

Global Exchange: First Call for Applications

OIP invites Koç University students to apply for the Global Exchange program! Please read the information provided below carefully and join our info sessions during the application period for more information!

Application Dates:

Applications for the Global Exchange program's First Call are now open!

The application period is **06.11.2023 – 30.11.2023**.

The application deadline will be 30.11.2023, 16:00. Late applications will not be accepted.

Student selection will be done for Fall 2024 and Spring 2025 semesters.

Please note that there will be a Second for applications only for Spring 2025 but the quota for that round will be the remaining quota from the First Call. If you would like to go on exchange in the Fall 2024 Semester, you must apply in the First Call.

For more information on the application dates, please check OIP's <u>Application and Selection</u> <u>Calendar</u>.

FAQ Document - Info and Q&A Session(s):

Info Session Schedule:

Session 1: 07.11.2023 Tuesday, Student Center -3rd floor, B335 12:00 – 13:00 **Session 2:** 07.11.2023 Tuesday, Student Center -3rd floor, B335 15:00 – 16:00 **Session 3:** 09.11.2023 Thursday, Student Center -3rd floor, B335 12:00 – 13:00 **Session 4:** 09.11.2023 Thursday, Student Center -3rd floor, B335 15:00 – 16:00

Session 5: 15.11.2023 Wednesday, Virtual (Microsoft Teams) 12:00 – 13:00 Meeting Link Session 6: 20.11.2023 Monday, Virtual (Microsoft Teams) 12:00 – 13:00 Meeting Link

The purpose of these sessions will be to give detailed information about the program and answer all program-related questions our students might have. There will be some former participants of the Global Exchange Program joining the info sessions as well!

We kindly ask our students to familiarize themselves with our <u>FAQ Document</u> and program rules on our website before attending the Q&A sessions.

Important Update on Global Exchange Scholarship

The application process for the Global Exchange Scholarship will begin after the placement results are announced. Students will be applying for the Global Exchange Scholarship after the announcement of the results. The application method, dates and criteria for the Global Exchange Scholarship will be announced to the students who are accepted/placed for Global Exchange.

Students will have the chance to confirm/cancel their participation after the announcement of the scholarship results and there will be no - points penalty for students who would like to cancel if they are not eligible to receive the scholarship.

Partners & Destinations:

Students are advised to check KU's <u>Institutional Partner List</u> before their application. Please be careful about the following:

- Make sure to select the program type as Global Exchange.
- Read the details on partner institutions' web pages such as Departments/Colleges included, quota, Fact Sheet, Course List, Language and GPA requirements, Semester Dates etc.
- Once you have a list of possible destinations, please contact us if you have specific questions about partner universities.
- Please note that you can list up to 6 universities in your preferences while you are making your application.
- Students who would like to apply with their KUEPE score, must select partner universities which are indicated as KUEPE-accepted partner institutions. Students applying with their KUEPE results cannot be placed in the universities which are not accepting KUEPE.

 For academic questions related to course equivalency, course transfer procedures and academic advising, please contact the <u>Exchange Coordinator</u> in your department after doing research on possible destinations. Exchange Coordinators will not be able to advise students on the exchange destinations. Exchange preferences must be decided by the students.

Application Requirements:

Minimum required CGPA for applications is 2.50 for undergraduate, 3.00 for graduate and postgraduate students. Please be advised that some partner universities may have higher GPA requirements. Students should meet these requirements in order to be eligible to select those institutions as their preferences. Please check our partner webpages' for specific requirements before submitting your application.

Language Requirement: Students will be able to apply for exchange programs with the following required language scores, even if the language scorecard is expired;

• **Koç TOEFL (TOEFL PBT):** minimum 550 - You may request the document from the Registrar's Office

TOEFL IBT: minimum 80
IELTS: minimum 6.5
KUEPE: minimum 60

In addition to this, Postgraduate students can apply for exchange programs using;

GRE Verbal reasoning: minimum 135GMAT Verbal session: minimum 15

Application & Application Documents:

You can apply online on OIP's <u>KUAPP</u> system. The application system will be open between 06.11.2023 – 30.11.2023.

Students using the system for the first time must Register and Apply, whereas students who already registered on the system can log in and make a new application.

IMPORTANT: Students having log in or other issues on the platform must fill out the <u>Global Exchange Technical Issues</u> form so that OIP can contact them to resolve the issues. This form will be the only communication tool to inform OIP about the technical issues. E-mail inquiries about technical issues will not be accepted as OIP requires detailed information and a screenshot of the issue on the form shared above.

Incomplete or late applications will not be considered. Please pay attention to the deadline for Global Exchange applications and try to complete the application a few days before the deadline to avoid any complications or system errors.

You may find the required documents for the application below and on our website:

1- Transcript of Records: Registrar's Office can issue your transcript online and send it to you via e-mail. Please request your transcript on KUSIS and ask the Registrar's Office to send you your transcript online. Please upload **ALL PAGES** of your transcript as one single PDF file.

Students can also download their transcripts from e-Devlet and use that transcript in their applications.

2 - Language Proficiency Test Score:

• Koç TOEFL (TOEFL PBT), TOEFL IBT, IELTS, GRE, GMAT or KUEPE

Please note that students must submit the official language scorecard for TOEFL or IELTS. Screenshots are not accepted for these exams. Students applying with KUEPE can upload their KUSIS homepage screenshot with the KUSIS score or request a document from the Registrar's Office.

Please keep in mind that some partner universities might not accept Koç TOEFL or KUEPE. The students are responsible for checking which test results will be accepted by the host University from OIP's <u>Institutional Partners List</u> or the host university's incoming exchange language requirements website. We advise you to make your preferences accordingly.

3- Photo: Please upload a photo of you along with your application form.

Placement Criteria:

Once you upload all the required documents to the system and complete your online application form, OIP will evaluate your application, find out if you are an eligible candidate to be an exchange student in one of the universities you have selected and place you in one of them.

- Selection will be done based on the total score (%75 GPA and %25 Language score)
- Previous participation in the Global Exchange program or cancellation after the notice period in the previous years (-10)
- Disabled students receive +10 points if proving documents are provided in the application.
- Children of martyrs and veterans receive +15 points if proving documents are provided in the application.
- Students who are covered by 2828 numbered Social Services Law receive +10 points if proving documents are provided in the application.
- Students who receive or whose 1st degree relatives receive financial aid as disaster victims from The Disaster and Emergency Management Presidency (AFAD) +10 points if proving documents are provided in the application. 1st degree relative information will be cross-checked with KUSIS.

Students are highly encouraged to visit <u>our website</u> for specific Placement Criteria for the Global Exchange Program to see factors for additional points and deduction.

Important Notes and More Information:

Please mind that the changes in the agreements and student quotas of the partner may occur during the application period as well.

For more detailed information please visit OIP's website.

Contact Us

Please send an e-mail to outgoing@ku.edu.tr if you have any questions about the program.

You can also contact our Outgoing Student Advisors by booking an appointment on their office hours. You can use audio or video call on Google Meet for advising on exchange programs. To book an appointment with outgoing advisors please click here.

Best wishes,

Office of International Programs