

FIRAT UNIVERSITY NEWSLETTER

GLOBAL EXCELLENCE. NATIONAL LEADERSHIP.

THE World University Rankings by Subject 2026 • Firat University

The Elite Vanguard

The Stronghold Pillars



PHYSICS
2ND IN TURKEY

Top 2 State Universities

GLOBAL BAND: 501-600



COMPUTER SCIENCE
3RD IN TURKEY

Top 3 State Universities

GLOBAL BAND: 401-500



06
MEDICINE & HEALTH
6TH IN TURKEY

GLOBAL BAND: 801-1000



12
ENGINEERING
12TH IN TURKEY

GLOBAL BAND: 801-1000



17
LIFE SCIENCES
17TH IN TURKEY

GLOBAL BAND: 1001+

FIRAT UNIVERSITY REAFFIRMS EXCELLENCE

The recently announced Times Higher Education (THE) World University Rankings by Subject 2026 have once again confirmed Firat University's status as a premier institution of higher education. With groundbreaking performances across multiple disciplines, the university has solidified its position not only as a regional leader but as a competitive player on the global stage.

Driven by a commitment to scientific excellence, research quality, and international collaboration, Firat University has achieved remarkable milestones in this year's assessment:

Physical Sciences: Securing the 2nd rank among state universities in Türkiye and placing within the 501-600 band globally, the university has proven its prowess in high-impact physical research.

Computer Science: In the rapidly evolving digital landscape, Firat University ranks 3rd among Türkiye's state universities and stands within the prestigious 401-500 global band, reflecting its dedication to innovation and technological advancement.

Clinical & Health: Ranked 6th in Türkiye (Global Band: 801-1000), highlighting our contribution to medical sciences and healthcare education.

Engineering: Ranked 12th in Türkiye (Global Band: 801-1000), a testament to our robust engineering faculty and industry-integrated research.

These results are a direct reflection of Firat University's strategic focus on scientific productivity, research quality, and global impact. By consistently improving its performance in international benchmarks, the university is successfully fulfilling its mission to produce knowledge that serves both the national interest and the global community.

RISING TO EXCELLENCE: FIRAT UNIVERSITY JOINS THE GLOBAL TOP 1000

Firat University continues to solidify its reputation as a rapidly rising academic powerhouse, as evidenced by the newly released Webometrics 2026 World University Rankings. In a stunning display of growth and digital transformation, the university has climbed an impressive 247 positions compared to the previous year, officially securing its place among the top 1000 universities in the world.

Now ranked 972nd globally, Firat University's ascent is a clear indicator of its increasing international visibility, the high impact of its scientific publications, and its commitment to open-access academic excellence.

This achievement is not merely a number; it represents the collective dedication of Firat University's faculty and researchers to push the boundaries of innovation. As Firat University celebrate this entry into the global elite, Firat University remains steadfast in its mission to further enhance its academic prestige and continue its record-breaking climb in the world's most respected ranking systems.



FIRAT UNIVERSITY SHOWCASES ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE AT ISLAMABAD EDUCATION FAIR

As part of its strategic mission to expand international reach and foster global academic exchange, Firat University participated in a high-profile university promotion fair in Islamabad, Pakistan. The event served as a vital platform to connect directly with prospective students and showcase the university's world-class academic offerings.

During the fair, university representatives engaged with talented candidates, providing comprehensive insights into our diverse undergraduate and graduate programs, research facilities, and campus life in Elazığ.

With its rising rankings in international benchmarks and a robust research infrastructure, Firat University is becoming a preferred destination for international students seeking high-quality education at a globally recognized institution.

This outreach in Islamabad is a key step in our ongoing effort to increase the university's international visibility and welcome the next generation of global leaders to our campus.



FIRAT'S GLOBAL FAMILY GATHERS

At Firat University, excellence is measured not only by global rankings but also by the strength of the bonds we build on campus. Recently, our international community came together for a special breakfast event, bringing together African students for a morning filled with warmth, cultural exchange, and meaningful dialogue.

This gathering was more than just a meal; it was a celebration of the diversity that enriches our university and a reminder that every student, no matter how far from home, is a vital part of the Firat family.

Beyond the food and conversation, the morning was a testament to the beauty of diversity. Moments like these remind us that our differences make us stronger and that a united community is built on the foundation of mutual respect and support.

As Firat University continues to grow as a global academic hub, we remain dedicated to organizing initiatives that prioritize the well-being and social integration of our international students, ensuring that their journey here is both academically fulfilling and personally enriching.



EUROPEAN PROJECT

Firat University has reached yet another important milestone within its long-term internationalization vision and its commitment to empowering young people through global engagement. The project titled "Youth Bridge for EU Values" has been successfully awarded funding under the Erasmus+ KA152 Youth Exchanges program, marking a noteworthy achievement in the university's expanding portfolio of European Union-supported initiatives. As the lead coordinator, Firat University will not only oversee the administrative and strategic dimensions of the project but will also play a central role in shaping its intellectual and practical outcomes.

At its core, the project is designed to deepen young people's awareness and comprehension of fundamental European Union values, including democracy, human rights, equality, rule of law, and social inclusion. Beyond theoretical learning, the project will emphasize experiential and participatory methods such as workshops, group discussions, simulations, and intercultural activities. These approaches will enable participants to internalize these values and translate them into active civic engagement within their own communities.

Through initiatives like this, Firat University continues to position itself as an active and reliable partner within the European educational and youth cooperation ecosystem, while creating meaningful and transformative opportunities for future generations.



Erasmus+ KA152
Youth Exchange



GRANT AWARDED



FIRAT UNIVERSITY

Project Coordinator



ROMANIA

Partner



POLAND

Partner

FOSTERING GLOBAL ACADEMIC PARTNERSHIPS

Firat University recently marked a significant milestone in its internationalization efforts by hosting a visiting scholar from the Tashkent State University of Oriental Studies. During the visit focused on the Department of Turkish and Social Sciences Education within the Faculty of Education, facilitating a productive environment for academic dialogue and the sharing of pedagogical expertise. This exchange served as a vital platform for high-level consultations regarding institutional collaborations and joint research and development initiatives.

Beyond delivering specialized lectures that provided students and faculty with diverse academic perspectives, the visit included several strategic meetings with senior university administration to explore opportunities for sustainable bilateral projects. These discussions emphasized a shared commitment to increasing academic mobility and strengthening the scientific bonds between the two institutions. The visit concluded with a mutual agreement to deepen the partnership through future joint endeavors, reinforcing Firat University's role as a leading academic hub that bridges cultural and scientific knowledge within the global Turkic world.



ACADEMIC COLLABORATION ACROSS BORDERS

A comprehensive cooperation protocol was signed between Firat University and the Kyrgyz-Turkish Manas University to strengthen collaboration in the fields of education, research, and internationalization.

The signed protocol aims to develop academic staff and student exchange programs, conduct joint scientific research, prepare international projects, organize joint symposia, conferences, and workshops, and enhance the exchange of knowledge and experience between the two universities. The protocol is regarded as an important step toward enhancing the quality of higher education and strengthening academic solidarity among universities in the Turkic world.

Through this collaboration, the goal is to transform the academic expertise of both universities into joint projects, create new international opportunities for students and faculty, and increase scientific productivity.



A GATEWAY TO THE FUTURE, A VISION FOR THE WORLD

Firat university was successfully represented at the “Turkish Universities Information Days” event held in Germany.

At the event, which saw high attendance, our university’s booth attracted significant interest from students, parents, and education stakeholders. Throughout the event, visitors were provided with comprehensive information about our university’s academic structure, educational programs, research infrastructure, internationalization efforts, student exchange programs, and social amenities.

During discussions with participants, our university’s strong academic heritage, international collaborations, scientific research capacity, and student-centered educational philosophy were detailed. Additionally, prospective students were provided with information regarding the educational process, application requirements, scholarship opportunities, and campus life.



DIFFERENT CULTURES, COMMON VISION

Firat university successfully hosted the “International Staff Week” program. As part of the program, faculty and administrative staff from Bosnia and Herzegovina, Azerbaijan, The Gambia, and Uzbekistan were hosted throughout the week in our university’s academic and cultural environment. This international event fostered a strong environment for academic interaction by enabling participants from different countries to share their knowledge, experiences, and best practices.

During the program, guests visited various faculties, research centers, and administrative units of our university, conducting on-site inspections of ongoing academic work, research infrastructure, and laboratory facilities. In the academic meetings and discussions held, comprehensive evaluations were made regarding joint project development, exchange programs, scientific collaborations, and potential future joint initiatives.

The meetings organized as part of the event provided a significant foundation for strengthening inter-university collaboration while also contributing to the establishment of new academic networks among participants. Additionally, the gathering of academics from diverse disciplines allowed for a detailed examination of common research areas and potential collaboration opportunities.



TOGETHER FOR SCIENCE, ONE STEP CLOSER TO THE FUTURE

As part of the RES-UNI Erasmus+ Capacity Building in Higher Education Project, which is being carried out under the coordination of Firat university, the third management meeting was successfully held in Poland, hosted by our project partner AWSGE.

The meeting, attended by project partners from various countries, made a significant contribution to strengthening international cooperation and academic coordination; it laid the groundwork for the project process to proceed in a more effective, efficient, and sustainable manner.

Firat university remains committed to achieving its goals of enhancing quality in higher education, developing institutional capacity, and strengthening its global academic network through such international projects carried out under the Erasmus+ program.



FIRAT UNIVERSITY GROWS WITH INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION

Firat University continues to strengthen its global presence by signing new Memorandums of Understanding (MoUs) with Tunis El-manar University, University College CEPS "CENTER FOR Business Studies, Agung Putra University and Aleksandër Moisiu University of Durrës.

These agreements will provide academics and students with cultural awareness and international exchange experience, offering new perspectives and building global networks. By participating in exchange programs and collaborative projects, students can gain a deeper understanding of diverse cultures and enhance their academic and professional prospects.

Additionally, these agreements enable faculty members to engage in joint research initiatives, fostering innovation and knowledge exchange between institutions. Firat University continues to become stronger internationally and offer unique opportunities to its students and staff, ensuring they are well-prepared for the globalized world.

This ongoing commitment to internationalization underscores the university's dedication to providing a comprehensive and enriching research opportunity for all its staff and students.



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