



International Staff *Week*



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**AKSARAY UNIVERSITY (ASU) IS EXCITED TO INVITE YOU TO THE 6TH INTERNATIONAL WEEK, SCHEDULED FOR 04 - 08 MAY 2026
IN THE ENCHANTING REGION OF CAPPADOCIA, TURKIYE.**

We eagerly anticipate welcoming teaching and administrative staff from various universities. The primary aim of our programme is to foster the sharing of working experiences, internationalize current practices, and create networking opportunities with partners. While not obligatory, participants are encouraged to present their insights and experiences.

Topic: Usage of Artificial Intelligence in Higher Education

The working language will be English.

We invite you to register for the International Week using this [link](#) by 01 March 2026

Staff Week Fee: *100 Euros* (Includes Lunch, Coffee Breaks, Documentation, Guided Tour of Cappadocia{Full day trip with lunch})

Please note that travel costs, meals and accommodation are to be covered by the participants. Erasmus Staff Mobility Grants can be utilized for these expenses.



CAPPADOCIA?

This region is not just a destination; it's a journey into a landscape of dreams. Famous for its unique geological formations, historical heritage, and distinctive cave dwellings, Cappadocia provides a fascinating backdrop for learning and cultural immersion. From exploring the fairy chimneys and underground cities to experiencing the rich local culture and traditional crafts, participants will have the opportunity to delve into the heart of Anatolian history and lifestyle.

ASU will arrange a series of social-cultural activities throughout the week to enhance your experience in Cappadocia.

Aksaray University, located in Aksaray, Turkey, is a dynamic and growing educational institution known for its commitment to academic excellence and innovation. Established in 2006, the university has rapidly expanded its educational offerings, encompassing a wide range of undergraduate and graduate programs. With a focus on research, science, and community service, Aksaray University aims to contribute significantly to both regional and national development. Its campus, equipped with modern facilities, provides a vibrant environment for students and faculty, fostering a culture of learning and discovery. The university prides itself on its diverse academic community and is dedicated to preparing its students for successful careers in various fields. The university boasts a total of 14 faculties. These faculties offer a broad spectrum of programs and courses, including medicine, veterinary, education, engineering, natural sciences, sports among others. The university also features 18 research centers, six vocational schools, three institutes, one language school, and a training and research hospital, catering to a diverse student body and fostering a multidisciplinary academic environment.



AKSARAY UNIVERSITY IN TURKEY SETS FORTH A RANGE OF OBJECTIVES TO GUIDE ITS ACADEMIC AND INSTITUTIONAL ENDEAVORS. KEY AMONG THESE OBJECTIVES ARE:

The university prioritizes maintaining and enhancing the quality of its education and research. It seeks to foster an environment where innovation thrives, encouraging both students and faculty to engage in cutting-edge research and creative endeavors.

A significant objective of Aksaray University is to internationalize its campus. This includes increasing the number of international students and staff, developing global partnerships with other educational institutions, and encouraging participation in international research collaborations. The university's International Office, established in 2007, plays a pivotal role in achieving this goal by facilitating foreign partnerships and ensuring a multicultural campus environment.

The university aims to contribute to the social and economic development of the Aksaray region and beyond. It encourages community engagement through various programs and initiatives, connecting the university's resources with the needs of the local community.

Aksaray University is committed to the all-around development of its students. This includes not just academic growth but also the nurturing of physical and mental health. The Health-Culture-Sports Directorate at the university provides services like quality nutrition, shelter, sports facilities, psychological counseling, and guidance to support the well-being of its students and staff.



The university also aims to promote sustainable practices within its operations and curriculum. This involves integrating sustainability into research projects, campus operations, and encouraging environmental awareness among students and faculty.

Aksaray University endeavors to create a vibrant, diverse, and forward-thinking academic community that not only excels in education and research but also contributes positively to society and the global community.

The 'Cooperative Education' program at Aksaray University integrates academic studies with professional work experience in a field related to a student's academic and career goals. This program involves partnerships between universities and various enterprises or organizations. This allows students to gain practical experience, develop professional skills, and apply theoretical knowledge in real-world settings. ASU students participating in Cooperative Education alternate periods of academic study with periods of full-time employment in their field of interest. This integration of on-the-job training with academic learning is designed to enhance the educational experience and improve employability after graduation.



Staff Week Training Program:

Day 1:

Morning:

- *10:00 Welcome meeting*
- *11:00 Presentations about Universities - Session for participants to introduce their universities: Brief presentations or interactive discussions where each participant shares information about their respective institutions.*
- *13:30 Lunch Break*

Afternoon:

- *14:30 Campus tour to familiarize participants with the key facilities.*
- *15:30 Fast Turkish Learning - Turkish Language Teaching Center*

Day 2:

Morning:

- *10:00 Visit to the Rector for a discussion on the university's internationalization vision.*
- *11:00 Beyond the Chatbot: AI as a "Thought Buddy" in Academic Inquiry – Dr. Süleyman KOÇ*
- *12:30 Lunch Break*

Afternoon:

- *14:00 Short City Tour (Historical Places in Aksaray city)*



Staff Week Program:

Day 3:

Morning:

- *10:00 Digitalization and Artificial Intelligence Applications in Veterinary Medicine and Rural Animal Husbandry – Assoc. Prof. Ramazan İlgün*
- *11:30 Artificial Intelligence in Dental Specialties: Advancing Diagnostics, Imaging, and Treatment Planning – Asst. Prof. Rüveyda Doğrugören & Asst. Prof. Özge Kurt*
- *12:30 Lunch Break*

Afternoon:

- *14:00 Pharma x AI: The New Era of Intelligent Drug Development – Asst. Prof. Erdem ARSLAN*
- *15:30 Education in the Shadow of Artificial Intelligence: The Future of Academic Proficiency – Asst. Prof. Ferhat Kadir PALA*

Day 4:

Full Day:

- *Cappadocia Tour*

Day 5:

Morning:

- *Free Time*

Afternoon:

- *Feedback sessions and peer review of the activities*
- *Farewell dinner*