing like a cabbage, experiencing -30°C degrees, visiting Santa Claus, seeing the magnificent Aurora Borealis, going to the Arctic Circle and many other crazy memories that I wouldn't imagine to experience. Since Mikkeli is a small city with only 40,000 people, I thought I would get bored easily and I was the only Turkish person in the entire city which was also something that got me thinking; yet I've never got bored, even for one second. We as exchange students from all around the world created a huge family and stuck together. We are still contacting with each other and I can easily say that we will always support each other without accepting the distances as a limit.



Ayça Yılmaz
Aalto University, Finland



Ömer Uçar,
Maastricht University
Netherlands

Participating in Erasmus+ Program had always been a dream of mine since I started the university. I got to meet amazing people from different parts of the world, which made me become a more international and broad-minded person. Netherlands has a lot to offer: beautiful nature, outstanding architecture, warm people and much more...



Umut Duygu,
San Francisco State University
USA

I spent Fall 17 semester as an exchange student at San Francisco State University, USA. It was truly an unbelievable experience and I do thank myself every day for choosing that location and be brave enough to get out of my safe space. It was my first time being apart from my family and my friends and I was kind of anxious at first. However it turned out to be a fascinating term in my life. I have had many friends and our friendships still continue, I have met with people from different backgrounds, orientations and ideologies which changed my world perception permanently. I had a lot of fun, travelling and experiencing a whole new world. I have been to Mexico, Lake Tahoe and Yosemite National park and many more. I ran from adventure to adventure with my new friends who helped me to understand a universal mindset and helped me be a citizen of the world. Also the classes I took expanded my horizon where I understood how outer world interpret events and happenings which helped me concerning my major, international relations. Now I have many stories to tell about that particular period of my life which I will remember forever.



Şule Akdemir
Yonsei University
South Korea

My exchange story began with my step in Seoul, the capital city of South Korea. I always dreamed to live outside my comfort zone and, I was given a chance to make my dreams come true. I studied at Yonsei University which was located at the very heart of Seoul. I took interesting courses which taught me to see things from different perspectives. The social life in the university was full of surprises, and I met with amazing people from all around the world. I discovered different cities in South Korea and went to the North Korean border which is one of the must-see places. Furthermore, I traveled in Asia and, went to Hong Kong and several cities in Japan. In brief, South Korea is a perfect destination to study abroad which offers unlimited entertainment and, it is a perfect place to begin to discover the world and create your own story.

Spring 2018 Orientation Week for Incoming Exchange Students

On the first day of orientation week students received a tour of campus, learned about Koç University and campus services, and enjoyed a traditional Turkish breakfast by the Bosphorus. Throughout the rest of the week students enjoyed several trips organized by Koç University including a super exciting opportunity to discover the local area, Sarıyer, and a trip to the Old City to visit Istanbul's most fascinating historical sights including Topkapı Palace, the Blue Mosque and Hagia Sophia. These trips proved to be an enjoyable way for exchange students to learn about a fascinating city steeped in culture and history.



Koç University Staff and Faculty Members Go Abroad !



Mina Ayten
University of Economics
Prague

Participating in the Erasmus+ Staff Mobility Program back in April 2018 at the University of Economics in Prague provided me with an opportunity to observe the way people from a different culture work, to follow how the host university operates and to meet people from different cultures. I am very happy to have had this experience. It was a pleasure to see the connection between institutions.

As part of the Erasmus+ ICM Program, I visited Universidad Del Pacifico (UP), a prestigious private university located in Lima, Peru. I saw that Universidad Del Pacifico is an interesting model since it successfully integrates arts and culture with the university community in an open-minded way. As well as visiting the cultural centre, thanks to the Exchange Office I had a great chance to have meetings with several predominant actors in the cultural field of Peru. I also had very insightful and mind opening meetings with the Peru Ministry of Culture, Embassy of the Republic of Turkey in Peru, Mucen Museum, Centro Cultural de Bellas Artes Peru (Cultural Center of Fine Arts, Peru), Teatro La Plaza, International Relations Office UP and Extra-curricular Activities Office UP.



Oğuz Öner, University Del Pacifico (UP) Peru

Koç University hosts Staff and Faculty Members from Partner Universities!

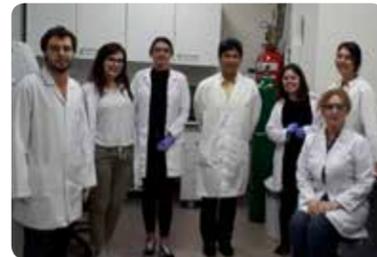


Hiu Yu Phoebe Leung
Lingnan University, Hong Kong

My participation in the "International Library Staff Week" organized by the Koç University of Istanbul, with the support of Erasmus+ ICM funding, was really a pleasure and fruitful experience for me. During the five day event, I networked with library professionals from many countries. I learnt many good

practices on library services and enjoyed much cultural exchange with other participants. I also had chances to visit the important sights of the city like the Sultanahmet and the Ottoman Archives.

Here I would like to thank all the logistics and administrative support personnel from Suna Kirac Library and Office of International Programs of Koç University.



Shane Lo Fan Hin
University of Sussex, UK

Visiting Koç University has been an enriching experience. Their unique selling point is the small size of their cohort (plus the idyllic location on the top of a hill overlooking the Black Sea). The staff were dedicated to their teaching and the students are have a very good learning experience. We have exchanged experiments from both institutions and I am looking forward to applying some of their methods in my teaching.



Durata Hacıu Ertek
University of Zurich
Switzerland

During the second week of April, I visited the Physical Chemistry department in UZH invited by Dr Jan Helbing, in the context of the SWISS teaching exchange program. Chemistry especially has a long tradition at the University of Zurich. My host was part of Prof Hamm research group in Physical Chemistry. UZH is situated in a beautiful park very close to the city center, so its access was easy and pleasant. I believe that my visit was satisfactory and beneficial to both visitor and host. I can proudly say that Koç University Physical Chemistry courses and labs (taking into account differences in mission and curriculum) is up to date and at a par with the physical chemistry requirements at UZH. I strongly recommend our students and faculty to visit UZH to exchange ideas and study their subjects from a different point of view.



Mert Sanivar
American University
of Beirut, Lebanon

I title this blurb "Li Beirut" referencing the famous Lebanese Diva, Fairuz's famous song, because my staff exchange at AUB introduced me to not only an impressive university but also to the deep contrasts, sorrows and beauties of a city, just as portrayed in Fairuz's song, which I listened to during my visit to Beirut. On the second day of my staff exchange, I was fortunate enough to join a walking tour in downtown Beirut in which you can see how the city was reborn after the long lasting civil war. All in all my whole experience was outstanding for reasons such as the Mediterranean climate, people's friendliness and generosity, relaxed life style, convenience of coffee shops all over, and an amplitude of food.

I visited Ecole de Gouvernance et d'Economie (EGE Rabat) in Morocco within the ICM Staff Exchange program. It was great to interact with colleagues up there, gain different perspectives and exchange our knowledge and experiences about how we do our job. The professionalism and the warm, friendly atmosphere that I was welcomed into made it an experience to be remembered for a lifetime.



Nilüfer Akpınar Şahin
Ecole de Gouvernance et d'Economie (EGE Rabat) Morocco

KU's special summer program on international migration is organized for the 3rd time



Koç University's International Migration Summer Program has once again brought together students from around the world with Koç University students. International Migration and the Crisis - The Basic Instinct: Survival took place from 25 June to 13 July 2018.

In addition to an interactive and discussion-based class environment, the program includes field trips to Istanbul neighborhoods where immigrants reside in large numbers and operate small businesses. Students are also invited to attend Koç University Migration Research Center (MiReKoç) summer school seminars. The program offers students opportunities to undertake voluntary service learning study at NGOs working with asylum seekers and refugees in Istanbul.

Koç University students reach Hult Prize London Finals!



The Hult Prize is a global social entrepreneurship competition which begins with local competitions on campus and allows winning teams to join regional final competitions abroad. The final competition took place at Hult Business School in London, 9-10 March 2018. By attending this competition, I learned that working as a team is the most important factor in developing any project no matter how tremendous the idea - without collaboration it is impossible to succeed. We worked as a group of four people for more than three months, sometimes overcoming disagreements and conflict.

Being a part of Koç University's Global Learning and Leadership Program, the Hult Prize was a perfect experience for me and I came home with unforgettable memories. Thanks to OIP for supporting us!

Derin Sağmanlı, GLLP Fellow

GLLP initiatives: Informing and inspiring the leaders of change



Funded by GLLP and KUGlobalAid programs, I attended the Service Learning in Vietnam Program (14-26 January 2018) organized by OIP. The program focused on social innovation projects and revealed the real need for these initiatives. Project partners were very helpful in creating a safe environment for all participants in the program, which itself was excellent. During the project we defined our objectives, stakeholders process map and work plan which allowed us to meet our goals clearly and comfortably. A design thinking approach greatly benefited the whole process. For me, the design thinking process is both interesting and very helpful. It was also important to store our energy at the weekends for field trips. I believe social innovation and social entrepreneurship projects will become more frequent in the future as people become more interested in these concepts, so thank you OIP for this opportunity!

Kerimcan Maltepe, GLLP Changemaker



Thanks to GLLP, I had one of the best experiences of my college journey in Boston when I attended the Ashoka U Exchange. The atmosphere there was so different and I am very glad that I had the chance to be involved in such a diverse place. Every talk and presentation pushed me to think something new or approach it in a different way. These lessons helped me realize anything is possible if you want it to become a reality. The world can be a place full of diversity but what matters most is to see the similarities between diverse communities. During the exchange, participants joined from more than 150 destinations. Ashoka U Exchange helped me to see that people of different cultures are not actually

that different at all. Our values are pretty much the same and we should learn to work together to create greater impact. The exchange made me realize that I can push my limits further and dream more. In other words, Ashoka helped me realize our dreams are limitless and should not be constrained by well-shaped borders. After experiencing the Ashoka U Exchange 2018 I can and want to hope for more, act more, feel more and definitely do more. I want to develop a better social self and become a member of the global community. One thing for sure is that the GLLP is the starting point of many of my best college experiences. Long live the GLLP! :)

Orçun Doğmazer, GLLP Fellow

Applications open for Summer Study Abroad in Budapest: Cultural Heritage Studies Program



In 2016 Koç University founded a two-week summer program on cultural heritage studies in collaboration with Central European University (CEU). The program will be held again this summer and is open to university students from around the world! The course is delivered by Professor József Laszlovszky from the Department of Medieval Studies at CEU and includes in-class sessions at CEU alongside guided Budapest "heritage walks" and field trips to parts of Hungary such as the Danube Bend, the Pilis Mountains and the city of Eger. The application deadline is 30 June!

Hosted for the first time in Turkey by Deloitte Turkey, Global Learning and Leadership Program (GLLP) students and Deloitte employees attended a full day design workshop on the "Future of Work", a solveathon to create, refine, and submit solutions for future workplace problems. Experiencing the design thinking process has always been a fun journey for me. Experiencing the journey as a reverse-mentoring session was even better. During the event, we had a chance to understand how Deloitte employees think and to create a mutually beneficial learning and experiencing atmosphere. At the end of the day, having a chance to work on various futuristic problems with experts was very satisfying. I hope we will be able to conduct similar activities in cooperation with industry partners.

Erhan Kaan Bilgin, GLLP Pioneer



Sharing memories: Incoming Exchange Students Instagram Contest

Every semester OIP holds "Exchange Memories", an Instagram competition for incoming exchange students. Students love sharing their experiences with photos and videos. This semester, the most liked three pictures won a GoPro Camera, Apple TV and URBANEARS headphones. Using the #KocUniExchange tag the competition once again created great synergy between students.



More than just a semester: Outgoing Exchange Students Video Contest

Studying abroad may be one of the most valuable experiences for a university student. By going on exchange, students have the opportunity to study in a foreign nation and take in the allure and culture of a new land. Choosing to study abroad can be one of the most enriching, fulfilling, interesting and educationally stimulating experiences of a student's entire life. Students were asked to shoot videos about their study abroad experiences. Here is the winning video by Burak Orhun Başer about his time at the Chinese University of Hong Kong.



A new website and WeChat account for prospective international students!

Are you using WeChat? The popular Chinese social media channel is helping Koç University give a glimpse of the many research and academic collaboration opportunities and activities happening on campus. Check it out using the QR code below!

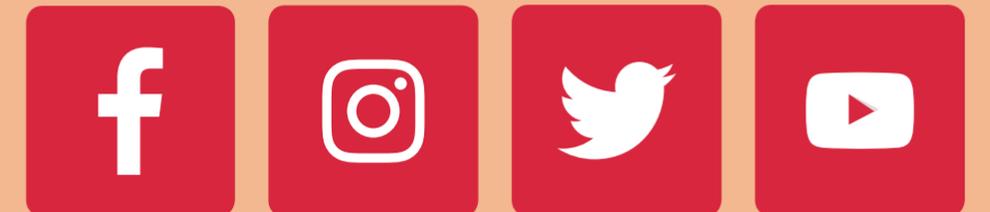
We have also recently launched a new website international.ku.edu.tr to provide a single source of relevant information and guidance for prospective international students interested in pursuing their undergraduate or graduate programs at Koç University.

You can send all your queries regarding programs, admissions, scholarships, events in your country and more through the website or emailing us at study@ku.edu.tr (Global Recruitment Team, Office of Vice-President for Research and Development)



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Incoming Staff and Faculty Exchange Opportunities

Koç University Erasmus+ incoming faculty and staff exchange programs (teaching or training) are available to staff or faculty members from European universities. Details are announced on our website. Please [click here](#) to read the Incoming Mobility Guidelines Information factsheet which covers all information and requirements for applying to an exchange program at Koç University.

Looking for a Project Partner?



Koç University OIP would be happy to take part in your projects (i.e. Erasmus+ Youth, Erasmus+ Strategic Partnerships, etc.). Please contact OIP Director Burcu Sarsilmaz bsarsilmaz@ku.edu.tr if you are looking for a partner in Turkey.

New track program: PhD in Archaeology – Maritime Archaeology

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Please direct any inquiries on the program to Michael Jones at mjones@ku.edu.tr



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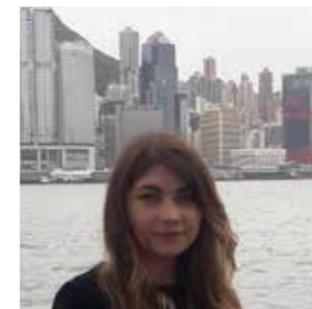
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