

FIRAT UNIVERSITY NEWSLETTER



A LEADING UNIVERSITY WITH INTERNATIONAL STANDARDS

Firat university has earned the right to receive the Full Accreditation Certificate, which is recognized as the highest level of evaluation in the field of quality assurance in higher education. This achievement, obtained through detailed evaluations and comprehensive site visits conducted by the Higher Education Quality Council (YÖKAK), proves that Firat University has fully met all the requirements of the quality assurance system.

This significant development demonstrates that not only academic standards but also national quality criteria in all areas, such as institutional structure, education and training processes, research and development activities, social contribution services, and management approach, have been met. Thus, Firat University has been officially certified as a higher education institution with an internationally recognized quality management system.

With Full Accreditation, our University will not only become a more reliable and preferred education center for students and academics, but it will also achieve a more visible and stronger position in international academic collaborations. Our students will benefit more from the national and international recognition of the diplomas they will obtain during their education and after graduation. Our academics will have a wider sphere of influence in research projects, scientific publications, and international partnerships.

This success is also a reflection of Firat University's culture of "continuous improvement and development." In the coming years, the effective implementation of the quality assurance system, the continuation of the participatory management approach within the institution, and the enhancement of international competitiveness will remain among the university's top priorities.

FROM IDEAS TO TECHNOLOGY, FROM FIRAT TO THE WORLD

Firat University achieved remarkable success at TEKNOFEST 2025, Türkiye's largest aerospace and technology festival, held at Istanbul Atatürk Airport. With 13 finalist teams, the university distinguished itself by winning several prestigious awards across different categories, showcasing its strong capacity in science, technology, and innovation.

Among the highlights, Firat University teams earned top rankings in competitions such as Unmanned Marine Vehicles, Educational Technologies, and Natural Language Processing, reflecting the creativity and entrepreneurial spirit of its students. These achievements underline the university's growing impact in fields such as artificial intelligence, engineering, and digital transformation.

In addition, at the Doctoral Science Awards of TEKNOFEST, which recognize outstanding young researchers in Türkiye, a faculty member from Firat University was awarded first place in Social Sciences and Humanities, further strengthening the university's academic reputation.

Firat University also made a strong impression at the International Invention Fair (ISIF), held as part of TEKNOFEST, where academics and students won 2 gold, 2 silver, and 3 bronze medals for their innovative projects.

These accomplishments demonstrate Firat University's position as a leading center of research, innovation, and academic excellence, contributing not only to Türkiye's scientific ecosystem but also to the global advancement of knowledge and technology.



THE FUTURE IS CODED HERE

A significant milestone has been reached in the history of our university. For the first time, a research institute has been established within our university. Established in accordance with a decision by the Higher Education Council (YÖK), the Software and Information Technology Research Institute will further strengthen our university's expertise and capabilities in the fields of software and information technology under a single institutional umbrella.

This institute was established in consideration of our university's academic achievements, its national and international projects, and its growing potential in the field of information technology. In an era where digital transformation, artificial intelligence, and data science are rapidly gaining importance, the institute will conduct research and development activities in critical areas such as software technologies, data science, artificial intelligence, cybersecurity, and big data analytics.

The Software and Information Technology Research Institute aims not only to produce new technologies but also to strengthen industry-university collaboration, increase interaction with international research networks, and offer innovative research opportunities to our students. In this way, our university will increase its global competitiveness by taking its scientific production capacity to a higher level.

Research institutes at universities play a central role in the production and transfer of scientific knowledge to society. In this context, the establishment of the Software and Information Technology Research Institute will make a significant contribution to our university's vision of becoming an influential institution not only in Turkey but also internationally.

This historic step demonstrates our university's strong determination to become a "pioneering university of the digital age" and its resolve to shape the future.



FIRAT UNIVERSITY IS AT THE TOP OF THE WORLD

Firat University has achieved great success in the “World’s Most Influential Scientists” list, which is published annually by Stanford University and holds great prestige in the global academic community. A total of 87 academics from our university were included in the list, with 45 academics in the “career-long” category and 42 academics in the “last year” category. Thanks to this success, Firat University has ranked among the top 4 universities from Turkey with the most academics on the list, proving its national and international academic strength once again.

This list is the result of an academic study led by Stanford University scientist Prof. John P. A. Ioannidis, which comprehensively analyzes the most productive and most cited scientists in different fields around the world. The study used the Scopus database provided by Elsevier and considered multifaceted criteria such as scientists’ productivity levels, citation counts, h-index, co-authorship impact, and field-based contributions. The evaluations present two distinct categories, separately measuring both the impact achieved throughout the academic career and the scientific contributions made solely within 2024.

Career-Long Impact Category: Based on the publications produced and citations received by academics throughout their entire academic lives.

Last Year Impact Category: Prepared by taking into account the citations received for publications made in 2024.

Only the top 100,000 scientists and researchers in the top 2% of their field made it onto this meticulously compiled list. In Turkey, 1,565 researchers were included in the “last year” list, while 1,308 researchers were included in the “lifetime” list. Firat University’s strong inclusion in this list with 87 scientists demonstrates its research capacity at the highest level in Turkey, while also showcasing its impact in the international scientific arena.

This achievement is an important indicator that strengthens Firat University’s identity as a “research university” and is a clear reflection of our academics’ productivity, international visibility, and scientific prestige. Thanks to its academics who stand out with their scientific contributions worldwide, our university is solidifying its position day by day not only in Turkey but also among the reputable and reliable higher education institutions in the global academic community.

1	Begag, Abdelaziz Fehmi	Firat Ünive tur
2	Yildirim, Özal	Firat Ünive tur
3	Şengür, Abdulkadir	Firat Ünive tur
4	Esen, Mehmet	Firat Ünive tur
5	Alataş, Bilal	Firat Ünive tur
6	Tuncer, Turker	Firat Ünive tur
7	Yakuphanoglu, Fahrettin	Firat Ünive tur
8	Toğaçar, Mesut	Firat Ünive tur
9	Özcan, Burcu	Firat Ünive tur
10	Akpınar, Ebru Kavak	Firat Ünive tur
11	Esen, Hikmet	Firat Ünive tur
12	Das, Resul	Firat Ünive tur
13	Doğan, Şengül	Firat Ünive tur
14	Tanyildizi, Harun	Firat Ünive tur
15	Şahin, Kâzım	Firat Ünive tur
16	Özyurt, Fatih	Firat Ünive tur
17	Özkaynak, Fatih	Firat Ünive tur
18	Talo, Muhammed	Firat Ünive tur
19	Yokus, Asıf	Firat Ünive tur
20	Bulut, Hasan	Firat Ünive tur
21	Yaman, Orhan	Firat Ünive tur
22	Ertam, Fatih	Firat Ünive tur
23	Benli, Hüseyin	Firat Ünive tur
24	Aydin, İlhan	Firat Ünive tur
25	Altunbey Özbay, Feyza	Firat Ünive tur
26	Karakose, Mehmet	Firat Ünive tur
27	Çınar, Ahmet	Firat Ünive tur
28	Karabatak, Murat	Firat Ünive tur
29	Özbay, Erdal	Firat Ünive tur
30	Taşçi, Burak	Firat Ünive tur
31	Aygün, Hakan	Firat Ünive tur
32	Aktaş, Münir	Firat Ünive tur
33	Yonar, Muhammet Enis	Firat Ünive tur
34	Ekici, Sami	Firat Ünive tur
35	Varol, Yasin	Firat Ünive tur
36	Sahin, Nurhan	Firat Ünive tur
37	Orhan, Cemal	Firat Ünive tur
38	Turk, Gaffari	Firat Ünive tur
39	Turan, Mehmet Deniz	Firat Ünive tur
40	Aydin, Süleyman	Firat Ünive tur
41	Tarla, Sibel	Firat Ünive tur
42	Demir, Fatih	Firat Ünive tur

FIRAT UNIVERSITY AT EUROPE'S MOST PRESTIGIOUS EDUCATION FAIR, EAIE 2025

Firat University made a significant mark in the field of international higher education by participating in the European Association for International Education (EAIE) 2025 Fair, held in Gothenburg, Sweden, from September 9-12, 2025.

With over 2,000 institutions and more than 7,300 participants this year, EAIE continues to be one of the most prestigious and largest international gatherings in the world of higher education. The fair, which also featured the European Commission and strategic institutions from different continents, served as a multifaceted platform not only for developing academic collaborations but also for discussing higher education policies on a global scale.

Firat University strengthened its existing network by holding direct meetings with over 100 universities during the fair and took significant steps towards developing collaborations with influential international institutions, particularly the European Commission. Our university stood out with its "Research University" identity, strong laboratory and research infrastructure, publication quality, interdisciplinary projects, and global academic visibility.

The EAIE 2025 Gothenburg Fair was not limited to Europe for Firat University; it also provided an opportunity to evaluate cooperation opportunities with higher education representatives from North America, Central Asia, and Far East countries. Discussions focused on joint degree programs, student and academic exchanges, European Union-supported projects, and Far East research partnerships.

Firat University's presence at this event not only increased its institutional recognition but also contributed to the international visibility of Turkish higher education and the development of its regional and global strategic partnerships. This participation has gone down in history as a strong step towards Firat University's vision of sustainable internationalization.



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FIRAT TECH ON THE GLOBAL STAGE!

Firat University TEKNOKENT took an active role in the international innovation ecosystem by participating in the IASP (International Association of Science Parks and Areas of Innovation) World Conference, held in Beijing, the capital of the People's Republic of China, from September 16-20, 2025, which brought together the world's leading technology regions.

This year's conference, which was attended by numerous representatives from Technoparks and Technology Parks in Turkey, provided a platform for sharing global experiences in scientific research, entrepreneurship, and technology transfer. Throughout the event, the Firat University TEKNOKENT delegation promoted Turkey's technology production capacity and expanded opportunities for international cooperation through the contacts it made and the technical tours it participated in.

Sessions held during the conference addressed current topics such as digital transformation, artificial intelligence, sustainable development, green technology, and R&D-based entrepreneurship. Representatives from our university's TEKNOKENT met with academics, investors, and innovation professionals from different countries to exchange ideas on joint research, technology commercialization, and entrepreneurship projects.



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The event also included technical visits to leading Chinese science and technology centers such as Zhongguancun Changping Science Park, iSoftStone, Xiaomi, and Roborock. During these visits, the organizations' R&D infrastructure, innovation processes, and technology development strategies were examined on site. The Firat University TEKNOKENT delegation gained detailed information, particularly on artificial intelligence-based production models, smart device technologies, and innovation management approaches.

In another important part of the program, the delegation visited the Embassy of the Republic of Turkey in Beijing to evaluate opportunities for technology, innovation, and university-industry cooperation between Turkey and China. The meetings addressed future cooperation potentials between the two countries in the areas of knowledge sharing, academic exchange, and joint R&D projects.

Firat University TEKNOKENT's participation in the IASP 2025 World Conference is considered an important step in terms of increasing the international recognition of our university, gaining global visibility for its R&D-based production capacity, and developing strategic partnerships in the Asian market.





University Ranking by
Academic Performance

ACCORDING TO THE 2024 - 2025 URAP WORLD FIELD RANKINGS RESULTS

PHYSICAL SCIENCES	1st in Türkiye 639th in the World	MATHEMATICAL SCIENCES	2nd in Türkiye 308th in the World
INFORMATION & COMPUTING SCIENCES	3rd in Türkiye 537th in the World	ENGINEERING	4th in Türkiye 569th in the World
MECHANICAL SCIENCES	5th in Türkiye 650th in the World	ELECTRICAL & ELECTRONICS ENGINEERING	6th in Türkiye 792th in the World
TECHNOLOGY	10th in Türkiye 1007th in the World	CHEMICAL ENGINEERING	10th in Türkiye 924th in the World
MATERIALS ENGINEERING	13th in Türkiye 998th in the World	BIOLOGICAL SCIENCES	20th in Türkiye 1460th in the World
CHEMICAL SCIENCES	28th in Türkiye 1481st in the World	MEDICAL AND HEALTH SCIENCES	29th in Türkiye 1205th in the World



Firat University achieved remarkable success in the 2024–2025 World Field Rankings published by the URAP (University Ranking by Academic Performance). Firat University ranked among the world's leading universities in a total of 12 different academic disciplines.

These rankings, prepared annually by URAP, are based on criteria such as the number of scientific publications and academic impact of universities. In the 2024–2025 evaluation, 78 scientific fields were analyzed worldwide, and 89 universities from Turkey qualified for the list in at least one field. Firat University, by ranking in 12 different fields simultaneously, has solidified its position among Turkey's universities with high research capabilities.

Firat University demonstrated academic performance at a level competitive on a global scale in fields such as Physics, Mathematics, Computer Science and Information Technology, Engineering, Mechanical Engineering, Electrical and Electronic Engineering, Technology, Chemical Engineering, Materials Engineering, Biology, Chemistry, and Medical and Health Sciences. This success demonstrates that Firat University has a strong research infrastructure not only in terms of the number of publications but also in terms of the quality of scientific impact.

FIRAT UNIVERSITY GROWS WITH INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION

Firat University continues to sign important Memorandum of Understandings!

Respectively, bilateral agreements have been signed between Firat University and Johannesburg University, Charles University and University of Perugia.

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 the 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.

