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EDUCATION

Koç University, Undergraduate, Türkiye   2020 – 2026 (Expected)
Computer Science & Economics (Double Major), Final year, GPA 3.72/4.00
International Relations (Minor), Global Learning and Leadership for Sustainability (Track)
Anatolian Scholarship Recipient, Vehbi Koç Honor Award and Dean's Honor List
Selected Coursework: Deep Learning, Database Management Systems, Operating Systems, Data Structures and Algorithms I-II, Calculus I-II, Linear Algebra, Econometrics, Behavioral Economics, Global Political Economy

The Hong Kong University of Science and Technology, Global Exchange Program, Hong Kong   Spring 2025
Selected Coursework: Machine Learning, Computer Vision with Deep Learning, Economics of Innovation

EXPERIENCE

Boston Consulting Group, Türkiye   Jun 2025 – Sep 2025
Consulting Intern
 ▪ Assisted a client in implementing corporate AI governance framework and developing an AI adoption roadmap.
 ▪ Designed a strategic roadmap for a client to launch a digital bank and projected revenues for five years.
 ▪ Conducted a due diligence for a startup, evaluated business and technological viability.

Togg, Digital Health Department, Türkiye   Aug 2024 - Feb 2025
Digital Health Intern
 ▪ Conducted technology policy research for integrating GDPR standards into our products.
 ▪ Created a business model and roadmap for building a digital health ecosystem.
 ▪ Performed software and hardware testing for digital health ecosystem components.

MagicPort, Startup, Singapore   Aug 2023 - Feb 2024
Junior Data Scientist
 ▪ Used QGIS and Python to develop software that maps Türkiye's ports and retrieves real-time information on vessels.
 ▪ Integrated different APIs to our product and automated them using Postman and Python.
 ▪ Worked on client-specific projects including fleet cost analysis, and automated cleaning of vessels database.

Arçelik, Data & AI Department**,** Türkiye   Jul - Aug 2023
Data & AI Intern
 ▪ Analyzed complex datasets using Python and prepared insight reports.
 ▪ Visualized market data and created dashboards with QlikSense.

MA – Computational Social Science Lab, Türkiye   Aug 2022 – Oct 2023
Junior Researcher
 ▪ Implemented a data pipeline for training a RoBERTa-based model, including preprocessing, tokenization and model training, as part of our paper 'A RoBERTa Approach for Automated Processing of Sustainability Reports.'
 ▪ Collected data and conducted research on countries' AI strategies for our study 'SDG Footprints in National AI Strategies: A RoBERTa-based Cross-Country Comparison.'

AWARDS

High Merit Scholarship, **Turkish Educational Foundation**
Cahif Arf Top 100 Scholarship, **Ministry of Youth and Sports of the Republic of Türkiye**
Best Presentation, **University of Antwerp I-Week on Sustainability**

SCORES & SKILLS

Scores: TOEFL iBT: 109/120, Turkish National University Placement Exam (YKS): 67th out of over 2.5 million candidates
Skills: Python, Scikit-learn, SQL, Java, JavaScript, React.js, Node.js, Excel, QGIS

EXTRACURRICULAR

Participant, **NLP & LLMs Summer School IIT Bombay**

Participant, **University of Antwerp I-Week on Sustainability Course**

Participant, **University of Oulu UNIC Summer School on Sustainability**

Participant, **University of Bradford Summer School on Circular Economy**

Millennium Fellow, **United Nations Academic Impact**

Policy Fellow, **Global Relations Forum**

University Innovation Fellow, **Stanford d.school**

LEAD21 Alumni, **Yenibirlider Association**

Program Alumni, **Focus – Nature Friendly Foundation**

Bing Overseas Studies Program Assistant, **Stanford University**

Project Assistant, **Koç University Social Impact Forum**

Expedition Guide, **Koç University Mountaineering Club**

Workshop Coordinator, **Pera Museum**