

ABDULLAH GÜL UNIVERSITY INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATION

The "Abdullah Gül University" (AGU) has a decentralized system for the management of international relations. The main operating bodies are the AGU International Office and the AGU Internationalization Committee

1. The AGU Internationalization Committee

- It is a committee made up of academicians and staff members having outstanding international experiences (nominated by the Rector).
- It collaborates closely with the International Office in administering the University's cooperation agreements with international institutions of higher education, research and training institutes and other relevant organizations.
- Its specific role is the approval, coordination, monitoring and evaluation of cooperation agreements between the University and its international partners.

2. The AGU International Office

The International Office plays a central and supportive role in the administration and management of the University's international affairs; Responsible entity for the organization and implementation of EU and international mobility in our university, the AGU international office has a unique structure:

- It provides support and is a member of the university's International Relations Committee.
- It works towards making AGU an internationally recognized university.
- It is the main interlocutor for international students.
- The International Office strives to build study agreements with other universities.
- The International Office documents all past agreements that were reached with other institutions.
- It communicates abroad about AGU's offerings, in terms of programs and research.
- It works with AGU's other departments to ensure that internationalization remains a priority at all levels of activity.
- It builds a long lasting network with other universities' International Offices, so that the AGU international Office remains up to date on potential agreements and collaborations it could take part in.
- The AGU International Office is the primary contact for international requests. It then forwards the requests to AGU's various departments as needed.
- It provides support for students in their visa and insurance procedures.



- It manages both academic and non-academic inquiries from international students.
- The AGU International Office helps all incoming students to find accommodation (on-campus or not).
- It provides support and guidance to the AGU students' clubs whose activities have an international focus.
- It develops information packages for both incoming and domestic students at AGU.
- It is at the disposal of incoming students for any request that they may have concerning their stay at AGU.
- It assists AGU various faculties in the development of agreements with other universities.
- It helps the administrative tasks involved in the enrolment of incoming students.
- It is in charge of the recruitment of international students.
- It advertises AGU's academic programs to international students.
- It informs both students and academicians at AGU on the international opportunities that exist.
- It is responsible of sending domestic students abroad.

The creation of a **Youth Office** within the AGU structure, that collaborates with the International Office, makes it unique among Turkish Universities and helps provide people of all ages with the necessary means to participate actively in the labour market and in society at large.

- The Youth Office is an active member of a European network called "Eurodesk" which is the main provider of information on European policies and opportunities for young people and those who work with them.
- It is accredited by the National Agency for European Voluntary Service and is the only institution at the regional level. Young volunteers are given the opportunity to contribute to the daily work of our office dealing with youth information and policies, young people's personal and socioeducational development, civic engagement, social care, inclusion of disadvantaged, environment, non-formal education programmes, ICTs and media literacy, culture

3. <u>Staff and Faculty members for Inter-institutional agreements and partnerships</u>

- International Agreements can be signed between Departments, Faculties, Institutes or Centres.
- Any member of the AGU community can suggest a new opportunity for an agreement with another university
- Any agreement or partnership should respect AGU's mission and vision statement and be an asset for the university's teaching body and students
- Any research or teaching partnerships should be approved and signed by AGU's respective Heads of departments