



Orta Doğu Teknik Üniversitesi (ODTÜ), founded in 1956, is an international research university, which seeks excellence in serving the country, region and the world. This well-deserved reputation is partly a reflection of its leading position in terms of international scientific publications and share of research funds from national scientific research funding agencies, primarily The Scientific and Technological Research Council of Turkey (TÜBİTAK), among the most prominent universities of Turkey. Moreover, ODTÜ – as an international research-intensive university – is among the leading universities in Turkey in terms of depth and breadth of international research projects and the amount of funds generated from research activities. Research revenues account for 20-25% on average of annual ODTÜ expenditures, including all payroll costs.

ODTÜ has actively taken part in and managed various projects under the Instrument for Pre-Accession Assistance (IPA), especially the Framework Programmes (FP) as well as other international projects, such as COST, Erasmus, Newton-Katip Çelebi Fund, etc. In this context, **as of September 2026**, ODTÜ has 536 international projects (either signed or in Grant Agreement phase). Among these projects, 266 are supported by the EU Framework Programmes with a total budget of 1.050 billion € which ODTÜ's share of 70 M€ while 270 of ODTÜ's international projects are funded other programs such as Erasmus, GCRF and US Embassy, etc. with a total budget of 141 M€ and ODTÜ's share of 27,5 M€.

Moreover, ODTÜ is committed to intensify and accelerate the alignment of the European Research Area (ERA) and Turkish Research Area (TARAL) based on the five ERA priorities, as one of the founding members of the Alliance of Turkish Research Universities. The ERA priorities ODTÜ is currently focusing on includes ERA Priority #3: An Open Labour Market for Researchers. In order to fulfil the requirements of this priority ODTÜ has been a EURAXESS Service Centre since 2015, has endorsed its commitment to the 40 principles of the “European Charter for Researchers and the Code of Conduct for the Recruitment of Researchers” in October 2018, has submitted its GAP Analysis and Action Plan for the Human Resources Strategy for Researchers (HRS4R) for assessment by the European Commission in December 2019 and become the first university in Turkey to be qualified to obtain the Human Resources Excellence in Research Award in August, 2020. ODTÜ has recently started implementing a five-year “HORIZON-MSCA-COFUND” project, entitled "ENRICH-TOGETHER: Enriching the Green and Blue Transition Research and Training Network by Working Together through the New European Research Area" with 2.8 Million Euro budget, aiming to host 20 post-doctoral researchers, who have not resided or worked in Turkey for more than 12 months in the last 36 months, at our University to pursue research in the cross-cutting theme of Green and Blue Transition covering all disciplines.

Last but not least, it is important to point that the language of education in ODTÜ is English. Moreover, ODTÜ strategically values the prevention of inbreeding by prioritizing the employment of researchers who have had international experience at doctoral and/or post-doctoral level(s). Thus, a significant portion of ODTÜ's faculty is constituted of incoming researchers from Europe and/or Third countries (mostly USA).