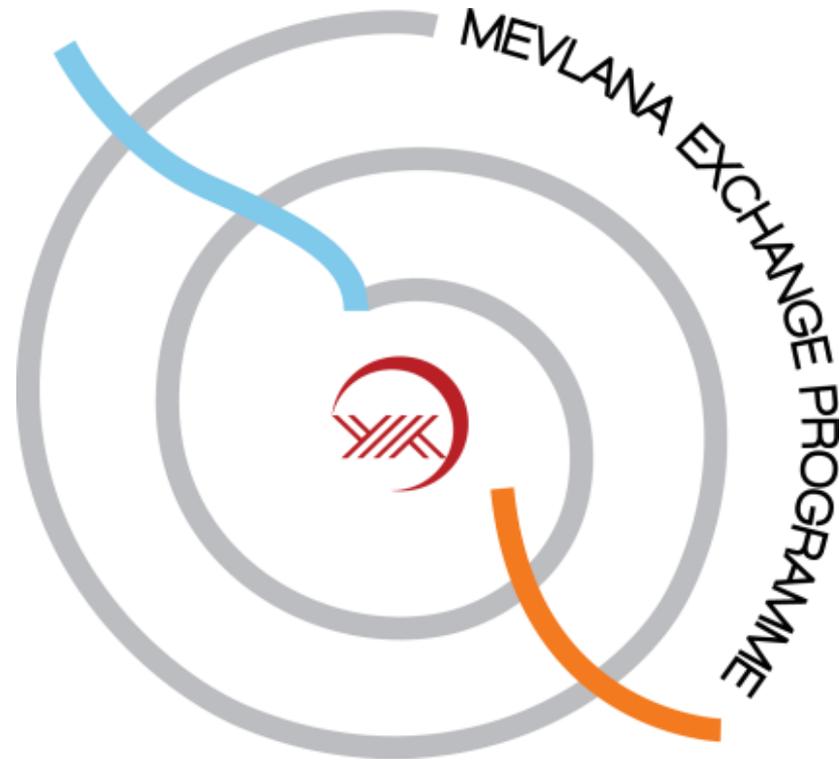




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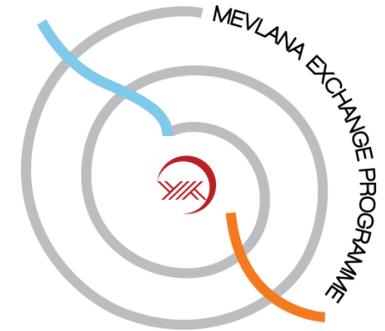
# MEVLANA EXCHANGE PROGRAMME





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# Mevlana Exchange Programme

- ❖ Mevlana Exchange Programme is a programme which aims the exchange of students and academic staff between the Turkish higher education institutions and higher education institutions of other countries.
- ❖ With the regulation published in August 23, 2011 (num: 28034), students and academic staff exchange between Turkish higher education institutions and higher education institutions of other countries has been possible.
- ❖ Different from other exchange programmes, Mevlana Exchange Programme includes all higher education institutions in the world regardless of their region.



# The Aim of Mevlana Exchange Programme

- ✓ To contribute to the internationalization of higher education,
- ✓ To make Turkey a centre of attraction in higher education area,
- ✓ To increase the academic capacity of Turkish higher education institutions,
- ✓ To share the rich historical and cultural heritage of Turkey in a global scale,
- ✓ To enrich the culture of respect and understanding to differences while increasing the intercultural interaction.



# Mevlana Student

Mevlana Exchange Programme Students;

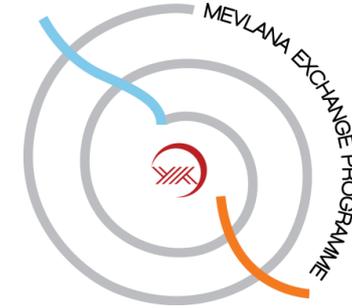
- ✓ are willing to recognize and perceive their regions and the world better,
- ✓ are open to change,
- ✓ are qualified and self-confident,
- ✓ have a strong sense of competition,
- ✓ have global knowledge and responsibility.

# Its Difference From other Exchange Programmes

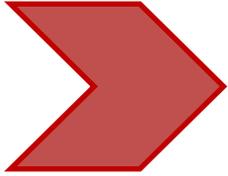
- ❖ It is in conformity with “Internationalization of Higher Education” approach of the Council of Higher Education.

In accordance with today's global academic perception, thanks to Mevlana Exchange Programme students and academic staff will have the opportunity to study at a university they desire in any part of the world.

- ❖ It is not limited with a region, area or certain part of the world.
- ❖ Unreturned scholarship
- ❖ The students, who benefited from Mevlana Exchange Programme, can also benefit from other exchange programmes before/after participating in this programme.



# Procedures of Mevlana Exchange Programme



**The whole organization and practice of Mevlana Exchange Programme is executed by the staff assigned in Mevlana Exchange Programme Institutional Coordination Offices in the body of the concerned higher education institution.**



**Mevlana Exchange Programme Coordination Office starts the exchange process by filling out the 'Recognition Request Petition' form.**

## “Recognition Request Petition”

- Sending the signed (by the Mevlana institutional coordinator) petition form to the Council of Higher Education in order to check the recognition of the higher education institution abroad that is planned to sign an exchange protocol

## Mevlana Exchange Programme - Recognition Unit

- Checking the recognition of the higher education institution abroad that is planned to sign an exchange protocol

## Result

- Sending the result of the petition to the applicant higher education



If the recognition is **accepted**, the applicant institution can sign a Mevlana Protocol and start student/academic staff exchange process.



If the recognition is **rejected**, the applicant institution cannot start student/academic staff exchange process.



# Procedures of Mevlana Exchange Programme

## *Mevlana Exchange Programme Protocol*

- Recognized higher education institutions.
- No student/academic staff can be selected before signing the Mevlana
- A protocol cannot be signed with the higher education institutions of countries that are included in Erasmus Programme (33 European) in 2013-2014 academic year.
- Protocols are valid for 5 years.
- The original copy of the protocol stays in the signatory institution. A copy is sent to the Council of Higher
- Additional Protocol.
- The responsibilities of sending and receiving institutions within the protocol and programme.



# Procedures of Mevlana Exchange Programme

## *Call for Exchange and Important Dates*

- Higher education institutions announce their signed protocols in their website for at least 15.
- The institutions also announce the number of students/staff planned to be sent.
- Application requirements and procedures to be followed for application are explained.
- Important dates for 2014-2015 academic year student exchange:

Call for Exchange in Higher Education Institutions	30 March-14 April 2014
Receiving the applications for the Exchange Programme	15 April-22 April 2014
Assesment of Applications	24 April-2 May 2014
Reporting the assesment results to the Council of Higher Education	5 May 2014
Announcement of assesment results	12 May 2014



# Who can benefit from Mevlana Exchange Programme?

- Any student who is enrolled in a higher education institution in terms of **formal education**.
- The programme is for all students in all degrees (Associate Degree, Bachelor Degree, Master Degree, PhD Degree) of higher education.
- Students who are enrolled in open education, non-formal education or distance education cannot benefit from the programme.
- **Academic staff**, who works in a Turkish or international higher education institution, can benefit from Mevlana Exchange Programme.
- Research assistants cannot benefit from Mevlana Exchange Programme in terms of academic staff.



# Application Requirements for Mevlana Exchange Programme

## *Students*

- To be a student at a degree of Associate Degree, B.A, M.A or PhD.
- To have a GPA of at least **2,5/4,00** for Associate Degree and B.A students.
- To have a GPA of at least **3,00/4,00** for M.A and PhD students.
- 50 % language score + 50 % GPA (grade point average)
  - *Language score should indicate a language that is used in the host higher education institution with regard to Mevlana Exchange Programme.*

The students studying in their first year at associate or bachelor degree and the students of preparation classes and scientific preparation programmes of graduate degrees can not participate in this programme at their first semester.



# Application Requirements for Mevlana Exchange Programme

## *Academic Staff*

- There is not a specific requirement in the regulation
- Language level
- Staff who have not benefited from the programme previously.

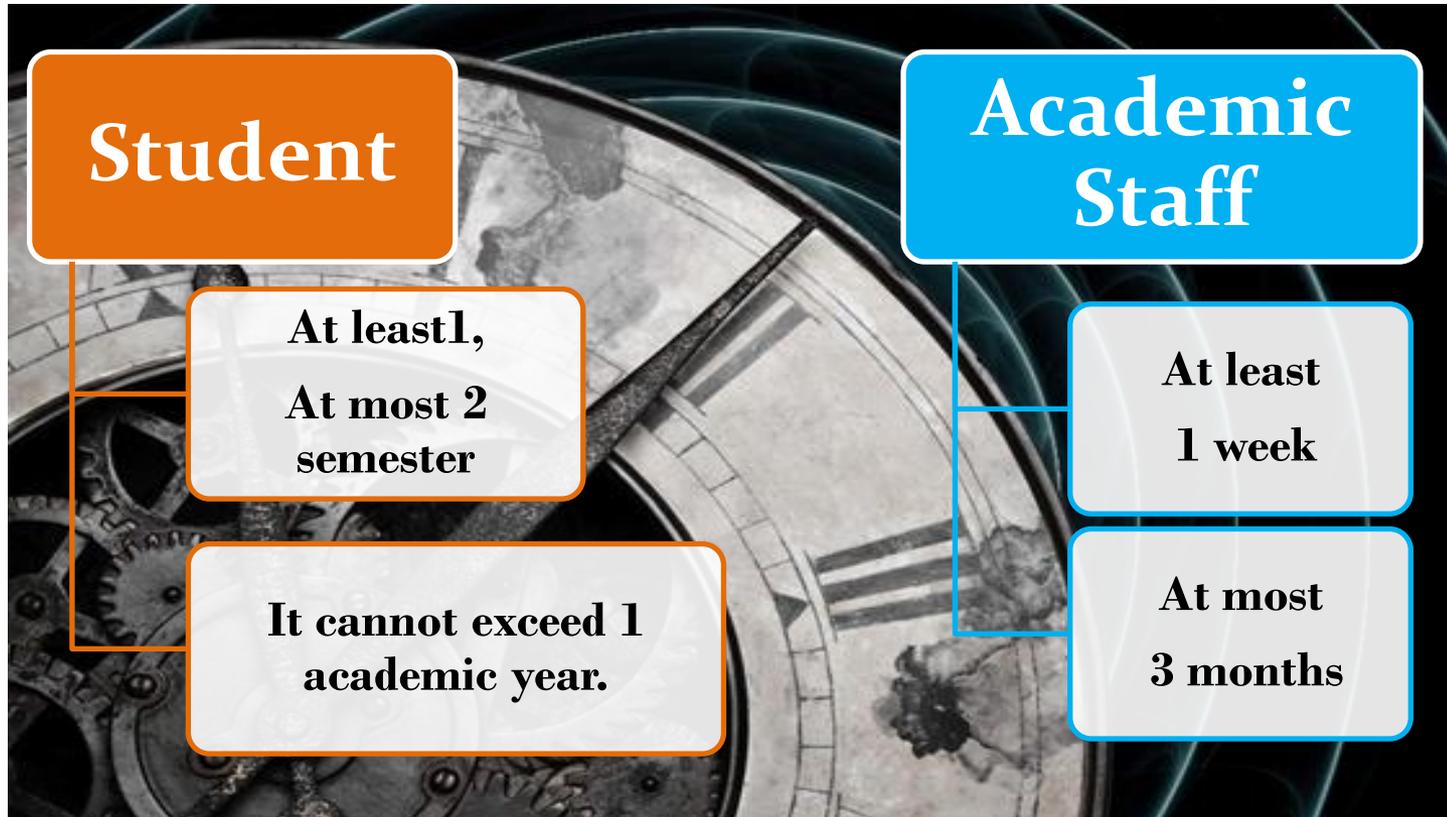


## How to apply?

The students may apply to the Mevlana Exchange Programme unit of his/her university after filling the required forms in <https://mevlana.yok.gov.tr> properly.

All academic staff, working in higher education institutions with Mevlana Exchange Protocol, may also apply to Mevlana Exchange Programme coordination offices of their institutions.

# Duration in Mevlana Exchange Programme





# Learning Protocol

- ✓ Before starting the exchange period, recognized courses and credit are defined.
- ✓ The student accepts and agrees the courses with his/her signature.
- ✓ Sending institution agrees that courses within the protocol are accepted and recognized.
- ✓ Recognition of courses is approved by the board of concerned academic programme.
- ✓ Learning protocol is prepared in three copies.
- ✓ Learning protocol is signed by concerned heads of departments and Mevlana Institutional Coordinator.
- ✓ Possible changes should be done within the first 30 days after the period (semester) starts.
- ✓ Mevlana Exchange Programme student cannot have an exam from a course that s/he previously succeeded in and cannot take this course again.



## Tuition Fee

- ✓ Students do not pay any tuition fees to the host institution during the programme, but they continue to pay the obligatory tuition fees to their home institutions.
- ✓ They **do not pay** any extra fee to the host institution within the scope of the exchange programme.



# Academic Recognition of Courses

- ✓ Higher education institutions provide full recognition for the learning/training activities.
- ✓ The programme described with recognized courses before the learning mobility starts is approved and signed by both parties with the learning protocol. Higher education institutions are **obliged to recognize and count the courses** that are succeeded in. These courses are indicated in the diploma supplement.
- ✓ Within the exchange period the number of credits taken is taken into account instead of the number of courses.
- ✓ As the course(s) to be taken in the host institution are officially agreed to be counted in advance within the Learning Protocol the students do not repeat any courses/semesters when they return.



# Documents

## Students

- Candidate Student Application Form
- Application Form
- Student Declaration
- Learning Protocol
- Acceptance Letter
- Scholarship Agreement
- Certificate of Attendance
- Final report

## Academic Staff

- Mobility Draft Programme
- Certificate of Attendance
- Final Report

## Coordinating Office

- Protocol
- Institution/Field Codes
- Student/Academic Staff Information Forms
- Eligibility



## Who Can Benefit From the Programme?

- ✓ Students cannot benefit from Mevlana Exchange Programme more than once with scholarship throughout their educational life.
- ✓ Students can participate in the programme in any degree of their educational life without scholarship.

Academic staff can benefit from the programme only once in an academic year.



# Scholarships in Mevlana Exchange Programme (1)

## *For students:*

- ✓ Mevlana Exchange Programme students continue to take their other scholarships and grants in their home countries.
- ✓ The scholarship amount to be paid to the Mevlana Exchange students differs according to the life standards of the country of the host institution.
- ✓ Within the context of Mevlana Exchange Programme, the programme students can be paid up to three times of the amount that is monthly paid to bachelor degree students according to the Law no.5102 on Granting Scholarship and Loan to the Higher Education Students and in the ratios determined by Council of Higher Education Executive Board.



## Scholarships in Mevlana Exchange Programme (2)

- ✓ Incoming students from other countries to Turkish higher education institutions are granted according to the ratios determined by Council of Higher Education Executive Board.
  - ✓ In terms of the scholarships that will be paid to the students, 70% of the scholarship amount is paid monthly. For the student's remaining grant payment, the ratio of total credits of the succeeded courses to the courses that the student is obliged to take as obligatory courses will be considered.
- ✓ In the event that the resources allocated for the higher education institution to exchange of Mevlana Exchange Programme student is insufficient, students may utilize their own personal means or special scholarships may be granted provided that it is in accordance with other terms of the programme.



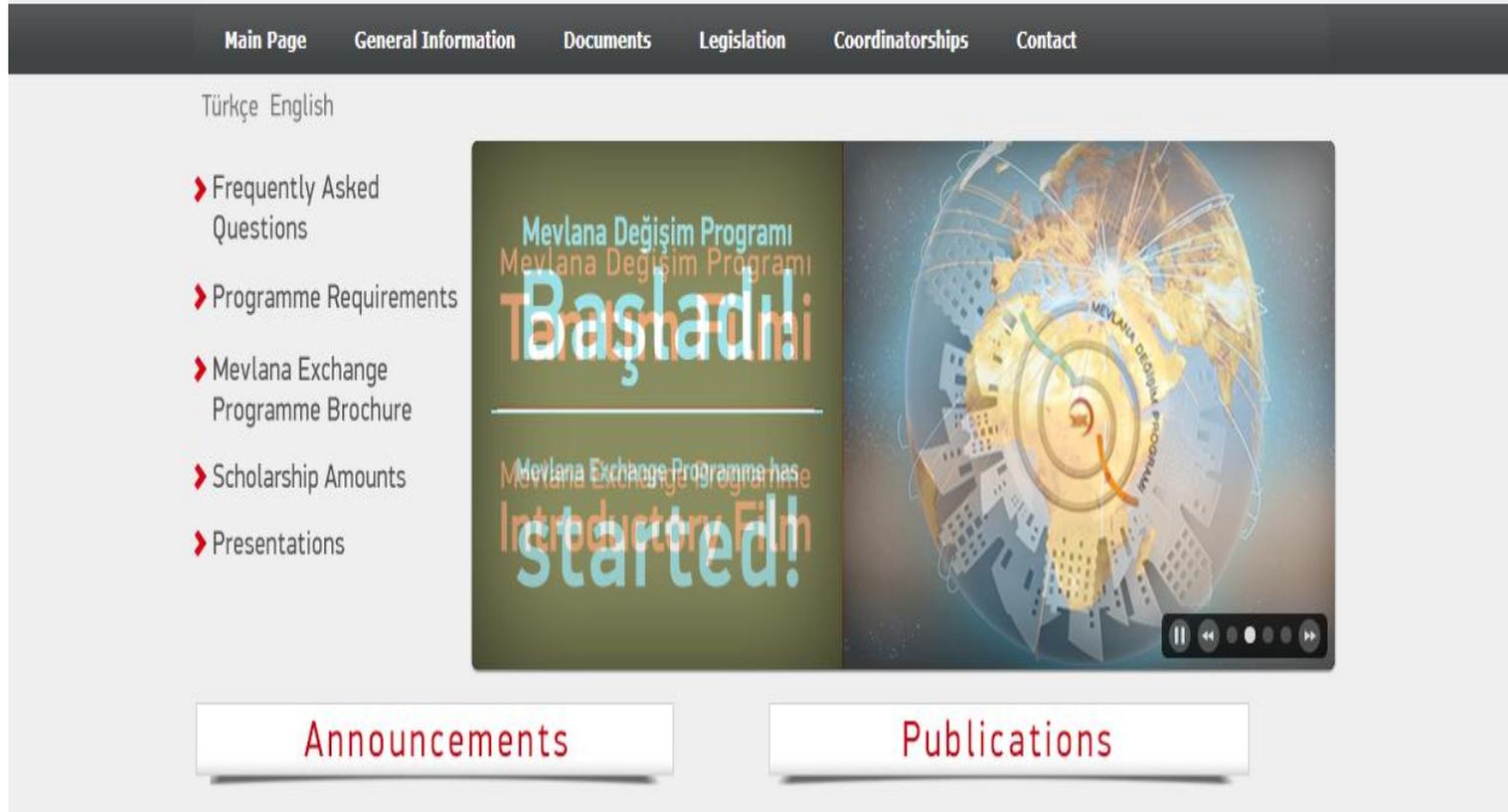
# Scholarships in Mevlana Exchange Programme(3)

## *For academic staff:*

- ✓ Within the scope of Mevlana Exchange Programme, travel allowance stated in the Travel Expense Law no.6245 may be paid to incoming and outgoing academic staff while travel allowance and additional course fees may be paid as stated in Travel Expense Law no.6245 and article 10 of the Law no.2547. CHE Executive Board is authorized to determine additional course fees due to the countries and titles.

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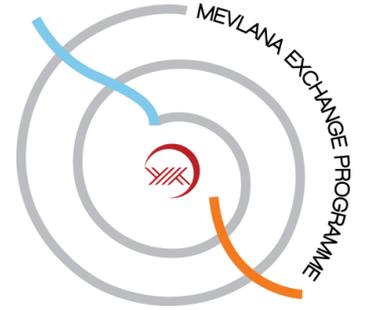
✓ <https://yok.gov.tr/web/mevlana>



The screenshot shows the website's main page with a dark navigation bar containing links for Main Page, General Information, Documents, Legislation, Coordinatorships, and Contact. Below the navigation bar, there are language options for Türkçe and English. A central banner features a video player with a play button and a progress bar. The video content includes text in Turkish: 'Mevlana Değişim Programı', 'Mevlana Değişim Programı', 'Başladı!', 'Mevlana Exchange Programme has started!', and 'Mevlana Exchange Programme has started!'. Below the video player, there are two white buttons with red text: 'Announcements' and 'Publications'.



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