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UNIVERSITY ANTI-POVERTY PROGRAMS

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Sakarya University admits to teaching low-income students both national and international wide. We assist low-income students, and this is one of our strengths in our strategic plan SWOT analysis. We aim to increase the number of assisted students in a graduate degree, so this goal is defined in our strategic plan, and we monitor our achievements in terms of the assisted number of students. In the higher education system, low-income students in Turkey do not have an external application that facilitates their entrance. All of the universities in Turkey operate the intake of students with higher education entrance exams held nationwide. After our students enroll in the school, they are informed about the scholarships. Evaluation is made after the scholarship applications are received. Our university can award students whose family income is below the poverty line scholarships.

Sakarya University has graduation/completion targets for students who fall into the bottom 20% of the country's household income group.

Besides providing food, accommodation, or cash scholarships to our students who enroll in Sakarya University and certify that they are low-income, the success graph of these students is closely examined by consulting academics. Our students do not need to be above a certain level of success to receive Sakarya University scholarships. Food, accommodation, and cash scholarships provided by Sakarya University are not canceled if our students' academic success falls. Academic advisor support is provided for our students to be successful. On the other hand, it is unacceptable for our poor students to be deprived of university education if they do not have academic success.

For this reason, all scholarships provided by Sakarya University are related to the poverty level, and there is no academic success-oriented evaluation. However, scholarships awarded by different organizations are usually success-related, and if the students, who are below the poverty line, lose their private scholars because of their grades, our scholarship remains consistent.

COMMUNITY ANTI-POVERTY PROGRAMMES

Our university provides financial assistance to the local community assisting the start-up of sustainable businesses.

Sakarya University provides financial assistance to the local community for assisting the start-up of sustainable businesses. Sakarya University does not charge entrepreneurs, innovators, or start-up companies for their business costs (electricity, natural gas, water, rental, etc.) In 2020 TECHNOCITY granted approximately 4,000 USD for Business Incubator Center and Student Projects. Also, G-FAST is a competition supported by Sakarya University, TECHNO CITY, and Technology Transfer Office (under Sakarya University). Students from all universities can apply for the competition, and their Project proposals are evaluated by a jury containing faculty members and professionals from the industry. Award-winning projects are supported with faculty assistance and mentorship, and also they get financial assistance from their projects and a financial award.

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Sakarya University organizes training or programs to improve access to basic services for all. This training may refer to people from inside or outside of the university. On the other hand, MEDICO (Sakarya University Medical Social Institution) provides free medical assistance (inside and outside the university). It works as a community health center and serves basic health services. Doctors, psychiatrists, and nurses are employed here. Within Sakarya University, public training is provided on basic subjects such as healthy living, healthy nutrition, home economy, basic first aid, home accidents.



use laboratories and other required university facilities. TECHNO CITY and Business Incubator Center prepare mentorship programs for both the students and the community and prepares training workshops about innovation, entrepreneurship, related national and international Project programs, etc. apart from

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Some of the faculty members are appointed as members or advisors for policymaking for local (SESAM), regional (SESAM), national (ISEFAM, IKSAR), or global (SETA) institutions to implement programs and policies to end poverty in all its dimensions. Our faculty members research economic and poverty-related issues and organize reports. These reports are shared with the community and the relevant management units (municipality, ministry, etc.).

Our faculty members contribute to decision-making about economic issues and initiatives for decreasing poverty in all dimensions. Our faculty members regularly participate in researches and publish reports in the institutions mentioned above. Also, some of our faculty members regularly participate in TV programs every week on many national and local television channels, including the state's national television channel (TRT), and make evaluations about the economy in sessions to inform the society and decision-makers

Sakarya University has several programs to support local entrepreneurs. We assist the start-up of sustainable businesses through relevant education and resources. Our continuous education center (SAUSEM) plans courses systematically throughout the year to support entrepreneurs in terms of building start-up businesses, and our TECHNOCITY and Business Incubator Center gives working areas or offices for innovators and start-up businesses. This service is free of charge. The start-ups should prepare projects to continue to stay in TECHNOCITY or Business Incubator Center. Also, entrepreneurs from outside the university are allowed to get the same assistance from the institutions. They also may

