

Brief Information About Mevlana Exchange Programme

Mevlana Exchange Programme aims the exchange of students and academic staff between the Turkish higher education institutions and higher education institutions of other countries. The programme includes all higher education institutions throughout the world without discriminating between the geographical borders.

Students (incoming and outgoing) may study abroad for one (min) or two (max) terms and academic staff (incoming) may lecture abroad from two weeks (min) to three months (max). Accordingly, students and academic staff from any country may benefit from this programme being hosted by Turkish higher education institutions in order to study or lecture.

The requirements for being a Mevlana Exchange Programme Student are;

- to be studying at associate degree, bachelor degree, master degree or PhD degree of higher education programmes,
- grade point average (GPA) of associate degree and undergraduate students must be at least 2,5 on a four point scale,
- grade point average (GPA) of graduate students (MA, PhD) must be at least 3.00 on a four point scale,
- evaluation: 50% language score + 50% GPA

Scholarships During the Mevlana Exchange Programme

Terms and conditions for students:

Mevlana Exchange Programme students continue to take their other scholarships and grants in their home countries and they have to do registration in their home institutions. They pay tuition fee to their home institution if they are supposed to and they do not pay any other tuition fee to the host institution.

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.

1. According to the 7th article titled 'Student Scholarships' of Mevlana Exchange Programme Principles and Procedures,

a) Under the program, scholarship students as Mevlana Exchange Programme students who will come to Turkey from higher education institutions abroad will be granted monthly payment of 1,300 TL for 4 months either in Fall 2020 or Spring 2021 (Even though students continue their education for two terms, they are paid only for 4 months. No transportation fee will be paid to students).

b) Under the program, scholarship students as Mevlana Exchange Program will go to higher education institutions abroad students from higher education institutions in Turkey amounts are presented in the table below the monthly payment of scholarships,

| REGIONS/CONTINENTS | OUTGOING STUDENT MONTHLY SCHOLARSHIP AMOUNT |
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| Europe, Asia-Pacific, Latin America, North America | 1.650 TL |
| Sub-Saharan Africa, Central Asia | 1.500 TL |
| South Caucasus, South Asia, Middle East and North Africa | 1.400 TL |

Terms and conditions for academic staff:

Payments to be made to incoming academic staff who will participate in the mobility program within the scope of the Mevlana Exchange Program shall be carried out in accordance with the amounts specified in the table below (Transportation Payment Table and Payables Table).

| REGIONS/CONTINENTS | THE AMOUNT OF DAILY WAGE FOR TEACHING MEMBERS | THE AMOUNT OF DAILY WAGE FOR OTHER TITLES | TRANSPORTATION |
|--|--|--|----------------|
| Asia-Pacific, Latin America, North America | 55 TL | 45 TL | 4.600 TL |
| Sub-Saharan Africa, Central Asia | 55 TL | 45 TL | 3.500 TL |
| Europe, South Caucasus, South Asia, Middle East and North Africa | 55 TL | 45 TL | 3.100 TL |

Mevlana Exchange Program 2020-2021 Application Term:

All the interested students and academic staff will fill out the Mevlana Exchange Programme application forms and turn them in the international relations office of their own institutions between Feb 17th – March 9th, 2020 (We will need students' latest transcripts and a document showing their Language Level in English as well). All the collected applications will be send to mevlana@usak.edu.tr or tolga.kargin@usak.edu.tr by the international relations office of their institution (not by students or academic staff). The pre-evaluations (document checks) will be carried out by the International Relations Office of Usak University by April 3rd, 2020 and the application documents will be submitted to the application system of The Council of Higher Education of Turkey for final decisions. All the awardees will be notified in Summer 2020, right after our office hears from The Council of Higher Education about their decisions.