

Dear distinguished researcher,

With its historical and natural legacy spanning over 8500 years, İzmir stands as a city where the light of science has flourished. Dokuz Eylül University, a key institution in İzmir and among Türkiye's top twenty research universities, would like to extend an invitation to host influential researchers on the Highly Cited Researchers list to pursue their studies within our university and contribute to areas that are of strategic value to Türkiye. Researchers engaging in projects at Dokuz Eylül University for a duration of at least 24 months and up to 36 months will receive full support from the Scientific and Technological Research Council of Türkiye (TÜBİTAK). Additionally, the university is opening its entire infrastructure to the researchers.

The International Fellowship for Researchers consists of two categories.

2232A- International Fellowship for Outstanding Researchers

Designed for researchers who have worked abroad for at least four years as an Assistant Professor, Associate Professor or Professor, team leader, or in independent academic researcher role, and who are also recognized in the 'Highly Cited Researchers' list.

Fellowship link:

<https://www.tubitak.gov.tr/en/scholarship/postdoctoral/international-programmes/content-2232-a-international-fellowship-for-outstanding-researchers>

2232B- International Fellowship for Early-Stage Researchers

Designed for researchers who have obtained a doctoral degree within the last 4 years, conducted postdoctoral research abroad, and are also recognized in the 'Highly Cited Researchers' list.

Fellowship link:

<https://www.tubitak.gov.tr/en/scholarship/postdoctoral/international-programmes/content-2232-b-international-fellowship-for-early-stage-researchers>

The scope of the fellowships include a family allowance for the project leader, an initial and follow-up research grant, a scholarship for establishing a 5-member research team, a project incentive bonus for researchers, health insurance for the project leader and his/her family, overhead for the host institution and a travel allowance for the project leader and his/her family.

Dokuz Eylül University, known for its robust infrastructure in various research domains, continues to contribute to international research endeavors. We look forward to the prospect of hosting you at our university and having you become an integral part of our research ecosystem. During the visiting professor's stay at our university, they and their families will have access to the diverse

amenities our facilities offer. The university houses multiple swimming accommodations, including the İnciraltı Semi-Olympic Swimming Pool and the Tınaztepe Semi Olympic Swimming Pool, managed by the DEU Health, Culture and Sport Facilities Directorate. Additionally, the campus includes three well-equipped fitness halls, enhancing the physical fitness opportunities for students and staff. The university also organizes a variety of events, including theatre, dance, and music festivals, as well as workshops and sports festivals. The Sabancı Cultural Center is equipped for a range of performances and events, thus underscoring the university's commitment to cultural enrichment. The university's Tınaztepe campus features a paintball field with a capacity for 300 people per day, allowing for group sports and teamwork activities. For large-scale events, the university's amphi theatre, with a seating capacity for over 5000 people, hosts graduation ceremonies, concerts, and festivals. These facilities reflect Dokuz Eylül University's dedication to creating a vibrant, active, and culturally rich environment for its students and staff, contributing to their holistic development and well-being.

We kindly encourage you to initiate contact with the International Relations Office of Dokuz Eylül University if you would like further information about this opportunity. The office is ready and willing to guide you through the application. In addition, if you wish to recommend other individuals on the Highly Cited Researchers list for consideration, please contact us via the following official communication address:

international@deu.edu.tr

Deadline: The current application period concludes on the 30th of April 2024. Subsequent opportunities will also be available in the following year, hence, we welcome your interest and potential applications for the 2024/2 and 2025/1 calls as well.

We encourage interested researchers to reach out to our Office before this deadline. This early contact will ensure there is ample time for the completion and submission of necessary documents to the Scientific and Technological Research Council of Türkiye.

İzmir, Türkiye's third-largest city, offers an unparalleled research environment, combining modern development with a rich cultural tapestry. Celebrated for its historical legacy and Mediterranean charm, 'Beautiful İzmir' is a hub for culture, art, and history. Its proximity to the ancient cities of Ephesus and Pergamon provides a unique opportunity for historical and cultural exploration. İzmir's blend of Aegean heritage and contemporary advancements makes it a compelling destination for researchers seeking a dynamic and inspiring setting. Moreover, İzmir is surrounded by multiple destinations significant to faith tourism. Notably, the House of the Virgin Mary, a site of deep spiritual significance, is within a 50 km radius from the city center. Additionally, the city is a nexus of interfaith dialogue and religious harmony, drawing visitors from various faiths to its sites. The city's allure is further enhanced by its surrounding pristine beaches, including the charming Çeşme with its 29 km long coastline, embodying the tranquility of the Aegean heritage. This combination of historical legacy, religious significance, and natural beauty makes İzmir a compelling destination for researchers and visitors alike.

For information about İzmir, the vibrant city that hosts Dokuz Eylül University, we encourage you to visit the following websites.

Information on İzmir's historical and cultural heritage, access to the tourism portal, culture portal, city plan, informative movies and publishing:

[https://izmir.ktb.gov.tr/? dil=2](https://izmir.ktb.gov.tr/?dil=2)

Detailed information about destination opportunities in Türkiye:

<https://goturkiye.com/all-turkiye-destinations>

Our university webpage:

<https://global.deu.edu.tr/>

Best regards,

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