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ABOUT US

Our Mission

Istinye University's mission is to provide innovative and sustainable education in a student centred institution working closely with industry; to conduct research based on advanced technology; to produce new knowledge and technologies; and to contribute to society by developing solutions to local and global problems.

Our Vision

Istinye University's vision is to become one of the world's leading universities pursuing excellence in education, research, innovation and technology development, with artificial intelligence at its centre.

Our Values

- Respect for people and differences
- Commitment to professional ethics and human values
- Social and community responsibility
- Justice and merit
- Environmental awareness and sustainability
- Lifelong learning
- Collective wisdom
- Participation
- Innovation
- Entrepreneurship
- Leadership

Source: [1] Mission and Vision

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT AND DEVELOPMENT

Community Engagement Policy

Istinye University's community engagement policy encourages cooperation with internal and external stakeholders in work addressing disadvantaged groups, lifelong learning and students' participation in community initiatives. Partnerships with public bodies, civil society and industry form part of this institutional approach.

Source: [2] Community Engagement Policy

International Sustainability Application and Research Centre

IRCOS supports research and education that embed sustainability across the university. Its focus areas include social impact management, community development programmes and regional sustainable development. The centre supports interdisciplinary cooperation on social and economic issues.

Source: [3] International Sustainability Application and Research Centre

Economics and Policy Research Centre

The Economics and Policy Research Centre (EPAM) promotes knowledge sharing among academia, public bodies, civil society and industry to advance understanding of economic issues and improve welfare. The centre shares its work on economics and development with the public and decision makers and involves volunteer students in its activities.

Source: [4] Economics and Policy Research Centre

SCHOLARSHIPS AND STUDENT SUPPORT

Istinye University's scholarships and student support address education costs and financial difficulties that may affect continued study. Eligibility is determined through the conditions of each scholarship and the university's assessment procedures.

Need Based Scholarship

Tuition fee reductions are provided for students who experience unexpected financial difficulties while continuing their studies. Applications are assessed on the basis of documented financial circumstances and the relevant committees' decisions. The September 2024 orientation guide explains that applications are submitted through the Student Information System.

Meal Support

The lunch scholarship is among the arrangements supporting the basic living costs of students facing financial difficulties. It is subject to documentation of the student's circumstances and the relevant assessment process.

Accessible Education Scholarship

The Accessible Education Scholarship is among the scholarship types supporting access to education for students with disabilities. Eligibility is determined by the relevant scholarship rules.

Scholarship for Families of Martyrs and Disabled Veterans

This scholarship supports the education costs of eligible relatives of martyrs, disabled veterans and their relatives. Official status must be documented and the applicable scholarship conditions met.

Accommodation and Transport

The Health, Culture and Sports Directorate directs students to contact information for private dormitories near Vadi and Topkapı campuses. Intercampus shuttles and public transport connections also support access to the university.

Source: [5] Financial Support for Students

Source: [7] Scholarship and Discount Directive for Associate and Undergraduate Students

Source: [6] September 2024 Student Orientation Guide

PART-TIME WORK AND ERASMUS SUPPORT

Part-time Work Opportunities

The Directive on Part-time Student Employment sets out arrangements for temporary work in university units. Selection considers students' skills and the compatibility of their timetable with the work; payment is based on hours actually worked. The directive also covers access to meals during employment and social security procedures.

Certain application requirements include exceptions for students affected by natural disasters, children of martyrs or veterans and students with disabilities. These provisions apply alongside the directive's other conditions.

Source: [8] Directive on Part-time Student Employment

Financial Access to Erasmus Mobility

In its announcement of 13 November 2024, the university explained that Erasmus student mobility applications would be submitted through the Turna Portal. Students can obtain information and guidance on the application process and mobility opportunities from the Erasmus unit.

Erasmus+ implementation rules provide additional grant support for participants with fewer economic and social opportunities. Groups such as students or families receiving social assistance, those covered by protection or care decisions and recipients of disaster assistance are considered under this framework when they meet the applicable conditions and document their circumstances.

Source: [9] Erasmus mobility application announcement dated 13 November 2024

Source: [10] Turkish National Agency 2024 KA131 implementation documents

LOCAL DEVELOPMENT AND WOMEN'S LABOUR

Local Crafts in Hatay and Antakya

From 15 to 18 May 2025, meetings were held with local government and chamber of commerce representatives in Hatay and Antakya as part of research supported by TÜBİTAK. Researchers from Istinye University and Kadir Has University participated in discussions on local crafts and women's labour.



Institutional photograph from the May 2025 field visit to Hatay and Antakya.

Discussions at the Hatay Culture and Artisans' Bazaar also addressed difficulties in producing and marketing handmade goods and expectations for the future. The fieldwork forms part of research on local production and women's economic participation.

Source: [11] Institutional news on the Hatay and Antakya field visit

Gender and Economic Development

The research aims to develop a sustainable development model integrating gender equality, economic development and the protection of cultural heritage. Examining local crafts and the production and marketing of handmade goods connects these areas of study.

Source: [20] TÜBİTAK 1001 special call list of funded projects

EVENTS

Women in the Workforce Workshop

13 May 2025 · Vadi H Campus

Organised jointly by the Centre for Excellence in Teaching and Learning and EPAM, the workshop addressed women's labour force participation and barriers encountered in different sectors. Experts from fields including medicine and tourism shared their knowledge and experience with students.



Institutional photograph from the 2025 Women in the Workforce Workshop.

The programme discussed access to professional opportunities, strategies for overcoming glass ceilings and approaches relevant to young workers. Students could consider sector structures and inequalities in working life through practitioners' experience.

Source: [13] Women in the Workforce Workshop on 13 May 2025

Source: [12] Institutional news on the Women in the Workforce Workshop

International Entrepreneurship and Women’s Footprint

26 December 2024 · Vadi H Campus

Announced by the Faculty of Economics, Administrative and Social Sciences, the Quality and Accreditation Department and the Quality Society, the programme addressed women’s position in entrepreneurship and business. It was planned with participation from the International Industrialists and Businesswomen’s Association.



Institutional announcement poster for the event on 26 December 2024.

Source: [14] International Entrepreneurship and Women’s Footprint announcement

The Entrepreneurship Journey

On 4 December 2024, the Industrial Engineering Club brought entrepreneurs and industry professionals together with students at Vadi Main Campus. Speakers shared experience on developing business ideas, investment processes and sustainable ventures and answered students’ questions.

Source: [17] Institutional news on The Entrepreneurship Journey

Economic Participation and Solidarity Activities

Date	Activity	Source
04.12.2024	The Entrepreneurship Journey	News [17] Link
26.12.2024	International Entrepreneurship and Women's Footprint	Announcement [14] Link
06.02.2025	Practice Examination Support for University Entrance (YKS)	Activity record [15] Link
13.03.2025	Yeryüzü Iftar in Support of Gaza	Activity record [15] Link
14.03.2025	Supporting Access to Employment for People with Criminal Records	Activity record [15] Link
30.04.2025	Career Days 2025	News [16] Link
13.05.2025	Women in the Workforce Workshop	News [13] Link

Connecting Students and Graduates with Employers

Career Days, organised by the Career Centre at Vadi Main Campus on 30 April 2025, brought students and graduates together with industry representatives. The programme included internship and job application opportunities, career planning and CV guidance.



Institutional photograph from Career Days 2025.

Source: [16] Institutional news on Career Days 2025

ACCESS TO RESEARCH SUPPORT

The Technology Transfer Office shares external funding programmes on social support systems and local development with researchers. Its call announcements provide access to application requirements and support opportunities for researchers developing projects in these fields.

Social and Economic Support Services

The TÜBİTAK 1007 call shared on 7 November 2024 addresses impact analysis of Social and Economic Support services and the strengthening of the service model. It focuses on improving the effectiveness and quality of services that support children growing up in a family environment. The university announcement states that TTO guidance is available for applications.

Source: [18] Research call on Social and Economic Support Services

Direct Aid Program

The university's announcement of 14 October 2024 shared the Australian Embassy's 2024–2025 Direct Aid Program call. The programme targets projects developed with local development actors. Priorities include recovery after earthquakes, education and health, and the empowerment of women, young people and people with disabilities.

Source: [19] Direct Aid Program 2024–2025 call announcement

ACADEMIC STAFF PROJECTS

Funding Body	Call Name	Project Title
TÜBİTAK	1001 Special Call for the 100th Anniversary of the Republic	A Model Proposal for Sustainable Development in the Republic's Next 100 Years through the Integration of Gender Equality, Economic Development and Cultural Heritage Preservation
Erasmus+	Jean Monnet Actions in the Field of Higher Education Teaching and Research	SISDDP — Sustainable, Inclusive and Smart Development within Decentralization Process: the EU experience

Institutional academic project register and direct project sources.

Source: [20] TÜBİTAK 1001 special call list of funded projects

Source: [21] Official Erasmus project information for SISDDP

STUDENT PROJECTS

Project Title	Funding Body
Learning from Experience: Insights from Experienced Entrepreneurs for a Roadmap for Young Entrepreneurs	TÜBİTAK
The Role of Innovative Business Models in Entrepreneurial Success: A Study of Start-up Examples in Türkiye	TÜBİTAK
Women's Labour Force Participation and Economic Growth: An Econometric Analysis for Türkiye	TÜBİTAK

Institutional TÜBİTAK 2209 student project records for the 2024/1 call.

Source: [22] Student project on learning from entrepreneurs' experience

Source: [23] Student project on women's labour force participation

SOURCES

[1] Mission and Vision

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[14] International Entrepreneurship and Women's Footprint announcement

[15] Community Engagement Activities

[16] Institutional news on Career Days 2025

[17] Institutional news on The Entrepreneurship Journey

[18] Research call on Social and Economic Support Services

[19] Direct Aid Program 2024–2025 call announcement

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