



## **FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS**

### **Who can benefit from Mevlâna Exchange Programme?**

Within the scope of Mevlâna Exchange Programme, the students registered in formal education programmes at Associate Degree, B.A, M.A and PhD levels of the higher education institutions in Turkey (on condition that the higher education institutions signed a bilateral Mevlâna Exchange Protocol) may benefit from Mevlana Exchange Programme.

Additionally, all the academic staff working at a national or foreign higher education institution (excluding Turkish nationals working as academic staff at universities abroad) may benefit from Mevlâna Exchange Programme on condition that the higher education institutions signed a bilateral Mevlâna Exchange Protocol.

### **Application Requirements for Mevlâna Exchange Programme**

To be a Mevlâna Exchange Programme student:

- The student is required to be studying at associate degree, bachelor degree, master degree or PhD degree of higher education programmes,
- The grade point average (GPA) of associate degree and undergraduate students is to be at least 2,5 on a four-point scale.
- The grade point average (GPA) of graduate students (MA, PhD) is to be at least 3.00 on a four-point scale.
- 50% language score + 50% GPA
- The students studying in their first year at the associate or bachelor degree and the students of the preparation programmes of graduate degrees are not eligible for this programme at their first semester.

### **What are the stages to follow in the assessment and selection of students?**

Considering the amount of grant transferred by the Council of Higher Education Executive Board, the institution determines the number and distribution of incoming and outgoing students within the scope of the bilateral agreements. The Higher Education Institutions cannot select any

students for Mevlâna Exchange Programme before signing the Mevlâna Exchange Programme Protocol. In the assessment process, 50% of the applying students' GPA (Grade Point Average) and 50% of the language test score to be used at host institution are taken into account and depending on their average sum, students are selected from the ranking list.

The result of a bilaterally agreed language test is requested from the applying students by the signatory institutions to be used in the selection process.

Assessment results are published on the web pages of signatory higher education institutions.

The rules of this item are to be followed in the assessment and selection process of incoming students, as well. However, incoming students' assessment and selection procedures are implemented within the knowledge of the domestic higher education institution.

### **How can a student/academic staff apply to the programme if s/he has the requirements for application?**

Students may apply to the Mevlâna Exchange Programme Institutional Coordinating Office of their institutions by filling the necessary documents that can also be obtained from <https://mevlana.yok.gov.tr>. Academic staff working at a signatory higher education institution may also apply to the Mevlâna Exchange Programme Institutional Coordinating Offices of their institutions.

### **How many times and how long can we benefit from Mevlana Exchange Programme?**

Students can benefit from Mevlâna Exchange Programme for at least one semester and at most two semesters. As the semester duration may differ according to the education system of universities, the total duration of mobility can not exceed one academic year.

Students may be granted by Mevlâna Exchange Programme only once during their whole educational life at any stage of higher education. A student may benefit from the programme at any stage of higher education for a second time without receiving grant.

### **Are the applicants supposed to submit a language test score document (YDS, TOEFL, IELTS, etc.)?**

One of the main criteria of selection for students is language score. However, there is not a standard language test or document defined by

legislation to be accepted. The institutions may demand a national/international language test score or they can measure the language level with an exam developed by their institution. The language proficiency of applicants is one of the core elements affecting the quality and success of the programme and student. Higher education institutions are supposed to be sensitive in this issue in the selection process of applicants.

### **What are the financial opportunities of students and academic staff in Mevlâna Exchange Programme?**

	<b>Scholarship</b>	<b>Daily Wage</b>	<b>Transportation Cost</b>	<b>Health Insurance</b>
<b>Outgoing Student from Turkey</b>	√			
<b>Incoming Student to Turkey</b>	√			
<b>Outgoing Academic Staff from Turkey*</b>		√	√	
<b>Incoming Academic Staff to Turkey</b>		√	√	

\* Mevlâna Outgoing Academic Staff Mobility has been stopped through a decision by CoHE (YÖK) and this decision will be valid unless it is changed by a second decision.

### **What is the amount of the scholarship of students to be funded by Mevlâna Exchange Programme?**

For 2019-2020 academic year:

- The outgoing students, who study in a country in which national income for a person is more than 10.000 \$, are paid 950 TL

- The outgoing students, who study in a country in which national income for a person is between 5000 and 10.000 \$, are paid 850 TL
- The outgoing students, who study in a country in which national income for a person is less than 5000 \$, are paid 750 TL;
- Incoming Mevlana Exchange Programme students to Turkey are paid 750 TL.

For details and the scholarship amounts for each country, please visit [mevlana.yok.gov.tr](http://mevlana.yok.gov.tr).

**Can MSc/PHD students at thesis stage (after fulfilling the courses) benefit from Mevlâna Exchange Programme? Do they need to apply any work plan at host institutions or what kind of plan should they use?**

MSc and PhD students at thesis stage (after fulfilling the courses) may benefit from Mevlâna Exchange Programme if they have the requirements in the regulation. Whether the student should take a course or not and have thesis research should be decided by department heads and coordinators. The Council of Higher Education leaves this decision to the departments. However, the student should have measurable educational activities during his/her study. This is needed in order to check the quality of exchange (whether the student fully participated in the activities or not), the payment and for the student not to repeat any semesters.

**Can research assistants benefit from the Programme?**

Research assistants (if registered in a postgraduate programme) can benefit from the programme as a student. Since research assistants are not formally paid lecturers, they cannot benefit from this programme as an academic staff.