GRADUATE PROGRAMS PROSPECTUS

KOC UNIVERSITY
Koç University

Koç University was founded in 1993 as a non-profit private research university in Istanbul, Turkey and is supported by the resources of the internationally renowned Vehbi Koç Foundation.

Since its establishment, Koç University has become one of the leading universities in Turkey and the region offering all its programs in English through Colleges of Social Sciences and Humanities, Administrative Sciences and Economics, Science, Engineering, Law, Nursing and Medicine.

At the graduate level, the University offers 29 masters and 25 PhD programs across Graduate Schools of Sciences and Engineering, Social Sciences and Humanities, Health Sciences, and Business.

In only 24 years, Koç University has emerged as a center of global excellence in science and education and is uniquely positioned to explore the overlaps of Medicine, Engineering, Science, Social and Administrative Sciences to further pursue basic and applied research and attract the best students and faculty members.

Since its founding, the University has steadily climbed in various world university rankings, both internationally and nationally, and is always striving to achieve even greater heights.

Located in the hills of Sarıyer in the cosmopolitan and vibrant city of Istanbul, Koç University offers a full residential campus experience on its beautiful, green, sixty-two-acre estate, achieving a striking balance between accessibility to central Istanbul, while at the same time offering a retreat from the distractions of city life.

The University lies just twenty minutes from Black Sea beaches, charming villages and natural landscapes, and is connected to the city center through a number of convenient public transportation options.

Koç University at a glance

- Currently ranked 1st in Turkey, and among top young universities in the world by Times Higher Education. Ranked in top 200 by subject by QS.
- Koç University Graduate School of Business is the only AMBA and EQUIS accredited business school in Turkey placing it among the top 2% of the world’s business schools. Its EMBA program is also ranked among the top-60 programs worldwide by Financial Times Rankings.
- 4 graduate schools in Sciences and Engineering, Social Sciences and Humanities, Business, and Health Sciences.
- 29 master and 25 doctoral programs.
- All programs are taught in English.
- 1300+ graduate students, 25% international from over 30 countries.
- More than 200 university partners globally for graduate exchange.
Why join us as a graduate student?

Koç University’s research mission is to contribute to the universal body of knowledge and influence intellectual, technological, economic and social developments on a global scale.

As a place for training future academic and industry leaders, it aims to provide a world-class graduate education that is comparable in scientific rigor, intellectually-rich environment, support and employability to other internationally ranked institutions in the United States or Europe.

We believe that creating the finest environment, hiring the best scholars and students, and promoting interdisciplinary thinking is all that a university can do to achieve both our research and educational mission.

Koç University is now Turkey’s largest recipient of highly competitive research grants from the European Union. Our students and researchers are provided with the information and financial support required for the commercialization of their ideas, in contexts such as intellectual property, patents, licensing and incorporation.

The main goal for the coming years ahead is to continue generating a high rate of reputable publications and citations to match the record of institutions among the top 100 in the world.

We recognize that the most important driver of knowledge creation at a research university is its PhD students. We are looking to educate students who will make a contribution to the world’s academic literature during their postgraduate studies. On average, our PhD students publish 1.5 academic papers in prestigious international scientific journals before graduation.

Joining Koç University as a graduate student is a frame of mind, a willingness to cooperate beyond known boundaries, an openness to excellence in ideas, methods and people, irrespective of origin, of nationality, age, gender or position.

Every year we admit and support hundreds of master and doctoral students from internationally ranked universities who want to satisfy their curiosity for the pursuit of knowledge here.

Find out some of the key reasons to join our graduate community...

Reason #1 - A scientifically rigorous and intellectually rich environment

We aim to create an intellectually rich environment for our graduate students through:

- courses and supervision from our faculty members
- research opportunities in interdisciplinary research centers, forums and laboratories
- research opportunities in high profile projects
- exposure to distinguished national and international scholars and speakers
- exposure to research practices and knowledge from our partner universities in the USA, Europe and Asia

The University’s faculty consists of Turkey’s most established senior researchers and PhDs from elite research institutions worldwide. Ninety-five percent of all full-time faculty members have doctoral degrees from top-tier universities in the USA and Europe, while the remaining five percent are recruited from the top Turkish universities.

Koç University consistently holds the highest rankings in Turkey in terms of papers published per faculty, and the citation impact of publications in 2014 was 40% above the world average (SCOPUS FWCT 1,40).

Koç University faculty members are recognized nationally and internationally for their research and receive significant grants from prestigious institutions, such as the European Research Council for projects in a variety of fields, from Economics to Engineering and Molecular Biology.
Facts and figures about our faculty members:
- 16 faculty members of Koç University have been elected to the Turkish Academy of Sciences
- 1st in Turkey for number of Turkish Academy of Sciences Young Scientists Awards (TUBA GEBIP Awards)
- Most Science and Encouragement Awards in the last 5 years from the Scientific & Technological Research Council of Turkey (TÜBİTAK)
- In 2015, faculty members presented their work at over 500 national and international scientific and industry conferences
- Almost 2000 publications in the last five years and within the top 3 universities in Turkey for publication output per faculty

Every year our graduate students:
- interact and learn from distinguished scholars who are invited to Koç University by our Graduate Schools and faculty members, providing invaluable academic and professional networking spaces for our graduate community in over 500 seminars, conferences and other events
- participate in research summer schools and intensive programs
- do part of their program as an exchange or visiting student at one of our top-ranked partner universities in the USA, Europe or Asia

For more information about our research profiles, opportunities and environment visit research.ku.edu.tr

Research Centers
- Research Center for Anatolian Civilizations (ANAMED)
- Center For Late Antique and Byzantine Studies (GABAM)
- Migration Research Center (MiReKoç)
- Globalization and Democratic Governance (GLODEM)
- Gender and Women's Studies (Koç-KAM)
- Ankara Research Center (KAMAN)
- Center for Survey Research (KUCSR)
- Social Policy Application and Research Center (KUSP)
- Center For Global Public Law (CPGL)
- International Trade Law Application and Research Center (NASAMER)
- KWORKS Koç University Entrepreneurship Research Center
- Surface Technologies Research Center (KUTTAM)
- TÜPRAS Energy Center (KUTEM)
- Drug Research Center (IAM)
- Koç University Argılık Creative Industries Research Center (SANERC)
- Koç University Research Center for Asian Studies (KUASIA)
- Koç University Research Center for Translational Medicine (KUTTAM)

Research Laboratories
- Micro-nano Fabrication Laboratory
- Robotics and Mechatronics Laboratory (MML)
- Advanced Materials Laboratory
- Vibration and Design Laboratory
- Energy Technologies and Supercritical Fluids Research Laboratory
- Molecular Biochemistry Research Laboratory
- Cell and Tissue Engineering Laboratory
- Wireless Vehicular Networks Laboratory
- Wireless Communication and Network Laboratory
- Computational Fluid Dynamics Laboratory (CFD)
- Center for Advanced Design Technologies
- Intelligent User Interfaces Laboratory
- Composite Materials Manufacturing Laboratory (KMUL)
- Networks and Distributed Systems Laboratory (NDLS)
- Next-generation Wireless Communication Laboratory (GKHL)
- Cryptography, Security & Privacy Research Group (CRYPTO)
- Systems Laboratory
- Molecular Engineering and Biotechnology Research Center
- Center of Computational Biology and Bioinformatics (CCBB)
- Nanomaterial Research Laboratory (KUNAL)
- Computational Systems Biology Group (COSBG)
- Manufacturing Automation and Research Center (MARC)
- Koç IBM Supply Chain Research Center
- Multimedia Vision and Graphics Laboratory (MVGL)
- Optical Microsystems Laboratory (OML)

Research Forums
- TÜSİAD - Koç University Economic Research Forum (EAF)
- Retaining Education Forum (KUMPEM)
- Social Impact Forum (KUSIF)
- Marmara Research Forum (KUDENFOR)
- Koç University Corporate Governance Forum (CGF)
Reason #2 - Comprehensive student support

We offer high-caliber and motivated students all the support needed to excel during their time at Koç University.

Financial support and benefits:

Scholarships are available for all students (Turkish and international) in all the graduate schools. These scholarships are awarded on academic merit and potential.

There is no separate application process to be awarded these scholarships as they are included automatically with an admission offer.

Please check the relevant graduate school website for more details about scholarships and financial support and benefits offered with your program.

Applicants may be eligible for country-specific scholarships offered by their national government or other agencies to fund tuition, living expenses, air travel or other costs if you are applying to Master without Thesis programs.

Master with Thesis programs scholarships include:

- Full tuition waiver
- Free graduate accommodation or housing allowance
- Monthly stipend
- Laptop and office space
- Total or partial health insurance coverage

PhD scholarships include:

- Full tuition waiver
- Free graduate accommodation or housing allowance
- Monthly stipend
- Other benefits: Meal card, health insurance, office space and laptop computer, thesis related expenses (including costs of attendance to approved conferences) based on performance

Support units:

Graduate students are also supported during their studies and research by various units at the university that include:

- Career Development Center
- Office of International Programs (OIP)
- International Community Office (ICO)
- Office of Learning and Teaching (KOLT)
- Counselling Service (KURES)
- Information Technology Directorate (IT)
- Research and Project Development Support Directorate (TTD)

Campus facilities and services:

Koç University offers a full residential campus experience for international students that includes:

- Seamless Wi-Fi throughout campus and dedicated IT support for hardware, software and printing
- 24/7 library with campus and off-campus access to journals, databases and e-books
- 24/7 Health Center
- State of the art social and sports facilities
- On-campus conveniences: supermarket, hairdresser/barber, bank, post office, dry-cleaners, bookshop and more!
- 20+ dining options in cafes and dining halls as well as numerous vending machines across campus and dormitories
- Frequent student shuttle services
Graduate accommodation:

Koç University graduate apartments are located within 5-10 minutes of the Main (Rumelifeneri) Campus and reachable with frequent inter-campus shuttle services.

Graduate students share their apartment with 2-3 other graduate students for the duration of their program. Alternatively, they can choose to live in privately rented accommodation in Istanbul.

All graduate apartments are equipped with:
- Wireless Internet access
- Cable-TV
- Phone-services
- Refrigerator and kitchen
- Washing machine
- Bed, bed stand, light, pillow and blanket
- Closet, desk, chair

Multi-purpose gym, sports center and outdoor facilities:

- 156m running track
- Main hall: indoor sports, such as tennis, basketball, badminton, volleyball and handball, table tennis, squash and racquetball courts
- Climbing wall
- Aerobics, Yoga, Pilates and dancing rooms
- Weights and cardio salon
- Outdoor tennis court
- Artificial turf football field
- Ice rink
- Olympic outdoors swimming pool and a semi-Olympic indoor swimming pool
Services for graduate students with families:

Koç University offers a pleasant environment for international graduate students who are coming to Koç University with their spouse and/or children.

The International Community Office provides guidance and support on the following matters:

- Visa and residence permit processing for family members
- Housing (if renting in private accommodation)
- Medical benefits and insurance options
- Kindergarten on campus and school options near campus
- Social integration activities in the community
- Local transport cards, museum cards

Koç University student clubs:

With more than 80 student clubs and associations, graduate students can find a variety of activities that will keep them engaged, inspired and enable them to create lifelong connections with their colleagues who are involved in similar pursuits. Below is a small preview of the student clubs available at Koç University:

- Aikido Group
- Cinema Club
- Contemporary Art Platform
- Dance Club
- Drama Club
- French Club
- Folklore Club
- German Club
- International Students Society
- Italian Club
- Media Club
- Mountaineering Club
- Music Club
- Rams American Football Team
- Russian Language Club
- Sailing Club
- Spanish Club
- Underwater Research Group
- World Cuisine Group
Reason #3 - Employability and alumni placements

Upon graduation you will join an alumni community that is 10,000+ strong (25% are graduate alumni) and has successfully found employment at top international and local firms and universities.

The majority of PhD and master alumni received job offers before graduation or within 3 months after graduation in top ranked universities in the USA and Europe that include:
- Harvard University
- Massachusetts Institute of Technology
- Stanford University
- Cambridge University
- Oxford University
- Princeton University
- Columbia University
- Cornell University
- George Washington University
- Bocconi University
- Max Planck University
- University of Sydney
- University of Vienna
- MIT
- Duke University
- University of Melbourne
- Waseda University
- York University, Canada

University of Pennsylvania
University of California
New York University
Johns Hopkins University
University of Minnesota
Yale University
London School of Economics
Tilburg University
University of Strathclyde
Central European University
University of Amsterdam

Alumni industry placements include amongst others: Accenture, Coca-Cola, Colgate Palmolive, Citibank, Deloitte & Touche, Deutsche Bank, Estee Lauder, Ernst & Young, IBM, Glaxo Smith Kline, Hewlett Packard, JP Morgan, Mercedes-Benz, Microsoft, Nestle, Procter & Gamble, Siemens, Sony, Unilever.

On its journey to support and grow its entrepreneurial community Koc University has supported faculty and students to sign 2 licensed IP patents, filed 45 new patents and received 7 granted patents with the support of its Technology Transfer Office. Through its incubation center, KWORKS it has supported 50 startups and new businesses raising over 2.6 million dollars in funding rounds since 2015.

Reason #4 - Istanbul is a great student city!

The most populous city in Europe, Istanbul forms the economic and cultural center of Turkey and confidently straddles the borders between Asia and Europe as it has for millennia with its dome, minaret and skyscraper filled skyline.

In its thousands of years of history, it has been the capital of three great empires - Roman, Byzantine and Ottoman - so living here means being surrounded and amazed everyday by architectural and cultural heritage in every corner of the city.

Situated on either side of the Bosphorus strait, Istanbul is a vibrant, complex and fascinating metropolis where you most certainly should roam – culture, great shopping and excitement await you as a student.

There are over 30,000 international students in the city and you can always find a place like home in the different societies, clubs and centers representing the city’s diverse population.

Besides Istanbul, our graduate students make the most of their time in Turkey by also exploring:
- Roman and Byzantine ruins along the western and southern coasts of Turkey including Ephesus
- The early-Christian underground cities of Capadocia and its volcanic valleys
- The wide and sunny beaches of Bodrum, Antalya and Fethiye in the summer
- Verdant misty mountains of the eastern Black Sea

Istanbul and Turkey are the biggest tourism destinations in the world and as a student this means you can benefit from special discounts for museum entry fees, tour packages inside Turkey and other perks! Our International Community Office (ICO) organizes regular day or weekend trips for faculty and students to travel around Turkey and discover its food, culture and people.

Cost of living:

The cost of living in Istanbul is very affordable compared to most European capitals in terms of food and local transportation. Rental accommodation prices vary significantly according to neighborhood.

The table below is meant to provide an estimate of monthly expenses for an average master student.

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<th>Expense</th>
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<td>University graduate accommodation (shared apartments)</td>
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<td>Food, transportation, miscellaneous (using <a href="http://www.rumboo.com">www.rumboo.com</a>)</td>
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<td>Health Insurance (required for all international students)</td>
<td>20</td>
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<td><strong>TOTAL</strong></td>
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Want to know more about Istanbul? Check out: http://wikitravel.org/en/Istanbul
Our graduate programs

Koç University offers the following types of graduate programs:

- **Master’s with Thesis:** 2 years on campus, full or partial scholarships available
- **Master’s without Thesis:** 1 year on campus, no scholarships available

- **PhD/Doctorate:** 4 years on campus, full scholarships available, includes 1 year of academic courses and training

All programs are in English and students must be on campus during their studies. There are no online or distance learning programs at present.
Reason #5 A world of exchange opportunities!

As a graduate student at Koç University you can spend up to 1 year of your program at one of our partner universities worldwide.
### Student testimonials

#### Abby Grayson

“My name is Abby Comstock Gay. I'm in the Comparative Studies in History and Society Program at Koç. This is a Master's program; it's two years, I'm in my first year.

I came to Koç because as a student interested in Turkish Studies, of course it is excellent to be able to study in the Country that I'm wanting to study and it has proven to be exactly what I wanted. I love Istanbul; that's why I'm here.

I love to go into the city and go to art gallery openings and exhibitions and meet up with friends and when people come to visit. I like to take them around and show them places. Only a few weeks ago I was studying and eight o'clock rolled around and there was a ballet that was coming and so I just put aside my book and went upstairs and went into the auditorium and watched the ballet so that was great. I really appreciate those. We decided to come to Turkey because it is near to our country and that's only geography caused but also your culture and people here are very kind. Here we don't feel as foreigners.”

#### Tim Daniel Dorfach

“Well it is simply has been great. I've been here for four years now. It takes time to know this huge city but after that it's really great.

I work with Ziya Oniş and he is my adviser for my PhD research and considering that he is a very well known figure in this field which I work which is political economy it's been really great and it is just very important to have professors around you that specialise on this geography that you want to study. Apart from research facilities at Koç are really good. For one, the food court is really good because they offer lot of vegetarian choices which is important because I'm vegetarian. Sports facilities are also really good, very nice gym, a lot of machines, cardio, basketball court, tennis court, just really good facilities to work out after a long day of research.”

#### Xiaohan Wen

“I love Koç Campus it is really really beautiful cause it's on the peak of a mountain and it is surrounded by the forest. The professors at Koç University are really really helpful and they have this open door policy that's no matter what questions we have.

I have a very happy experience with my colleagues here. They are really open minded people. I've lived in Istanbul for two and half years by now and I enjoy the city life of course, you can find everything that you want since it is one of the biggest cities in the world.

But also I like the fact that everybody in the even in the street or you know the neighbourhood is so friendly. I feel welcomed by the city by everybody that is around.”

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**Slovenia**
- University of Ljubljana

**South Africa**
- Stellenbosch University
- University of Cape Town
- University of Pretoria, Gordon Institute of Business Science

**South Korea**
- Korea Advanced Institute of Science and Technology (KAIST)
- Pusan National University
- Seoul National University
- Yonsei University

**Spain**
- Complutense University of Madrid
- IE University
- Ramon Llull University, ESADE Business School
- UAB (Autonomous University of Barcelona)
- Universitat Carlos III de Madrid
- Universitat De Barcelona
- Pompeu Fabra University
- University of Deusto

**Sweden**
- Chalmers University of Technology
- Jönköping International Business School
- Linköping University
- Lund University
- Mälardalen University
- Stockholm School of Economics
- Stockholm University

**Switzerland**
- University of Geneva
- University of Lausanne
- University of St. Gallen
- ZHAW School of Management and Law

**Taiwan**
- National Chengchi University
- National Chiao Tung University
- National Taiwan University
- National Tsing Hua University

**Thailand**
- Chulalongkorn University
- King Mongkut's University of Technology Thonburi

**United Kingdom**
- City University London
- Durham University
- Kingston University
- London School of Economics and Political Science
- Newcastle University
- Nottingham Trent University
- Plymouth University
- Queen Mary University of London
- Royal Holloway University of London
- The University of Liverpool
- The University of Nottingham
- University College London
- University of Bath
- University of Brighton
- University of Edinburgh
- University of Essex
- University of Exeter
- University of Liverpool
- University of St. Andrews
- University of Sussex
- University of Warwick

**United States of America**
- American University in Washington DC
- Baruch College, City University of New York
- Binghamton University
- Brigham Young University

**Uruguay**
- Universidad de Montevideo

**State University of New York**
- Bryn Mawr College
- Cornell University
- Johnson Graduate School of Management
- DePaul University
- Duke University
- The Fuqua School of Business
- Emory University
- Goizueta Business School
- George Washington University
- Georgia State University
- Hewitt Pacific University
- Lewis & Clark Law School
- Loyola University New Orleans
- Michigan State University
- Northwestern University
- Rice University
- Rutgers, The State University of New Jersey
- San Francisco State University
- The University of New Mexico
- UNC Chapel Hill University
- University of California
- University of Cincinnati
- University of Miami
- University of Nevada, Reno
- University of Notre Dame
- University of South Carolina, Darla Moore School of Business Virginia Tech

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How to apply to our graduate programs

Complete and submit all information and required documents on gradapp.ku.edu.tr (bold)

Application information required:
• Referee contact details
• TOEFL exam score (IBT minimum 80)
• GRE or GMAT exam scores (quantitative section)
• Transcripts
• Statement of Purpose

Check the relevant Graduate School website for specific application requirements and visit graduate.ku.edu.tr for useful tips on how to prepare a strong application.

After submission you may be contacted by the relevant Graduate School if you are shortlisted to schedule a written exam or an interview depending on the program.

If successful you will be made an offer of admission indicating your scholarship offer (if relevant)

Application deadlines:
Fall Admission (September): May-June
Spring Admission (February): December

Check the relevant Graduate School website for specific dates of application periods.

The application process

What happens when?
The process of becoming a master’s or PhD student at Koç University begins in February with the online application (Fall Admission) and you arrive at the University the same year in September.

Some programs also have Spring Admission. Check the program page for more information.

Application timeline
February
Application starts (online at gradapp.ku.edu.tr) for Fall Admission

April - May
Early deadline for specific programs

June
Final deadline for most programs

July
First notification of selection results

August
Second notification of selection results. Deadline for response to your offer

September
The academic year starts

October
Application starts for specific programs for Spring Admission

September-May
Academic year

MSc/MA with Thesis

Master of Science (MSc) or Master of Arts (MA) with Thesis
Duration: 2 years
Rate of study: 100%
Instructional time: Daytime
Language of instruction: English
Teaching form: On-campus

Fees and Scholarships

Cost of living
Approximately 600-700 USD/month (including rental in private accommodation)

Fees
All applicants (Turkish and International)
• No application fee
• 1 year master programs within all subject areas with the exception of programs in the Graduate School of Business, cost $5,000 Turkish Lira (approx. 14,000 USD)
• 2 year master programs and 4 year PhD programs are offered with full tuition scholarship

Scholarships
Koç University offers full tuition scholarships for international master’s students in thesis programs and full tuition and other benefits scholarship for PhD students. Scholarships are awarded based on academic excellence.

MSc/MA without Thesis

Master of Science (MSc) or Master of Arts (MA) without Thesis
Duration: 1 year
Rate of study: 100%
Instructional time: Daytime
Language of instruction: English
Teaching form: On-campus

PhD Degree

Doctor of Philosophy (PhD)
Duration: 4 years
Level: Third Cycle
Rate of study: 100%
Instructional time: Daytime
Language of instruction: English
Teaching form: On-campus
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  ku.edu.tr/en/virtual-tour

- Listen to our current students and alumni:
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