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ABOUT TURKISH ENTREPRENEURSHIP FOUNDATION

Founded in April 2014 by leading businessmen and entrepreneurs, Turkish Entrepreneurship Foundation works with youth to create and advance the entrepreneurship culture in Turkey.

Entrepreneurship is not a big part of the culture in Turkey due to the education system. As we look upon the entrepreneurs of this era, we see that most of these people have made their connections with the world. Risk taking and observing the inspiring role models are the leading aspects of entrepreneurship.

For all that, the existing system in Turkey consists of accelerators and further supports for those who have already decided to become entrepreneurs. To develop the entrepreneurship culture, however, you have to create an infrastructure and for that, you have to start from the basics. At this point, the right place to start is the universities.

Universities provide the right incubation environment for entrepreneurship. It’s because young people are more open to learning new things, taking risks and being inspired by others, especially in university environments.

Turkish Entrepreneurship Foundation is a leading institution not only for Turkey, but also for the world, making young people a part of a social network, providing them the opportunity to meet their inspirational role models and learning from those role models’ experiences. Turkish Entrepreneurship Foundation organizes "FellowUP" inspiration meetings once in every two months, network events, experience events and offers internship opportunities for young people who are selected with an innovative and scientific 5-step selection process.

Turkish Entrepreneurship Foundation aims to create a perspective of “giveback” among young people. If the entrepreneur eventually shares the success s/he gained through the support of others with the community, then that success could be augmented.

Turkish Entrepreneurship Foundation will organize a “Giveback Gala” every year in order to spread the “giveback” concept, as well as to increase awareness among the Fellow Program participants and the entrepreneurship ecosystem in Turkey. The Gala will host a successful speaker in order to give inspiration to the entrepreneurship ecosystem in Turkey.
Entrepreneurship is one of the trends that will transform Turkey the most in the upcoming years. One other trend that will have this effect is education. The answer to the question “Why entrepreneurship?” is very clear: Entrepreneurship means innovation, R&D and employment. The companies built by entrepreneurs are the ones that reaped up employment in the last five years in countries such as the U.S. These companies are also the ones that encourage innovation.

Turkish Entrepreneurship Foundation is founded in April 2014 with such motives. Its aim is not to head towards people who are entrepreneurs- there already exists an extensive ecosystem targeting them. The main purpose is to encourage talented young people for entrepreneurship. In doing so, the foundation is supported by an amazing Board of Trustees and sponsors. It also awards the highest amount of student scholarship in Turkey and uses only its inspiration mechanism. In other words, it brings together the selected Fellows with a successful entrepreneur once in every two months and shares his/her story with these young students.

There is actually no single way to become an entrepreneur. Today all of the successful entrepreneurs have a different starting story. All of them passed through a different path. Fellows derive their own results by listening these stories. Thus, the number of stories told about entrepreneurship increases and reaches up to more people. Turkish Entrepreneurship Foundation is the first and only foundation in the world that is founded with such a basis and has a target of advancing the entrepreneurship culture in the long run.

The number of applications we got when we announced the 2014 Fellow Program was beyond what we had initially expected: 6,600 university students from more than 170 universities applied for the program. In conclusion, we have selected a total of 40 Fellows- 20 girls and 20 boys, and started the Entrepreneurship Foundation Fellow Program with them. This is just the first step... If we think about five years from now, we can say that hundreds of Fellows will experience and pass the Entrepreneurship Foundation Program. What we are aiming to achieve is to make entrepreneurship a serious career path for young people. Along the path, I would like to underline the fact that Turkey is especially in need of women entrepreneurs.

We are expecting more than 15,000 applications in 2015. We will again select and add 40-50 Fellows to our organization in order to maintain the high-quality. Aside from inspirational entrepreneur meet-ups, we are planning to take our Fellows to the leading conferences in Turkey and in the world, from San Francisco to a new and an innovative entrepreneurship hub that sets an example in the world such as Tel Aviv.

2015 will also be a brand new year for the Entrepreneurship Foundation. I am certain that we will all experience new excitements while improving the selection process, introducing our “alumni” program to our first graduates and offering new travel and conference arrangements with our expanding network.

In addition to all this, we will generate Turkey’s most important entrepreneurship resource by publishing a new blog post every day in our foundation’s new entrepreneurship blog www.futureleadnow.com.

One of our other projects is called “Mapped in Turkey” where we will show the whole entrepreneurship ecosystem in Turkey in one map and share it online with the public. I would like to thank all of our members of the Board of Trustees, our Board of Members, our individual and corporate sponsors, our General Manager, Mehru Ozturk Aygül, and her team for beginning this journey with me. Thanks to all of you, we came to this point in a short amount of time.

A country, Turkey, without any development in entrepreneurship is a country that has punished itself by standing on one foot. We would be really happy if we could make a little contribution to spreading entrepreneurship in Turkey.

SINA AFRA
Turkish Entrepreneurship Foundation
Chairman of Board
KEY TO CHANGE

I believe that the most important tools for change, in most of the developing countries such as Turkey, are “Education” and “Entrepreneurship.” For this reason, we are working to spread the entrepreneurship culture as a foundation.

We now have more supporting institutions, investors and most importantly people who are interested in entrepreneurship in Turkey as opposed to five years ago. However, this number is not enough. In order to create change, the culture needs to be expanded further and entrepreneurship needs to be appreciated as an alternative career path. That’s why working with young people who have an entrepreneurship potential is very exciting and inspiring for us. As we work to inspire our Fellows with our Fellow Program, they, in return, give us hope and excitement for the future.

As the entrepreneurship culture spreads, I believe that another concept must also develop and spread in the same proportion: Giveback, meaning giving what you gained from the community back to it. Entrepreneurs create ideas through observing needs, and through problems they face and experience in real life. Throughout this whole process, they are fed by the society the most. They become successful in the light of many different factors. After all, we see that startups that cannot survive long are the ones who could not identify the right needs of the society.

As for the successful entrepreneurs, they need to feed back where they are fed from; they need to advance and uplift the source. If we look at the bigger picture, they are create employment and contribute to the economy in this way. Yet these are not enough to evolve a society. Sustainable giveback programs are also crucial because in this way the structure of civil institutions will have a more innovative base and the social impact created will increase, especially when entrepreneurs start carrying out sustainable giveback activities.

If we look at the worldwide philanthropy lists published every year, we can see that entrepreneurs are ahead of people who earn their fortunes with traditional ways. I believe that spreading the giveback culture will have positive effects on entrepreneurship. Of course, philanthropy is not the only way of giving back to the community. Spending time, working hard and mentoring are also equally important processes. As role models, entrepreneurs will inspire more young people when they get closer to the community.

Even if our fellows haven’t established their own startups yet, they start carrying out giveback activities from the first day of joining our Fellow Program. They share their experiences from events that they attend by writing a blog post or shooting a video and we publish them in our new blog site www.futureleadnow.com. They are also creating new projects team by team. While a group is working on a project to spread the entrepreneurship culture in high schools, the other group is visualizing the needs of the ecosystem by creating a sector map to further spread entrepreneurship.

Starting from the first day of its establishment, Turkish Entrepreneurship Foundation works to inspire entrepreneurs and young people with a desire to be an entrepreneur. I hope that, with this inspiration, many amazing entrepreneurship and giveback stories will be written in the near future.

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Turkish Entrepreneurship Foundation
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FROM OUR BOARD OF TRUSTEE MEMBERS

ALİ CAN KAYA
Life is a road with bended curves, and I am here to be a companion for young entrepreneurs who are at the beginning of their journey. I am here to share my experiences and show the way to future entrepreneurs.

ASUMAN BAYRAK
I am honored to be a part of such a distinctive foundation, led by Sina Afra and one of a kind both in Turkey and in the world. It is such a great feeling to spend time with the entrepreneurs of the future at the beginning of their journey and share their excitement along the way.

BURAK BÜYÜKDEMİR
Turkish Entrepreneurship Foundation is building the economy of the future with the students of today. I have no doubt that these Fellows will become the most important entrepreneurs of the future.

EROL BİLEÇİK
Our country needs young people, thereby, valuable institutions such as Turkish Entrepreneurship Foundation, in order to take stronger and more competitive steps towards the future. I wish a bright future to Turkish Entrepreneurship Foundation and to our Fellows who are filling a very important gap in this mosaic.

FARUK ECZACIBAŞI
As a G20 member, Turkey is one of the countries that has already vast aside its concerns about entrepreneurship and is eager to head towards it. We are not afraid of entrepreneurship. Our General Entrepreneurship score is 55, which is four points less than the U.S’ score. We are prone to entrepreneurship. However, there are problems with entrepreneurs accessing investments. Moreover, our education system is not adequate enough to support the entrepreneurship culture. It does not encourage analytical thinking, curiosity and innovation. Here, Turkish Entrepreneurship Foundation started its journey to raise public awareness to such problems, suggest solutions and support entrepreneurs. I strongly believe that Turkish Entrepreneurship Foundation will turn this issue into a sustainable value and add to the economy with the help of the government providing the necessary legal and financial supports.

FEVZİ GÜNŞOR
An entrepreneur’s aim is to have an impact on the future. Turkish Entrepreneurship Foundation started a movement that not only have an impact on our future but also on the entire country. I hope that we will succeed in the end.

GÜLDEN YILMAZ
I wanted to be a part of Turkish Entrepreneurship Foundation because I believe that it will contribute a lot to the entrepreneurship ecosystem in Turkey. I still have the same belief.

JOACHIM BEHRENDT
Turkey has an amazing potential for entrepreneur and investors, yet it lacks a developed entrepreneurial ecosystem that supports innovators, entrepreneurs and investors. Thanks to Sina’s initiative, another step in bridging this gap has been taken with the foundation of Girişimcilik Vakfı. I am proud to be a founding member, and to help Turkish promising entrepreneurs to shape the future in Turkey, and maybe in the world.

NEVZAT AYDIN
It is of no doubt that entrepreneurship, as the engine of the global economy, is the most important employment resource for Turkey with a high rate of young population. With our Fellow Program, we will pass on the creative, brave and exciting spirit of entrepreneurship to the young people of tomorrow.

PELIN KUZEY
As an inspiration to our youth and as a great motivational source to us, being part of the brand new Turkish Entrepreneurship Foundation gives me such joy and happiness.

SEDAT KAPANOĞLU
Implementing an idea in an ideal world is not a life struggle; it should be part of our morning exercise. Getting closer to this point and seeing it this way will be our biggest gift ever.

SIDİKA BAYŞAL HATİPOĞLU
It is amazing to get the chance to mutually share experiences and learn from our Fellows. I would like to thank Turkish Entrepreneurship Foundation for bringing together such bright and incredible young people with one another and with professionals like us in an environment that is open to learning, communication and improvement. I would also like to thank each and every person who made this come true this year.

ŞEBNEM ÜNLÜ
Even though entrepreneurship may not be taught, we would be very happy if we can inspire, even just a little bit, such exciting and passionate young people who are holding on to this country’s future.

YOMI KASTRO
The foundation itself is an exceptional entrepreneurship example. My faith in our country and in our future is getting bigger when I see how far this foundation has come from a far away dream to a successful reality.
FELLOW PROGRAM 2014

OUR PURPOSE
Turkish Entrepreneurship Foundation is implementing the unique “Fellow Program” for university students in order to develop and extend the culture of entrepreneurship throughout Turkey.

OUR OBJECTIVE
Turkish Entrepreneurship Foundation aims to advance the entrepreneurship ecosystem in Turkey by ensuring the sustainability of the Fellow Program with new students every year. It is the first foundation in the world to support university students who have the potential to become entrepreneurs and the idea of entrepreneurship rather than supporting solid projects.

CRITERIA
All university students between the ages 17-24, Turkish citizens and residing in Turkey, who become entitled to enroll or study in a university, and who are currently a 1st, 2nd, 3rd or 4th year students can apply to the program.

FELLOW PROGRAM SELECTION PROCESS
Turkish Entrepreneurship Foundation applies an innovative and scientific method in the process of selecting participants. The 5-step process aims to determine the leadership potential within the youth.

CV SCORING
You will complete an online CV on our system. The total score will take you to the second step.

MOTIVATION VIDEO
We require you to prepare a maximum 3-minute YouTube video, in which you will answer questions like “What’s your motivation?” and “Why entrepreneurship?” and later send it to info@girisimcilikvakfi.org e-mail address.

DISC PERSONALITY ASSESSMENT
We would like to get to know you better. You will need to complete a short personality assessment test to get to the next step.

VISUAL QUESTIONARY
With the help of this test, we would like to understand your approach and discover your entrepreneurship character better.

INTERVIEW
As the last stage, in the light of our general evaluations of the 2nd, 3rd and 4th steps, we will invite you to an interview with Sina Afra, our Chairman, and the Selection Committee.

WHAT WE LOOK FOR THROUGHOUT THE SELECTION PROCESS
In its first year, Turkish Entrepreneurship Foundation elaborately selected the most talented students in terms of entrepreneurship and leadership to its Program with its 5-step scientific selection process. These stages included CV Scoring, a Youtube video where students are required to show their motivation on entrepreneurship, a personality and a visual test and a 1:1 interview session with a Board Member. The most important three criteria throughout the interviews were:

1. Being aware of Turkish Entrepreneurship Foundation’s “giveback” philosophy: to share the success that is gained through the support of others with the community in order to multiply the success.
2. Being passionate and eager about entrepreneurship
3. Being positive and open to learning
FIVE CORE COMPONENTS OF THE FELLOW PROGRAM

WHAT DOES THE FELLOW PROGRAM OFFER TO THE SELECTED FELLOWS?

NETWORK
The program participants will be a part of a national and an international network.

SCHOLARSHIP
University students who participate in the Fellow Program will qualify for 500 TL scholarship for the duration of 12 months.

MEET-UPS WITH ROLE MODELS/GETTING INSPIRATION
Once every three months, the participants will come together with successful entrepreneurs and have a chance to take inspiration from their stories. These meetings are mandatory for the participants.

WHAT DOES THE FELLOW PROGRAM EXPECT FROM THE SELECTED FELLOWS?

STARTUP AMBASSADORS
The program participants will act as “startup ambassadors” in their own universities in order to propagate the culture of entrepreneurship by creating a multiplier effect.

GIVEBACK
Turkish Entrepreneurship Foundation operates with the understanding that success can only be scaled and multiplied with the practice of “giveback” philosophy where success, attained with the support of public, is shared progressively with the public itself.
It won’t be wrong to say that Turkish Entrepreneurship Foundation has gone beyond its own mission and became a high level motivational entrepreneurship and friendship center.

I believe that Turkish Entrepreneurship Foundation has a very critical mission of growing and improving the entrepreneurship ecosystem from the baseline. The Fellow Program gave me a chance to start a new project with Ersin and Burak.

Turkish Entrepreneurship Foundation is the simulation of life.

It is an honor to be part of this creative foundation that gives us the chance to gain stimulating experiences, open our horizons, push our limits and live our dreams.

This foundation turns impossibilities into opportunities. It is the “meet everyone you want to meet” foundation of the year.

Turkish Entrepreneurship Foundation shows not to implement but to create.

Turkish Entrepreneurship Foundation shapes the future for brave and productive young generations who can think out of the box.

It is here to advance the entrepreneurship ecosystem in Turkey. It is here to widen the visions of young entrepreneurs and increase the quality of the services. It is a unique base that provides us with every opportunity along the way.

It is truly a unique foundation!

It is an honor to be part of this family and to be a fellow of this foundation! It is an honor to be part of this creative foundation that gives us the chance to gain stimulating experiences, open our horizons, push our limits and live our dreams.

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Turkish Entrepreneurship Foundation pushes the imaginations of the people that it believes in. It is made up of people who are great at managing and mentoring and I am very proud to be a part of it.

I am meeting with inspiring people at Turkish Entrepreneurship Foundation. These moments are the ones where I feel closer to my dreams than ever...

Fellow Program enables you to learn new things from every person you talk with, be friends with people who wants to change the world, get the support of your role models and make your dreams come true while having them beside you.

Turkish Entrepreneurship Foundation is a unique platform that offers university students who do not have the opportunity to be a part of the Turkish Entrepreneurship Ecosystem, who wants to produce, change, improve and make a difference, all kinds of support and opportunity.

I can summarize Turkish Entrepreneurship Foundation like this: Introduction, Development, and Conclusion.

I have never joined a program this inspiring!

Turkish Entrepreneurship Foundation taught us not to think whether to do it or not but to decide and act on it!

We are getting prepared for the future in an incredible way, in such a family where exceeding the limits of our imagination and our personality are being taught.

Turkish Entrepreneurship Foundation is a cozy family that enables me to discover diverse worlds full of innovation and surprises and enables me to learn from its incredible network.

All of the students are applying to this program to make a dream come true. Along our way from our dreams to reality, Turkish Entrepreneurship Foundation instills the required courage, self-confidence and faith into us. We all made a wish and Turkish Entrepreneurship Foundation came true.
MAHMUT YAVUZ
Bogazici University
It is an incredible experience for me to be a part of such a family like Turkish Entrepreneurship Foundation.

MEHMET SENCER KARADAYI
Middle East Technical University
“Hacker, Innovator, Fighter”
Think about a tunnel; at the end of it there you find your dreams, and in front of you, there is a long and troublesome road, and right beside you there is a big family that will never leave you. And that family is Turkish Entrepreneurship Foundation.

MERT CAN
Bogazici University
“Thinker, Less Irrational, More Economic”
Turkish Entrepreneurship Foundation not only motivated me in terms of entrepreneurship, but also let me be a part an amazing family and enabled me to give back to the community that we live in.

MERVE BOZ
Yasar University
“Friendly, Brave, Far-sighted”
Turkish Entrepreneurship Foundation is a unique platform. You will never know how far it can go. It is an establishment that provides you with the best opportunities.

MERVE YAZICI
Gazi University
“Brave, Dynamic, Social”
Turkish Entrepreneurship Foundation is a place where every door you face is suddenly and widely opened.

MÜGE ULUSOY
Istanbul Technical University
“Free-spirit, Fun, Brave”
In fact, believing and hoping was enough. This process is so special that it should not be lost.

MUSTAFA GIRGIN
Bahcesehir University
There is a bright future waiting for us in the end.

OĞUZ ŞAFAK
Istanbul Technical University
“Hyper Ambitious, Crazy, Entrepreneur”
Becoming a fellow of Turkish Entrepreneurship Foundation will be my answer to this question asked in the future: “What is the turning point of your life?”

ÖZKU KURTOĞLU
Galatasaray University
“Optimistic, Fighter, Innovator”
Turkish Entrepreneurship Foundation and its Fellow Program is a life changing experience for me. I am very happy to be a part of it!

PELIN GEZER
Gebze Technical University
“Researcher, Dreamer, Futuristic”
With its approach, Turkish Entrepreneurship Foundation is teaching us about life. We do not only learn about entrepreneurship here. It gives us the opportunity to develop ourselves in many ways. It also lets us do something to develop the world. This is “giveback”!
SELIN AKPINAR
Middle East Technical University
“Ambitious, Dreamer, Happy”
Turkish Entrepreneurship Foundation is my biggest supporter in bringing out the entrepreneur inside of me.

SELIN ÖZTEKIN
Sabanci University
“Talented, Fun, Lively”
Imagine a family, which offers you with opportunities that you cannot even imagine. As a matter of fact, it does not stop there. It makes you experience them. Some things cannot be explained, they can just be lived.

SERA GIZ ÖZEL
Sabanci University
“Free, Cheerful, Sensitive”
Turkish Entrepreneurship Foundation: Friendship, companionship, education, sharing and evolution. I am very happy to be a part of this foundation. This is a place for people who create value and happily share it with the others.

SERKAN TÜRKOĞLU
Cankaya University
“Creative, Brave, Idealist”
I learned how far I am from my goals and how I can overcome this distance thanks to Turkish Entrepreneurship Foundation.

UMUTCAN DUMAN
Middle East Technical University
“Entrepreneur, Coffee-lover, Traveler”
A person needs to take small steps to reach a target far from him. We are taking our small steps for this big goal with Turkish Entrepreneurship Foundation for a better tomorrow.

VOLKAN ŞİMŞEK
Istanbul Bilgi University
“Creative, Ambitious, Leader”
Turkish Entrepreneurship Foundation is the source of motivation for young entrepreneurs.

YUSUFCAO BOZKUŞ
Sabanci University
“Indomitable, Creative, Street Smart”
I am honored to be a part of Turkish Entrepreneurship Foundation family and this program that turned out to be beyond what I imagined.

ZAFER ÇİĞDEM
Suleyman Demiral University
“Eager to learn, Enthusiastic and positive, Entrepreneur”
Entrepreneurship in Turkey now has a foundation. You can sense the entrepreneurship scent from its actual kitchen with a small step. Turkish Entrepreneurship Foundation offers this opportunity!
GIVEBACK

Within the scope of the Turkish Entrepreneurship Foundation’s Fellow Program, the “giveback” element is supported through role models and projects. The projects created and carried out by Fellow 2014 team are listed below:

MAPPED IN TURKEY
The purpose of this project is to create a sector map that includes entrepreneurship clubs, academicians, technology transfer offices, entrepreneurship centers, non-profit organizations, investors and incubation centers. The project aims to embody and present the big entrepreneurship potential of Turkey. This map will include all of the 186 universities in Turkey. The project team reached up to 89 of the entrepreneurship clubs for now. This map will simplify the communication between students, academicians, entrepreneurship and incubation centers and investors. All the data will be moved to an online and mobile platform under the name MappedinTurkey.org. The project team includes Busra Yilmazoz, Merve Boz, Mustafa Girgin, Serkan Turkoğlu and Zafer Çigdem from the Fellow 2014 group.

ERASMUS+
The Erasmus+ programme aims to boost skills and employability, as well as modernizing Education, Training, and Youth work. Fellows are aiming to apply to the program on April 30, 2015. The project team of nine people will research the entrepreneurship ecosystem of the partner countries and look for institutions similar to Turkish Entrepreneurship Foundation in those countries. Partner countries will be determined at the end of the research period. The project team includes Alper Cem Polat, Beyza Gürel, Elif İrem Kunduracı, Emine Büşra Çevik, Gizem Yeniçikan, Mahmut Yavuz, Mert Can, Mustafa Girgin, Öykü Kurtoğlu, Yusufcan Bozkuş and Zafer Çiğdem from the Fellow 2014 group.

GIVEBACK IN HIGH SCHOOLS (EDUCATION & DISTRIBUTION OF ENTREPRENEURSHIP BOOKS)
The purpose of this project is to give inspiration to high school students about entrepreneurship, as well as to help them gain self-confidence and an understanding that entrepreneurship is an actual career path. The project group gathered data from high school students, teachers and parents of students in order to understand the needs. The project will primarily start at Cağaoğlu Anatolian High School. The tutor will be determined in the near future. Furthermore, the project team will organize a charity campaign to high schools, where they will distribute 20-30 books about entrepreneurship. The books will be chosen by the Board of Trustee Members and with the help of the research done by the team. The project will continue with two more high schools. The project team includes Erdem Meriç, Gizem Yeniçikan, Gözde Çağanoğlu, Mustafa Girgin, Yusufcan Bozkuş and Oğuz Şafak from the Fellow 2014 group.

CREATIVE HUMAN HOUSE
Creative Human House is positioning itself as a social hub that aims to create an environment for finding ideas and solutions. The project targets young people between the ages of 18 and 16. A space will be rented for this project and this place will be open to everyone applying. Ideas will be shared, potential entrepreneurs will be identified and social events will be organized at this house. This project also offers a camp in San Francisco called Valley Summer Camp in July 2015. Limited students will be chosen to join this camp. The camp will last for a month and it will give the students a chance to get an idea about the entrepreneurship and investment ecosystem in San Francisco. There will also be workshops organized to create new ideas. Mert Can manages this project from the Fellow 2014 group.

ALUMNI PROJECT
This project is designed to support the global entrepreneurship concept and accelerate the giveback process of the successful fellows. Participants will go and live in five cities where there is an active entrepreneurship ecosystem. Every city will be visited for a month and the ecosystem will be observed throughout the process. Then, the participants will report their observations via one-minute videos and post them in a blog. All of the videos will be gathered to create a movie at the end of the project. The project team includes Mehmet Sencer Karadayi, Merve Yazıcı and Umutsanc Duman from the Fellow 2014 group.
FELLOW 2014 IN NUMBERS

- Future entrepreneurs are selected through the Fellow Program!
- 6,432 applications were received.
- 40 selected Fellows.
- 64 Fellows from 13 different countries.
- 5 Fellows from the USA, 10 from Europe, and 12 from Asia.
- Students from 81 cities applied for the program, from Europe to Šimanik.
- 5,359 students applied from 173 universities.
- Students from Istanbul University, Middle East Technical University, and Bilkent University.
- Most of the applicants out of the final 107 are studying in these universities.
- 10% in Computer Engineering, 15% in Electrical Engineering, 15% in Mechanical Engineering, and 60% in other majors.
IN SOCIAL MEDIA

GirisimcilikVakfi.org
More than 60,000 unique visitors
More than 200,000 page views

/GirVak
Around 1,600 tweets
5,300 followers

/GirisimcilikVakfi
Around 500 posts
5,300 followers

FUTURELEADNOW.COM

Posts from Fellows about their journeys throughout the entrepreneurship ecosystem, impressions of entrepreneurship events organized in Turkey and innovations throughout the entrepreneur/investor and internet ecosystem are shared at futureleadnow.com

More than 250 blog posts
WE WOULD LIKE TO THANK OUR GRANTORS FOR THEIR CONTRIBUTIONS.

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