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YÜKSEKÖĞRETİM KURULU BAŞKANLIĞI

**Sayı** : 79432324-720-99 - 49

**Konu** : İngiltere'nin öğretim üyelerine yönelik başlattığı  
"Knowledge Pathway" programı



**GAZİ ÜNİVERSİTESİ REKTÖRLÜĞÜNE**

İngiltere'ye iş amaçlı olarak seyahat etmek üzere vize başvurusunda bulunacak rektör, rektör yardımcısı, profesör, doçent ve yardımcı doçentlere yönelik "Knowledge Pathway" adlı bir program başlatılmıştır.

Söz konusu programdan faydalanabilmek için öncelikle üniversiteler tarafından dört akademisyen seçilerek bu kişilerin imza örneklerinin ve iletişim bilgilerinin üniversite kayıt formuna dercedilmesi ve söz konusu kayıt formunun İngiltere'nin İstanbul Başkonsolosluğuna gönderilerek üniversite kaydının yapılması gerekmektedir. Söz konusu programdan faydalanabilmek için vize başvurusunda bulunacak anılan meslek gruplarından kişilerin, üniversitelerinden aldıkları ve üniversite kayıt formunda belirlenen dört akademisyenin imzasını taşıyan, ziyaretlerinin süre ve amacını bildiren bir mektupla vize başvurularını yapmaları talep edilmektedir. Program sadece akademik personele yönelik olup öğrencileri ve akademik personelin yakınlarını kapsamamaktadır.

İngiltere'ye iş amaçlı seyahat edecek öğretim üyelerimize hızlı ve kolay vize vermeyi hedefleyen söz konusu programa ilişkin bilgi notu ile üniversite kayıt formu ve vize başvurusu sırasında hazır bulundurulması gereken mektubun bir örneği ekte bulunmaktadır.

Üniversitenizin tüm öğretim üyelerinin bilgilendirilmesi için gereğini rica ederim.

  
**Prof. Dr. Gökhan ÇETİNSAYA**  
Başkan

**Dağıtım:** Tüm yükseköğretim kurumları

**Ekler:** 1) Bilgi notu (2 sf)  
2) Üniversite kayıt formu örneği (3 sf)  
3) Mektup örneği (1 sf)



# Home Office



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## UK Visas & Immigration

### Home Office

Visa Services

Meşrutiyet Caddesi No.34

Tepebaşı, Beyoğlu PK 33

Istanbul

Tel 0 212 334 6400

Fax 0 212 334 6504

Email: please send via

[www.visainfoservices.com](http://www.visainfoservices.com)

[www.ukba.homeoffice.gov.uk/visas](http://www.ukba.homeoffice.gov.uk/visas)

Thank you for your interest in "UK Knowledge Pathway" scheme. You have our invitation. We would now like to tell you how this scheme will work.

We know how important it is to have a quick and easy process. We hope that the introduction of the Knowledge Pathway will help universities obtain visas quickly for their employees who are visiting the United Kingdom for business purposes. Membership of the scheme will mean that only exceptionally would it be necessary for us to see any personal documentation before we can process the application.

### Qualifying for the programme

- Only Rector, Vice Rector, professors, associate and assistant professors employed by your university travelling to the UK can apply under Knowledge Pathway
- Applications from relatives of employees will not be considered under the scheme
- Applicants must be going to the UK on business

### Procedure

To apply for a visa:

- each employee's application should be made and paid for online through:  
<http://www.ukba.homeoffice.gov.uk/countries/turkey>

- an online appointment should be made at one of the Visa Application Centers (VAC) Visa Application Centre's email address: [www.visainfoservices.com](mailto:www.visainfoservices.com)

Your employee should provide the following when submitting their application at the VAC:

- a passport valid with a blank page and with a vacant page on which to endorse the visa; a letter confirming the employee's position in your university, the purpose and duration of the trip. This should be signed by a university official whose specimen signature is held at this Consulate (see below);
- one recent passport size photograph on a white background;
- Applicants should attend one of the VACs to give their biometrics. The application form and the payment confirmation should be presented at the same time.

The Consulate reserves the right to make random checks on individual applicants on their return to Turkey to ensure that they have complied with the terms of their visa. If your university or one of your personnel is found to have abused the Scheme, regrettably, the Consulate will consider removing your company from this preferential program.

Examples of abuse might be:

- misrepresenting the facts of the application;
- applying for persons not specified above;
- applying for persons not travelling on university business;
- persons remaining in the UK for substantially longer periods than stated on the application form;
- persons ostensibly travelling on university business but who later apply to change their status whilst in the UK.

If you are interested in participating in this please complete the attached form to register in writing the name and signature of the official in your company who will vouch for your employee's visa applications. In addition to this please provide a signature circular for us and the VACs to identify the signature. For any further information please send your email to [KnowledgePathway.Istanbul@fco.gov.uk](mailto:KnowledgePathway.Istanbul@fco.gov.uk). This email address has been created for Knowledge Pathway members. We would, as I am sure you'll agree, wish to preserve its exclusivity so that only members can be assured of a prompt reply.

Yours sincerely

Chris Waite  
UKBA Operations Manager



British  
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To: David Haxton  
Entry Clearance Manager  
UKBA, International Group, Visa Section  
British Consulate General  
Istanbul

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I confirm that I have received your letter setting out the requirements for membership of the "Knowledge Pathway" scheme to be operated by the UK Border Agency at the British Consulate General in Istanbul.

I have read and understood the requirements and wish to register my university for membership of this scheme. The nominated persons who will be the signatories to all covering letters supplied in support of United Kingdom visa applications are as on the attached sheet.

I undertake to inform you of any changes to the persons authorised to sign such letters.

[Name].....

[University Name].....

[Address].....

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[E-mail Address]

[Tel no].....

[Signature].....

Date.....



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1.....[Name in Full]

.....[Position in University]

.....[tel no]

.....[e-mail contact address]

Signature.....

2.....[Name in Full]

.....[Position in University]

.....[Tel no]

.....[e mail contact address]

Signature.....



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3.....[Name in Full]

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Signature.....

4.....[Name in Full]

.....[Position in University]

.....[Tel no]

.....[e-mail contact address]

Signature.....

University Stamp

SAMPLE LETTER to submit with the application:

Dear UKBA,

Our university [Please insert the name of the Company] is a member of the UK Knowledge Pathway Scheme. [Please insert the name of the applicant and position within the university] is going to the UK for a Business trip for [please insert the purpose of travel i.e. meeting, seminar etc]. It is anticipated that he/she will be in the UK for [please insert length of stay].

Please consider his application for business visit visa for [please insert the length of visa applied for].

Regards,

[Name and signature of the authorised person indicated on the registration form]