DEAN’S MESSAGE

I am pleased to share with you a summary of facts and figures on academic activities of the Faculty of Engineering and Natural Sciences (FENS) in 2013 Calendar Year.

We had another hectic and exciting year. We have continued the assessment of all of our academic activities throughout the year and tried to identify areas of improvement. Our efforts were centered around the question “What is next?”.

In education, along with efforts in line with Bologna Process, we re-evaluated all of our undergraduate programs and revised our curricula and graduation requirements. ECTS credits in all courses were revised after a careful study. We have initiated efforts to start alternative teaching and learning methods in FENS. The first attempt in this direction will be our Science of Nature freshman courses. We have re-organized our facilities to create rooms suitable for interactive learning environment in recitations. Our efforts in flipped classroom teaching will be continuing.

We started two new professional master programs in 2013: Energy Technologies & Management and Nanotechnology. Together with the Information Technology Professional Master Program, FENS now have three graduate programs aimed towards individuals in industry. Our plan in the future will be to add a few more such degree programs to our portfolio in which our expertise could be of use to professionals. I would like to express my gratitude to all FENS members who contributed to the design and implementation of these new programs.

FENS Faculty Members have a strong international network which yields particularly good results in research. We had efforts to extend an international collaboration to education during 2013. We hope that our meetings and fruitful communication with Hong Kong University of Science and Technology, Budapest University of Technology and Economics and University of Massachusetts Lowell will soon be realized as concrete collaboration in various forms in education.

Our faculty members, together with graduate students, post-docs and researchers, had a very productive year from a research perspective. FENS journal publications in 2013 increased by 17 % compared to 2012. The budget of the projects, which were started in 2013, increased by 27 % compared to the same figure in 2012. As of the end of 2013, the ongoing projects’ budget in FENS and SUNUM (Sabancı University Nanotechnology Research and Application Center) is slightly over 50 million Turkish Liras (around 22,5 million USD and 16,2 million Euros). You will find brief information about some of the ongoing projects in this report. Our Faculty Members and students continued their achievements in a variety of ways and they were granted prestigious awards.

As in 2012, Sabancı University achieved great success in the Ministry of Science, Industry and Technology’s “University Entrepreneurship and Innovation Index”. We were the top university among the foundation universities in Turkey and the second best university overall in the country in this index. Considering the short history of our university, our success is quite remarkable and motivates us in the years to come. In particular, our Faculty’s contribution to the performance of the University in this respect is a joy for all of us here at FENS.

In summary, FENS continued to graduate excellent scientists/engineers and produced remarkable research output in 2013. I thank all members of FENS for excellent work.

Yusuf Menceloglu
Dean
Faculty of Engineering and Natural Sciences
New Comers

Umut Ekmekçi

In his academic studies and professional career, Umut Ekmekçi specialized in “collective creativity and innovation”. His research interests particularly include the “network” concept and how innovation networks are designed, created and managed at an industrial level. In addition to his academic career, he worked as an international expert / consultant at various European Commission programs, and project coordinator in university-industry joint projects, all focused on “collaborative innovation networks”. Since June 2013 he has worked as the director of two masters programs at Sabancı University – Faculty of Natural Sciences and Engineering, namely “Nanotechnology” and “Energy Technologies and Management” programs where the major goal is creating an innovative, collaborative and multidisciplinary platform between academia and industry.

New Professional MSc Programs

“Nanotechnology” Non-Thesis Master’s Degree Program:
The Nanotechnology Non-Thesis Masters Program is designed for professionals who plan to specialize in industrial applications of nanotechnology in their working area. Nanotechnology has huge potential for creating innovation and added-value in various sectors that deal with “material”, and offers a variety of industrial applications. It is considered one of the most critical technologies of next 50 years, and is expected to cause to a “paradigm shift” in almost all sectors. This one-year (12 months) master program focuses on three aspects of nanotechnology: the “technical aspect,” which includes characterization and fabrication of nanomaterials; the “commercial aspect,” which concentrates on industrial applications and commercialization of nanotechnology, and lastly “political aspect” which studies national nanotechnology policies, regulations, and health, safety and environmental impacts of nanotechnology. In addition to the “educational dimension” of this program, it also serves as a “bridging collaboration platform” between academia and industry.

“Energy Technologies and Management” Non-Thesis Master’s Degree Program:
Energy is considered one of the most important and rapidly growing problems of the world in general and our country in particular. Increasing populations, rapid industrialization and constantly increasing energy needs of civil societies makes it even more important. Being more competitive in the global economy and reaching a higher social welfare level requires better strategy, planning, design and implementation of decisions related to energy investments. The “Energy Technologies and Management” Non-Thesis Master Program aims to provide students with a broader multi-disciplinary understanding of geopolitical, technical, managerial and legal dimensions of energy studies. This one year (12 months) program accepts students from different disciplinary backgrounds including social sciences, managerial studies and engineering, and hence aims to create a multi-disciplinary learning network with the active participation of professional students, as well as various experts from the sector as guest lecturers / speakers.

Professional Development Seminars

We organized 2 Faculty Professional Development Seminars for our Faculty Members on September 18, 2013 and on October 02, 2013. The seminars were given by Didem Vardar Ulu from Wellesley College. The titles of her seminars were:
1. Scholarly teaching and student centered education in STEM (science, technology, engineering, and mathematics) disciplines
2. Is my teaching helping my students learn?

Three major components of an integrated course design and the advantages of the backward design strategy in creating a well-aligned and integrated course.
Natural Sciences (NS) Revision Activities

There has been an effort, since 2012, to revise the freshmen Science of Nature (NS 101-102) course to improve student engagement and learning while also improving teacher satisfaction. During 2013 the NS revision team received training on course design through several workshops including those on “Learning Objectives and Course Design”, “Classroom Assessment Techniques”, “Student Centered Education”, “Development of weekly worksheets” (Figure 1) and researched on technological developments to ensure maximum student participation in large lecture halls. We worked together with the IT Department at SU to utilize new classroom management software, “Learning Catalytics,” for effective ways of delivering questions and real-time assessment during lectures. Additionally features of SuCourse were improved for on-line submission and the assessment of weekly worksheets which guide students through the syllabus. We also worked together with FENS Dean’s Office, and Operation and Technical Services to convert two rooms in FENS building, G055 and G059, to Technology Enhanced Active Learning (TEAL) environment for recitations. The two rooms will accommodate a total of 108 students in one sitting and students will be arranged in 3 groups of 3 students around a round table (Figure 2). The rooms are also equipped with sound equipment, projection facilities and white boards all around to provide opportunities for members of groups to discuss and solve the questions in the recitation worksheet together and to share results with different tables. As a part of the preparation process we redesigned the contents of the graduate course NS501. Basic Concepts and Teaching of Science and trained 12 TAs during Fall 2013 for the new course. Finally some of the planned activities for the new version have been tested during Fall 2013. A video made in one of these recitations can be accessed at https://drive.google.com/file/d/oB-VpZHwGcQV6VkFEdFBKOUROpc2si/edit?usp=sharing

The core NS revision team members are: Canan Atılgan, Süphan Bakkal, Gözde İnce, Emrah Kalemi, Yuki Kaneko, Zehra Sayers, Defne Üçer and Gözde Ünal from SU and Didem Vardar from Wellesley College, who is acting as a consultant. We also worked with D. Sezer, B. Mısırlıoğlu and A. R. Atılgan during early stages of the preparations. B. Erman, I. I. Kaya, V. Özgüz, O. Blazhenkova and C. Akkan provided consultations for various aspects.

Memberships in 2013

Global Engineering Deans Council (GEDC)

The Global Engineering Deans Council (GEDC) was established in 2008 when twenty deans came together in Paris and signed the ‘Paris Declaration’. GEDC has now grown to include over 250 deans from over 30 countries, 5 regional chapters, and over 10 corporate and other partners.

Global Engineering Deans Council (GEDC) Vision is to enhance the capabilities of engineering deans to transform schools in support of societies in a global economy.

Global Engineering Deans Council holds regular meetings surrounding four “tracks” or themes as initial focal points for the GEDC to move forward: How to be a successful Dean/Professor, What is a “Global Engineer”, Technology Innovation in Engineering Education, and Building Global Partnerships. Accommodating its diverse membership, the GEDC has met in Argentina, Brazil, Turkey, France, Singapore, People’s Republic of China, United States of America, Hungary and plans to meet in the United Arab Emirates, Italy and Australia in the coming years.

Sabancı University Faculty of Engineering and Natural Sciences attended the Annual Conference. The 2013 Annual Conference of the Global Engineering Deans Council was held in Chicago, Illinois, USA on October 20 through October 22. The conference was focused on the use of technology in the enhancement of engineering education and, specifically, on evidence-based practices in making engineering education more effective and efficient.

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SEFI serves as a European Forum to its members, composed of institutions of higher engineering education, academic staff and teachers, students, related associations and companies in 47 countries.

The objectives of SEFI are achieved through a series of activities such as the Annual Conferences, Ad hoc seminars and workshops organised by SEFI’s working groups, Task forces on specific topics, the organization of the European Engineering Deans Conventions, Publications (incl. the European Journal of Engineering Education), European projects, Position papers and more.

A large part of SEFI’s activities is dedicated to the cooperation with other major European associations and international bodies, the European Commission, UNESCO, the Council of Europe or the OECD.
Featured Projects

Human Brain Project

Understanding the human brain is one of the greatest scientific challenges of our time. Such an understanding will lead to fundamentally new computing technologies, transform the diagnosis and treatment of brain diseases, and provide profound insights into our humanity. Today, for the first time, exponential improvements in the capabilities of modern ICT (Information and Communications Technologies) open up new opportunities to investigate the complexity of the brain. The goal of the Human Brain Project (HBP) is thus to build an integrated ICT infrastructure enabling a global collaborative effort to address this grand challenge, and ultimately to emulate the computational capabilities of the brain. The infrastructure will consist of a tightly linked network of six ICT platforms, which, like current large-scale physics facilities, will operate as a resource both for core HBP research and for external projects, chosen by competitive call. The HBP will drive innovation in ICT, creating new technologies for i) interactive supercomputing, visualisation and big data analytics; ii) federated analysis of globally distributed data; iii) simulation of the brain and other complex systems; iv) objective classification of disease; v) scalable and configurable neuromorphic computing systems, based on the brain’s principles of computation and cognition and its architectures. Expected outputs include simulations of the brain that reveal the chains of events leading from genes to cognition; simulations of diseases and the effects of drugs; early diagnoses and personalised treatments; and a computing paradigm that overcomes bottlenecks in power, reliability and programmability, captures the brain’s cognitive capabilities, and goes beyond Moore’s Law. Overall, the HBP will help to reach a unified understanding of the brain, reduce the economic and social burden of brain disease, and empower the European pharmaceutical and computing industries to lead world markets with enormous potential for growth.

- Coordinated by EPFL in Switzerland; PI: Prof. Henry Markram €1.5 Billion for 10 years program, SU budget 303.618 €.
- SU is the only Turkish Organization in this project, led by Yaşar Gürbüz and Volkan Özgüz
- Federating more than 80 European and international research institutions

Graphene Project

The European Commission has chosen Graphene as one of Europe’s first 10-year, 1 billion euro FET flagships. The mission of Graphene is to take graphene and related layered materials from academic laboratories to society, revolutionize multiple industries and create economic growth and new jobs in Europe. From the start in October 2013 the Graphene Flagship will coordinate 126 academic and industrial research groups in 17 European countries with an initial 30-month budget of 54 million euro. During the 30 month ramp-up phase, the Graphene Flagship will focus on the area of communications, concentrating on ICT and on the physical transport sector, and supporting applications in the fields of energy technology and sensors.

Sabancı University is the only partner of Graphene Flagship Project from Turkey. A team that includes Sabancı University Faculty Assoc.Prof. Selmiye Alkan Gürsel as implementer and Dr. Burcu Saner Okan as specialist will be a part of the energy applications work package of graphene. The Sabancı University team will focus on the use of graphene in fuel cells. Sabancı University is the only consortium member on fuel cell applications of graphene in the first phase. The outcomes of the project will contribute greatly to the scientific and technological development of Turkey in this area. The project will augment Sabancı University’s present efforts in graphene research, create a center of competence and help to create new partnerships. Sabancı University will also mediate between graphene research consortia in Turkey and the European partners of the project, enabling Turkey to have international presence in graphene studies.


Power Aperture Linearization - PAL PROJECT

Power Aperture Linearization - PAL, is the use of heat harvesters such as thermophotovoltaics/rectenna for converting waste heat from transmitters/environment into electrical energy. The goal is to use the converted electrical energy to substantially improve the efficiency of radar and communications transmitters.

Project coordinator: Yaşar Gürbüz
Project Researcher: Meriç Özçan
PhD Students: Mesut Inac and Atia Shafique
Healthy Minor Cereals (Eu Project)

Consumers have increasing demands for healthy, nutritious, and innovative food produced sustainably. Minor cereals can address these points, as well as contributing to feed and non-food markets. However, they have barely been developed as commercial varieties, with no major investment to exploit genetic diversity in breeding programmes, and have low yields. There has been little research to optimise agronomy, food processing and marketing. HealthyMinorCereals will apply state of the art methods for genetic characterisation and phenotyping of >800 genotypes of 5 minor cereal species (spelt, rye, oat, einkorn and emmer). The project will select traits related to yield, nutritional quality and disease resistance, especially targeting important and emerging crop diseases, to identify well characterised genotypes for the development of minor cereal varieties and cross breeding. Field experiments in 4 contrasting climatic zones in Europe will optimise agronomy within the organic and low-input sector, addressing gene x environment interactions, fertilization and potential benefits of agronomic management suited to improve yields in each country, and culminating with innovative on-farm trials.

The project will investigate variation in nutritional quality of selected genotypes and analyse biological effects of seed extracts in human cell lines. Parameters of grain important for food manufacture will be investigated with optimisation of milling and other processes to maximise nutritional quality. Food industry partners will use selected minor cereal grains to develop new food products that will be demonstrated with production trials, standardisation and sensory analysis. A study on market potential will investigate factors involved in the development of minor cereals in various European markets and develop a framework for enhancing this potential. The project’s consortium has a major involvement of SME partners involved in breeding, farming, and food production with minor cereals.

A consortium with 16 partners from 10 European countries. Budget: 5 Million Euro (SU-Budget: 505 000 Euro)

İsmail Çakmak, Levent Öztürk, Devrim Göüzüaçık

Promotions

5. Assistant Professors have been promoted to Associate Professorship:

Esra Erdem, Computer Science and Engineering
Güvenç Şahin, Manufacturing Systems/Industrial Engineering
Hakan Erdoğan, Electronics Engineering
İlker Hamzaoğlu, Electronics Engineering
Volkan Patoğlu, Mechatronics

Faculty Member Awards

Ali Koşar, ASME ICNMM Outstanding Early Career Award
Ali Koşar, The Kadir Has Outstanding Young Investigator Award
Aytül Erçil, Turkey’s Women Enterpreneur (2013), KAGİDER
Barış Balcioglu, Sabancı University Graduating Class Teaching Award, 1st Place
Buğrur Mısırlıoğlu, TÜBİTAK Incentive Award
Cem Güneri, Sabancı University First Year Courses Teaching Award, 1st Place
İnanç Adagideli, TÜBİTAK Incentive Award
İsmail Çakmak, Georg Forster Research Award
Murat Çokol, Junior Chamber of International (JCI) awarded as one of the 10 outstanding young persons of Turkey, in the “Medical Innovations and Inventions” category
Murat Çokol, Turkish Academy of Sciences, 2013 Successful Young Scientist Award
Murat Çokol, Science Heroes Foundation, 2013 Successful Young Scientist Award
Müjdat Çetin, Premium Award, The Institution of Engineering and Technology (IET)

Faculty Member Achievements

Asif Şabanoviç, Associate Member of Academy of Sciences and Arts of Bosnia and Herzegovina (ANUBiH)
Burcu Saner Okan (SUNUM Researcher), received the best poster award among 330 project posters in Euronomaforum 2013 conference
Devrim Göüzüaçık, nanotechnology-based cancer research project awarded the TUBITAK - NRF Korea Grant
Erdal Toprak has received a prestigious Program Grant of the Human Frontier Science Program (HFSP).
Ersin Göüzüaçık is selected to the COSPAR National Committee.
Gözte Ulaş, Medical images improved interview (HORIZON MANAGEMENT NEWS 01/2013)
Hans Frenk, the second best paper which appeared in POM (Production Operations Management) in 2013.
Hikmet Budak, will serve as an Associate editor of BMC Genomics
Mehmet Ali Alpar, Membership of American Philosophical Society
Selimye Alkan Güsel, will serve on the Reviewer Editorial Board of Frontiers in Energy Storage
Volkan Patoğlu, has been selected to serve as an associate editor for IEEE Transactions on Haptics.
Student Achievements

Alihan Kaya (MSME), The journal article entitled “High mass flux flow boiling and critical heat flux in microscale” was recently published in International Journal of Thermal Sciences, one of the most prestigious journals in Thermal Sciences field. This article attracted much attention of Energy Technologies community so that it was selected to the Key Scientific Featured Articles List in the website of Renewable Energy Global Innovations.

Beşir Celebi (MSME), Mustafa Yalcin (MSME) from the Human Machine Interaction Laboratory (ME) have received Best Application Paper Award at IEEE/RSJ International Conference on Intelligent Robots and Systems 2013.

Beyza Vuruşaner and Kumsal Tekirdağ (PHDBIO) have won the oral presentation prize in the I. Cell Death Research Congress (with International Contribution) that was held between 31 October - 3 November in Çeşme, İzmir which was organized by Cell Death Research Organization.

Can Aztekin (BSBIO) Harvard Stem Cell Institute, Internship

Haleh Abdizadeh (MSMAT) received the Best Poster Presentation Award in a recent conference on scientific computation 2013 (CSC2013) held on 3-7 December 2013 in Paphos Cyprus.

Mehmet Ali Güney, Taygun Kekeç, Barış Can Üstündağ (MSME), National University of Singapore Entrepreneurship Summer Scholl Competition, 1st place

Mehmet Ali Güney, Taygun Kekeç, Barış Can Üstündağ (MSME) Control, Vision and Robotics Research Group, are awarded with the Technology-Entrepreneurship Startup Grant by The Ministry of Science, Industry and Technology.

Mehmet Çağrı Çalpur (PHDCS) won the Grant of TÜBİTAK 1512 – Progressive Entrepreneurship Support Program.

Naizl Keskin (PHDBIO), Emre Deniz (PHDBIO), Bahar Shamloo (MSBIO), Gülperi Yalçın (MSBIO) ve Şeyda Temiz (MSBIO) won best poster awards at the 22. National Immunology Congress in Çeşme, İzmir held on April 27-30, 2013.

Serhat Can Leloğlu (BSCS’10 & MSCS’13) won the third prize of Hack-a-Thon Competition at Open Silicon Valley (California).

Süheyla Çetin (PHDCS) took the top place at the Challenge “Rotterdam Coronary Artery Stenoses Detection and Quantification Evaluation Framework” in the Stenoses Detection category with the average ranking evaluation.

Taylan Erol (BSME) won the Grant of TÜBİTAK 2241/A Scholarship Program.

Umut Tok (PHD-ME), Ahmet Selim Pehlivan(PHD-ME) and Burcu Saner Okan (Researcher) won the Grant of TÜBİTAK 1512 – Progressive Entrepreneurship Support Program.

International Experiences

Exchange

8 undergraduate students who participated in Exchange Program and spent a semester or a year abroad in 2013 calendar year. They visited 20 different countries.

Internship

18% of FENS students completed their Summer Internship abroad. Of these students, 61% had Academic and 39% had Industrial Internships. The following table provides details.

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Alumni in Academy

Ayça Çeşmelioğlu (PHDMATH’08), Assistant Prof. / Istanbul Kemerburgaz University

Ayşe Özlem Aykut (PHDMAT’13), Postdoc. / University of Basel

Bahar Yıldız Kutman (PHDBIO’13), Postdoc. / University of California Davis

Cem Meydan (PHDBIO’13), Postdoc. / Cornell University

Elif Özden (PHDMAT’13), Assistant Prof. / Istanbul Technical University (ITU)

Elvin Çoban Göktürk (BSMS 2006), Assistant Prof./ Özgeçin University, Industrial Engineering Department

Göküş Karpat (PHDPHYS 2013), Postdoc. / Universidade Estadual Paulista

Mostafa Safdari Shadloo (PHDME 2013), Postdoc. / INSA de Rouen, Complexe de Recherche Interprofessionnel en Aérothermochimie, France

Nilay Duruk Mutluabaş (PHDMATH 2011), Assistant Prof. / Istanbul Kemerburgaz University

Pelin Gulsah Canbolat (BSMS 2004), Assistant Prof./ Koç University, Industrial Engineering Department

Seher Tuttire (PHDMATH 2012), Assistant Prof./ Gebze Institute of Technology

Selim Hanay (BSEE 2003), Assistant Prof. / Bilkent University, Mechanical Engineering Department

Yegan Erdem (BSME 2006), Assistant Prof. / Bilkent University, Mechanical Engineering Department
PhD Alumni in Industry

Andaç Hamamcı (PHDEE 2013), Fondazione Santa Lucia IRCCS (Scientific Institute for Research, Hospitalization and Health Care), Radiology

Ertuğrul Tolga Duran (PHDME 2013), SDM Research & Engineering, Engineering Manager

Mehmet Karaca (PHDEE 2013), AirTies Wireless Networks, System Engineer/R&D

Selçuk Sümengen (PHDCS 2013), SAP, Software Developer

FENS Excellence in Teaching Award

Our outstanding graduate students received their certificates to acknowledge their teaching achievements in 2012-2013 Spring Semester.

The recipients, their program and the course they supported are:
Abdullah Kamadan, PhDME student, MATH 102 Calculus II
Buket Özkaya, PhDMath student, MATH 204 Discrete Mathematics
Ece Canan Sayıtoğlu, PhDBio student, NS 102 Science of Nature II
Mahir Umman Yıldırım, PhDIE student, ENS 208 Introduction to Manufacturing Systems
Sibel Şahin, PhDMath student, MATH 102 Calculus II

Gürsel Sönmez Awards

Our colleague Dr. Gursel Sonmez tragically passed away in 2006. In his short but brilliant academic life, he made important contributions to science. In order to commemorate his achievements and to inspire and encourage young scientists, an award is presented each year to selected graduate students of FENS who write distinguished MS or PhD Theses. The following students are the recipients of the Gürsel Sönmez Research Award in 2013.

Ayşe Özlem (Sezerman) Aykut received her PhD in Materials Science and Engineering with a thesis titled “Redistribution of States and Inducing New Channels for Conformational Change: Computational Studies on Calmodulin”. Ms. Aykut focuses on the conformational shifts observed in proteins and comparison of two linear-response based methodologies. She is currently a Postdoctoral Research fellow at the University of Basel.

Elif Özden Yenigün received her PhD in Materials Science and Engineering with a thesis titled “Designed-in Molecular Interactions and Cross-Linking Interface for Superior Nanocomposites: A Multiscale Insight” consisting of her studies on different aspects of nanocomposites. She is currently a faculty member in Istanbul Technical University.

Göktuğ Karpat received his PhD in Physics with a thesis titled “Entanglement and Other Measures of Non-Classicality”, consisting of several topics related to the theory of quantum entanglement and the dynamics of quantum systems. He is currently a Postdoctoral Research fellow at the Universidade Estadual Paulista.

Sakıp Sabancı Award for the Highest Ranking Undergraduate Student

We had 2 top students with identical GPA’s this year.

Onur Albert Aslan graduated from the Mechatronics Engineering Program with a minor degree in Mathematics. He is currently a first year MSc student in Eindhoven University of Technology, Systems and Control department.

Rebi Daldal graduated from the Computer Science and Engineering Program with a minor degree in Mathematics. He is currently a first year MSc student in our Industrial Engineering program.
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FENS offers undergraduate degrees in 6 disciplines, graduate degrees in 11 disciplines and minor honor programs in 3 disciplines.

- Biological Sciences and Bioengineering (BS-MS-PHD)
- Chemistry (minor BS)
- Computer Science and Engineering (BS-MS-PHD)
- Electronics Engineering (BS-MS-PHD)
- Energy Technologies and Management (Professional MS)
- Information Technology (Professional MS)
- Manufacturing Systems (BS)/Industrial Engineering (MS-PhD)
- Materials Science and Engineering (BS-MS-PHD)
- Mathematics (minor BS & MS-PhD)
- Mechatronics (BS-MS-PHD)
- Nanotechnology (Professional MS)
- Physics (minor BS & MS-PhD)

In undergraduate education, all incoming students take a common core program ranging from natural sciences to math, social sciences to language courses. Students then start specializing in their fields of interest in the second year and declare a major at the end of their second year. Project involvement and undergraduate research are highly encouraged. Every FENS student takes a freshman PROJ 102 course to learn basic project practices. This is followed by mandatory summer internships and the final year graduation project. Course projects are also common practice in FENS. We encourage students to explore different disciplines. We value student/faculty member interaction greatly and welcome students with ideas to carry out research with their instructors.

Our graduate programs provide competitive and active learning environment for highly motivated students. Our graduate students are either supported through research projects of faculty members or by Sabancı University scholarships.

Freedom in Major Declaration

Unlike other universities in Turkey, where students are directly placed in various departments as they enter the university, Sabancı University gives its students a chance to decide their major after the second year. This allows students to make more informed choices about their future.

The following table shows the initial intentions versus final declarations of students in FENS since 1999, the year when the University admitted its first group of students.

For instance, total of 46 students declared Materials Science and Engineering (MAT) as their area of interest when they entered the University. Of these students, 18 ended up getting a degree in MAT, 19 obtained a degree in Manufacturing Systems, etc. Total number of alumni with BS in MAT is 128 since 1999. Among these MAT graduates, 30 declared Mechatronics Engineering and 25 declared Manufacturing Systems as their initial interest when they entered Sabancı University.

Diploma Program Declarations Since 1999

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PhD in Materials Science and Engineering (2012-2013 Spring)  
‘Designed-in Molecular Interactions and Cross-linking Interface for Superior Nanocomposites: A Multi-scale Insight’  
Melih Papila (Thesis Advisor)  

Emad Mounir Grais  
PhD in Electronics Engineering (2012-2013 Spring)  
‘Incorporation Prior Information in Nonnegative Matrix Factorization for Audio Source Separation’  
Hakan Erdoğan (Thesis Advisor)  

Emel Durmaz  
PhD in Biological Sciences and Bioengineering (2012-2013 Fall)  
‘Protein Engineering Studies on Bacillus Thermocatenulusus Lipase’  
Osman Uğur Sezerman (Thesis Advisor)  

Ertaşrul Tolga Duran  
PhD in Mechatronics (2012-2013 Spring)  
‘Stiffness and Friction Characterization of Brush Seals’  
Mahmut F. Akşit (Thesis Advisor)  

Fatma Zeynep Temel  
PhD in Mechatronics (2012-2013 Spring)  
‘Design, Characterization, Visualization and Navigation of Swimming Micro Robots in Channels’  
Serhat Yeşilyurt (Thesis Advisor)  

Göktuğ Karpat  
PhD in Physics (2012-2013 Spring)  
‘Entanglement and Other Measures of Non-Classicality’  
Zafer Gedik (Thesis Advisor)  

Hüseyin Kayahan  
PhD in Electronics Engineering (2012-2013 Spring)  
‘Pulse Frequency Modulated DROCCs with Reduced Quantization Noise Employing Extended Counting Method’  
Yaşar Gürbüz (Thesis Advisor)  

Lale Işık Şanlı  
PhD in Mechatronics (2012-2013 Spring)  
‘Design, Characterization and Modeling of High Temperature Proton Exchange Membranes in Dead Ended Anode Operated Polymer Electrolyte Membrane Fuel Cell’  
Selmiye Alkan Gürsel (Thesis Advisor), Serhat Yeşilyurt (Thesis Co-advisor)  

Mostafa Sañfari Shadloo  
PhD in Mechatronics (2012-2013 Fall)  
‘Improved Multiphase Smoothed Particle Hydrodynamics’  
Mehmet Yıldız (Thesis Advisor)  
Nazim Burak Karahanoğlu  
PhD in Electronics Engineering (2012-2013 Fall)  
‘Search-Based Methods For The Sparse Signal Recovery Problem In Compressed Sensing’  
Hakan Erdoğan (Thesis Advisor)  

Özge Malay Heinz  
PhD in Materials Science and Engineering (2012-2013 Spring)  
‘Polymer-Filler Interactions In Polyether Based Thermoplastic Polyurethane/ Silica Nanocomposites’  
Yusuf Menceloglu (Thesis Advisor)
Özlem Züleyha Kocabağ
PhD in Materials Science and Engineering (2012-2013 Spring)
‘Fabrication of Nano and Porous Materials & Their Utilization in the Purification of Water Contaminated with Arsenic, Copper, and Lead’
Yüda Yürüm (Thesis Advisor)

Selçuk Sümengen
PhD in Computer Science and Engineering (2012-2013 Spring)
‘Entropy Guided Visualization and Analysis of Multivariate Spatio-Temporal Data Generated by Physically Based Simulation’
Selim Balcisoğlu (Thesis Advisor)

Şirin Çalışkan
PhD in Physics (2012-2013 Fall)
‘On The Evolution Of Young Neutron Stars With Fallback Disks’
Ünal Ertan (Thesis Advisor)

Tolga Dinçer
PhD in Physics (2012-2013 Spring)
‘Hard State Manifestations of Black Hole Transients’
Emrah Kalemci (Thesis Advisor)

Tolga Mustafa Eren
PhD in Computer Science and Engineering (2012-2013 Spring)
‘Scene Creation and Exploration in Outdoor Augmented Reality’
Selim Balcisoğlu (Thesis Advisor)
RESEARCH

Paralleling its academic programs, FENS research is concentrated on areas at the forefront of technology, from nanoscience to genetics and from robotics to the design of new materials. Both basic and applied research are carried out and encouraged in FENS. Our research is funded by national (such as TÜBİTAK) and international (such as FP7) agencies. An important aspect of FENS research is its interdisciplinary nature. Collaborative research with industry as well as contributions to high tech incubation and startup efforts are also among the fundamentals of the FENS research mission.

Research Areas of FENS

Biological Sciences and Bioengineering
- Bioinformatics
- Molecular and Cellular Biology
- Plant Molecular Biology and Genetics
- Plant Nutrition and Physiology
- Structural and Computational Biology

Computer Science and Engineering
- Artificial Intelligence, Machine Learning, Data Mining
- Computer Graphics & Visualization
- Computer Networks
- Computer Vision & Signal Processing
- Security and Privacy
- Social Media
- Software Engineering

Chemistry
- Catalysis Chemistry
- Transport Phenomena
- Chemistry and Medicine
- Chemistry of Energy Storage
- Environmentally Friendly Chemistry
- Fuel Chemistry
- Inorganic Chemistry
- Organic Chemistry
- Protein Chemistry
- Theoretical and Computational Chemistry

Electronics Engineering
- Digital Systems
- Electronics and Circuits
- Optics and Photonics
- Signal Processing
- Telecommunications

Manufacturing Systems/Industrial Engineering
- Innovation and Manufacturing Strategies
- Manufacturing Processes and Equipment
- Optimization and Decision Theory
- Production and Logistics Systems Planning in Supply Chains

Materials Science and Engineering
- Energy and Environment
- Theoretical and Computational Materials Science
- Thin Film Studies
- Carbon Nanotubes
- Composite Materials in Engineering Design
- Smart Materials and Structures
- Colloidal Nanoparticle-based Optical Materials

Mathematics
- Finite Fields and Their Applications in Coding Theory and Cryptography
- Algebraic Curves in Positive Characteristic and Number Theory
- Enumerative Combinatorics and Applications to Partition Theory and q-Series
- Complex Analysis in Single and Several Variables
- Partial Differential Equations
- Applied Probability, Statistics and Stochastic Processes

Mechatronics
- Robotics, Systems and Controls
- Experimental and Computational Micro/Nano Fluidics and Heat Transfer
- Computational Electromagnetics and Nano-Optics
- Embedded and Real-time Operating Systems
- Design of Mechatronic Systems
- Topology Optimization of Metamaterials and Tissue Engineering Systems

Physics
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- High Energy Astrophysics
- Mathematical Physics
- Theoretical Molecular Biophysics
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Projects


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Start-ups

Berrin Yanköğlu (Faculty member), Yücel Saygın (Faculty member), Dilek Tapuçu, SomaTech Social Media Analytics

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