

**OSTİM TECHNICAL UNIVERSITY**  
**OUTSTANDING ACHIEVEMENT PROGRAM DIRECTIVE**

**SECTION ONE**

**Purpose, Scope, Basis and Definitions**

**Aim**

**Article 1-** (1) The aim of this directive is to provide academic depth and richness to undergraduate students, graduate students and researchers who have excelled at OSTİM Technical University and to support students in financially, academically, and culturally with focus on their post-university careers in order to gain international competitiveness.

**Scope**

**Article 2-** (1) This directive covers the process of proposing and selecting the students who will benefit from the Outstanding Achievement Program and the duties and responsibilities of the relevant units and individuals.

**Basis**

**Article 3-** (1) This directive has been prepared based on the rules specified in Ostim Technical University Associate Degree and Undergraduate Education and Examination Regulations, Ostim Technical University Graduate Education and Examination Regulations and the relevant Council of Higher Education (YÖK) legislation.

**Definitions of Terms**

**Article 4-** (1) In this directive,

- a) University: OSTİM Technical University,
- b) Board of Trustees: OSTİM Technical University Board of Trustees,
- c) Rector: Rector of OSTİM Technical University,

Senate: OSTİM Technical University Senate,

Dean: Deans of Faculty of Engineering, Faculty of Architecture and Design, Faculty of Economics and Administrative Sciences of OSTİM Technical University,

Institute Director: Directors of OSTİM Technical University Institute of Natural and Applied Science and Institute of Social Sciences,

Vocational School Director: Director of OSTİM Technical University Vocational School,

- h) Undergraduate and Graduate Students: Undergraduate and graduate students of OSTİM Technical University,
- i) Outstanding Achievement Program: Related activities to reward and support successful undergraduate students,
- j) Outstanding Achievement Program Unit Representative: Faculty members representing the relevant Faculty, Vocational School and Institute determined by the Rector,
- k) Outstanding Achievement Commission: A commission determined by the Rector and consisting of Faculty representatives,

l) International Relations Coordinator: Ostim Technical University International Relations Coordinator

m) TOEFL (Test of English as a Foreign Language): The exam that measures English speaking, listening, writing and reading skills,

n) GRE (Graduate Record Examinations): The international master's degree entrance exam that measures English language ability and general aptitude,

o) GMAT (Graduate Management Admission Test): It is a standardized computer-based exam that measures English and mathematics skills for postgraduate education,

p) Legal Representative: Refers to the person determined by the decision of the Board of Trustees.

## **SECTION TWO**

### **Authorized Persons and Units**

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**Article 5-** (1) Authorized persons and units are as follows:

a) Rector: The Legal Representative of OSTİM Technical University Outstanding Achievement Program.

b) Dean: Evaluates the students to be offered to the program at the faculty level with the heads of the relevant departments and notifies the Outstanding Achievement Program Commission with an official letter.

c) Outstanding Achievement Program Representative: The Outstanding Achievement Program Representative is appointed by the Rector. Within the scope of the Outstanding Achievement Program, they coordinate all kinds of decisions regarding the students to be proposed by the Deans of the relevant Faculties and manage the implementation of these decisions.

d) Outstanding Achievement Program Commission: They are appointed by the Rector for a period of 2 years as at least 5 full and 2 substitute members for the transparent and fair execution of the Outstanding Achievement Program implementation process at the University. The Commission has the authority and responsibility to evaluate the candidates to be proposed by the Outstanding Achievement Program Representatives and to select them in a transparent and fair manner.

## **SECTION THREE**

### **Outstanding Achievement Program Scope and Evaluation Process of Students**

#### **Services and Activities within the scope of the Outstanding Achievement Program**

**Article 6-** (1) Students whose applications are accepted within the scope of the program;

a) To ensure that they receive free or discounted master's or doctoral education at OSTİM Technical University,

b) To provide grant support programs for the projects developed by student(s), which are decided to be supported by the Board of Trustees upon the proposal of the University Administrative Board,

c) To provide information on the outsourcing and training such as courses/lectures (software etc.) that they need in R&D or project studies,

d) To provide information about applications to international exams such as

GRE/GMAT/TOEFL and universities and to provide financial support up to 50% of the application fees to selected student to encourage their education and career goals abroad,

- e) To provide information and guidance on programs such as ERASMUS/IASTE and Fulbright etc. within the scope of international education consultancy,
- f) To Encourage participation in competitions and project activities, R&D awareness and activities, and volunteer activities within the scope of international career counseling,
- g) To provide guidance to students on their career and educational goals by establishing contact between university academics and program participant students and to provide assistance and support in establishing connections with international academics,
- h) To organize seminars and meetings within the scope of information services,
- i) To create internship opportunities in start-up companies within Technoparks operating abroad, Technopark managements or foreign centers/branches of multinational companies,
- j) To support the expenses such as travel/participation/accommodation of entrepreneurs who have been accepted to international acceleration programs at a rate determined by the Outstanding Achievement Program Commission.

### **Application Criteria**

**Article 7-** (1) The minimum requirements to be met by the students to be evaluated within the scope of the Outstanding Achievement Program are as follows:

- a) Students to be offered the program must have completed the first two years of their undergraduate programs.
- b) The students to be offered to the program should have a weighted grade point average of at least 2.75/4.00 and above for the first two years of their undergraduate programs.
- c) Faculties may offer students who stand out with their talent and ability, who are willing to carry out R&D studies, and develop projects, regardless of their weighted GPA. The evaluation in this regard belongs to the members of the Outstanding Achievement Program Commission.

### **Assessment**

**Article 8-** (1) Students with Outstanding Achievement are selected 2 (two) times a year at a meeting to be held by the Outstanding Achievement Program Commission,

(2) Students with Outstanding Achievement are determined among the students who meet the criteria in Article 7 of the Directive, taking into account the following criteria:

- i)* To be ranked in national and international project competitions that provide social benefits,
- ii)* To receive capital support from public or private institutions for the company they established,
- iii)* To have applied to the project calls under the headings such as R&D, P&D, Innovation and Internationalization funded by public or private institutions and being eligible for supported,
- iv)* To have achieved success in academic studies,
- v)* To have sufficient foreign language knowledge according to the criteria to be determined by the Commission.

(3) If the number of applicants with the above criteria is high, the candidates are selected by the members of the Outstanding Achievement Program Commission by majority vote.

(4) The decision regarding the selection of the students evaluated by the Outstanding Achievement Program Commission enters into force after the evaluation of the University Administrative Board and the decision of the Board of Trustees.

(5) The results of the evaluation are announced on the University website and notified to the student(s).

## **SECTION FOUR**

### **Miscellaneous Provisions, Effectiveness and Execution**

#### **Conditions without Provisions**

**Article 9-** (1) In matters that are not covered by this directive, action shall be taken according to the decisions to be taken by the Senate.

#### **Effectiveness**

**ARTICLE 10-** (1) This directive shall enter into force with the approval of the Board of Trustees following the approval of the decision of the University Senate.

#### **Execution**

**ARTICLE 11 -** (1) The provisions of this Directive shall be executed by the Rector of OSTİM Technical University.

<b>The Senate Meeting at which the Directive was adopted</b>	
<b>Date</b>	<b>Number</b>
13/12/2021	66
<b>The Meeting of the Board of Trustees at which the Directive was adopted</b>	
<b>Date</b>	<b>Number</b>
23/12/2021	60