MERSIN UNIVERSITY

Faculty of Medicine

Introduction 2026

The right choice for a healthy future

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Dean

DEAN'S MESSAGE

Science and people at the centre

> *At Mersin University Faculty of Medicine, we build our approach to medical education on the guidance of science and a physician identity that puts people at the centre.*

Our principles in education and healthcare

Holistic medicine

Education, scientific research and healthcare form a whole whose parts feed and strengthen each other.

Ethics and communication

We educate physicians who appraise evidence critically, listen to their patients, uphold ethical values and care about public health.

A culture of lifelong learning

We support a physician identity built on curiosity, research and lifelong learning.

The full message is on our website: About the Faculty > Dean's Message

WHY MERSIN?

Six reasons to choose our faculty

Quality education

A modern programme with horizontal, vertical and spiral integration, aligned with UÇEP 2020

Strong clinical training

A wide range of patients at the 840-bed Mersin University Hospital

Research and development

Modern laboratories and national and international projects

Experienced academic staff

Expert, dynamic and student-centred faculty members

International opportunities

Erasmus and bilateral agreements with 10 medical faculties in 6 countries

Quality assurance

ISO 9001 since 2003 and national accreditation valid until 2031

In the heart of the Mediterranean, a liveable city: Mersin

AT A GLANCE

Our faculty in numbers

1998

we began operating and admitted our first students

3,056

graduate physicians (23 classes)

1,645

students

164

professors, 42 associate and 44 assistant professors

42

departments and 33 subdepartments

840

beds at our teaching hospital

27

countries of origin of our 204 international students

2031

end of our current national accreditation

Faculty data, October 2026

HISTORY

From our foundation to today

1992
Founding law (No. 3837)

1998
Start of operations, first 28 students

1999
First teaching hospital (200 beds)

2003
ISO 9001 quality management certificate

2004
Our first graduates

2012
First national accreditation (UTEAK)

2014
New hospital building in Çiftlikköy

2020
Oncology Hospital

2025
Third accreditation, to 2031

2026
23rd class: 253 new physicians, 3,056 in total

Continuity in quality

1ST PERIOD

2012-2018

First national accreditation

→

2ND PERIOD

2019-2025

Renewed accreditation

→

3RD PERIOD

2025-2031

Uninterrupted quality assurance

Our undergraduate medical programme has been accredited without interruption since 2012 by the National Medical Education Accreditation Board (UTEAK) of TEPDAD. Our faculty is one of thirteen faculties accredited for a third time under the 2022 TEPDAD standards.

Since 2003

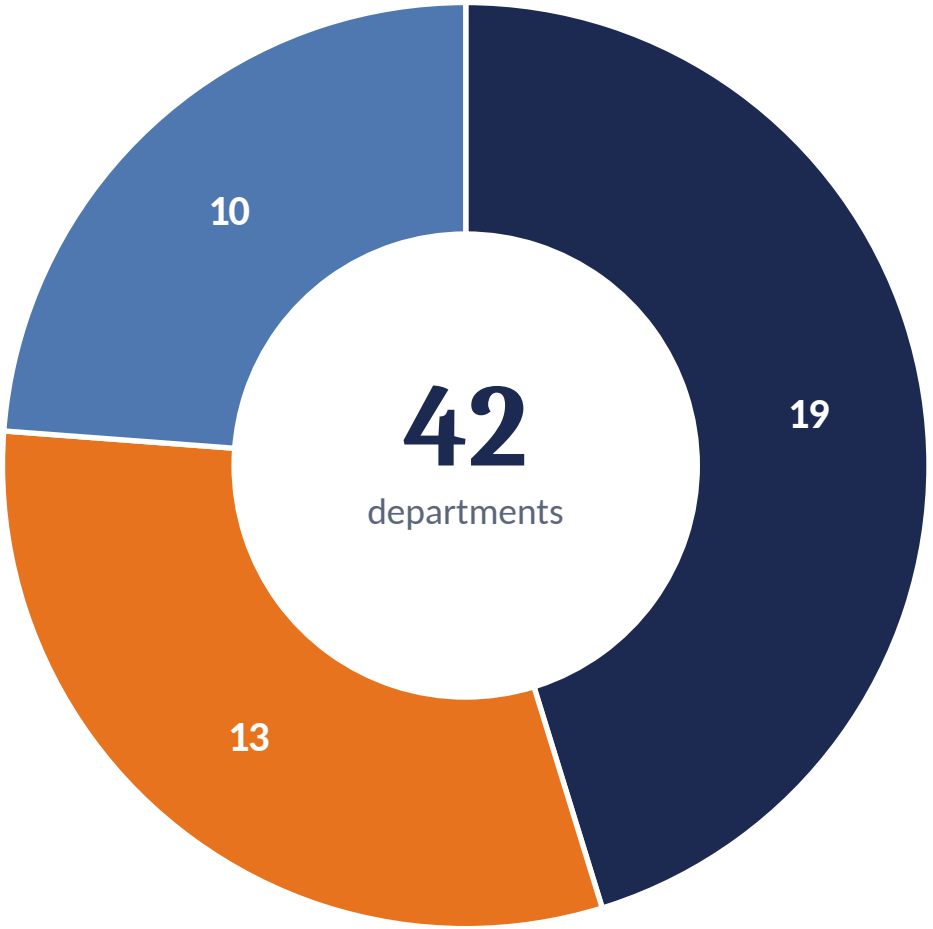
TS EN ISO 9001 Quality Management System certificate

3,056

graduate physicians: 14 in our first class, 253 in 2026

ACADEMIC STRUCTURE

3 divisions, 42 departments, 33 subdepartments



Internal Medical Sciences

19 departments · 45%

Surgical Medical Sciences

13 departments · 31%

Basic Medical Sciences

10 departments · 24%

Academic staff

164	42	44
professors	associate professors	assistant professors

EDUCATION

An integrated six-year programme

YEARS 1-3 **Basic and preclinical education**	System-based integrated course blocks with clinical skills and communication skills training
YEARS 4-5 **Clinical clerkships**	Clerkships in internal and surgical sciences, learning at the bedside and within the team
YEAR 6 **Internship**	Hands-on responsibility in rotations including emergency medicine, family medicine and public health

- Fully aligned with UÇEP 2020
- Problem-based learning
- Evidence-based and community-based medicine
- Clinical skills training

Clinical skills training

TEAD: education managed in one digital system

32 modules in 4 groups

8 modules

Curriculum and teaching

- Curriculum management
- Clinical and internship curricula
- Core curriculum planning
- Test blueprints
- Training of trainers

7 modules

Exams and assessment

- Question bank
- Exam management and invigilation
- Formative exams
- Item analysis and clinical exam scoring
- Exam appeals

8 modules

Administration and advising

- Academic and social advising
- Surveys
- Attendance tracking
- Tasks and meetings
- Events, appeals and feedback

9 modules

Systems, integration and projects

- API and integration
- Announcements
- Inventory tracking
- Dictation and audio recording
- AFGÖK, MESEKOK, İYİS and KUG modules

From curriculum planning and exams to advising, surveys and meetings, education processes are managed in one system.

RESIDENCY TRAINING

Accredited residency programmes

As of 2026, residency training is accredited in 11 departments and subdepartments

01 Emergency Medicine
Critical care and emergency response training

02 Algology (Pain Medicine)
Advanced pain treatment and management

03 Anaesthesiology and Reanimation
ESAIC international accreditation

04 General Surgery
Comprehensive and oncological surgery

05 Thoracic Surgery
Advanced thoracic and interventional training

06 Public Health
Community health and epidemiology

07 Cardiology
Cardiovascular diagnosis and treatment

08 Otorhinolaryngology
ENT and head and neck surgery

09 Orthopaedics and Traumatology
Comprehensive musculoskeletal surgery

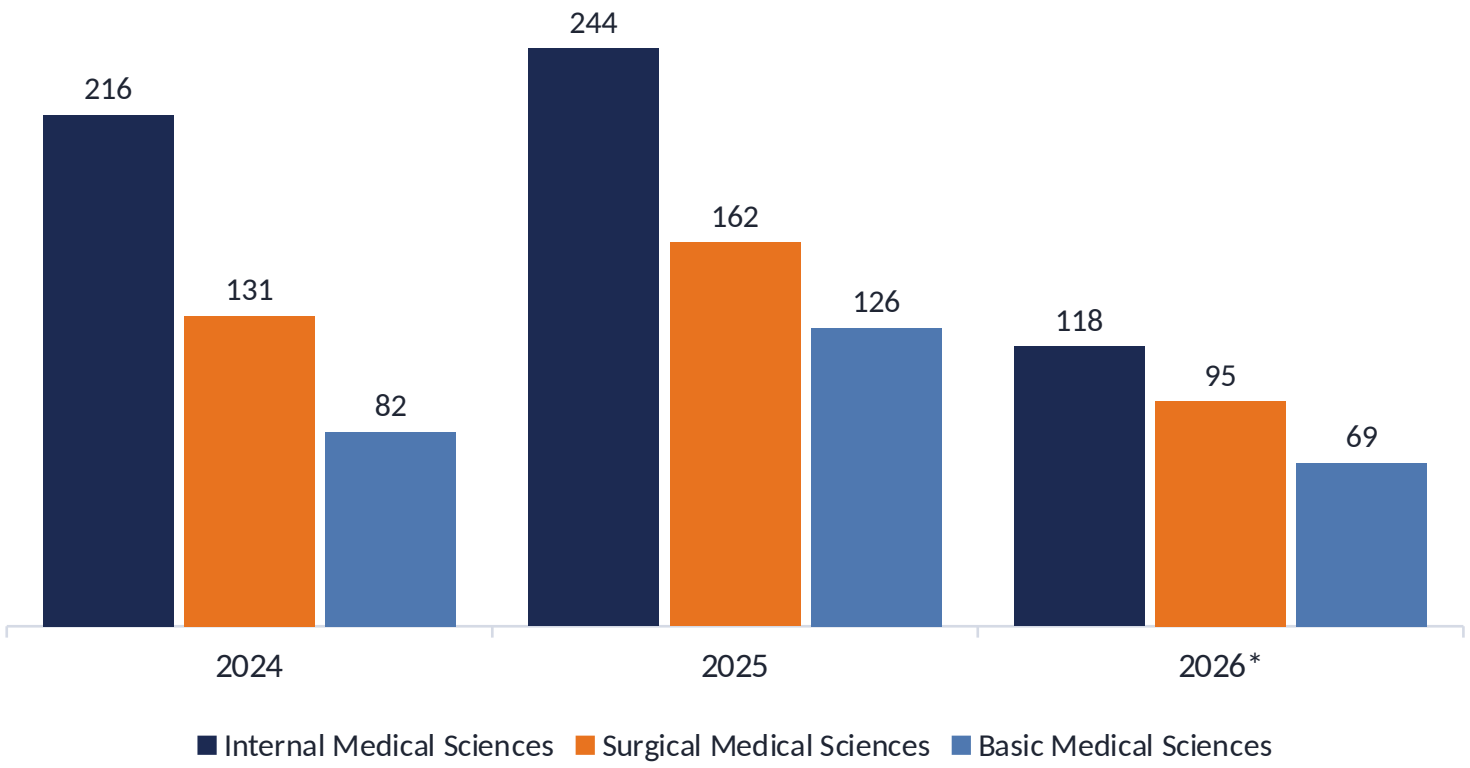
10 Plastic, Reconstructive and Aesthetic Surgery
Advanced reconstruction and microsurgery

11 Radiology
Advanced medical imaging and diagnosis

11 accredited residency programmes

Scientific output (2024-2026)

Articles by year and division



** 2026 data as of October 2026. Source: faculty publication and project records.*

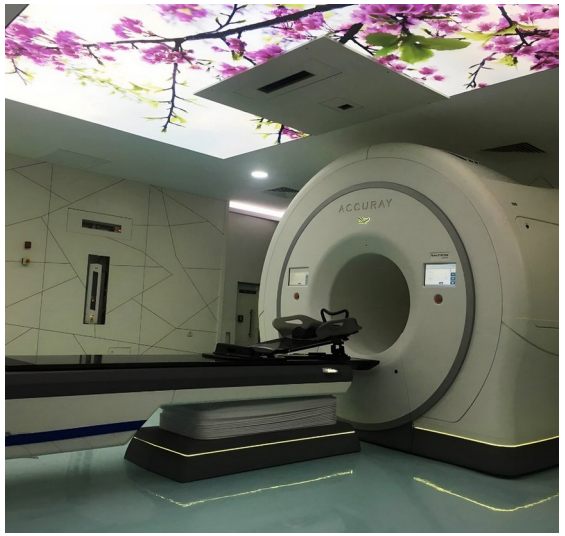
1,243
articles (2024-2026)

805
indexed in SCI, SCI-E or SSCI (65%)

90
research projects, 42 of them international

HEALTHCARE

Mersin University Hospital



840
beds

2014
in the new building on the Çiftlikköy Campus

110,000 m²
total area

2020
the Oncology Hospital opened

Our students receive their clinical training at our hospital, which provides advanced care to Mersin and the region.

Our admission rank is rising fast

11,789

cut-off rank (2026 YKS)

511.76

minimum score (2026)

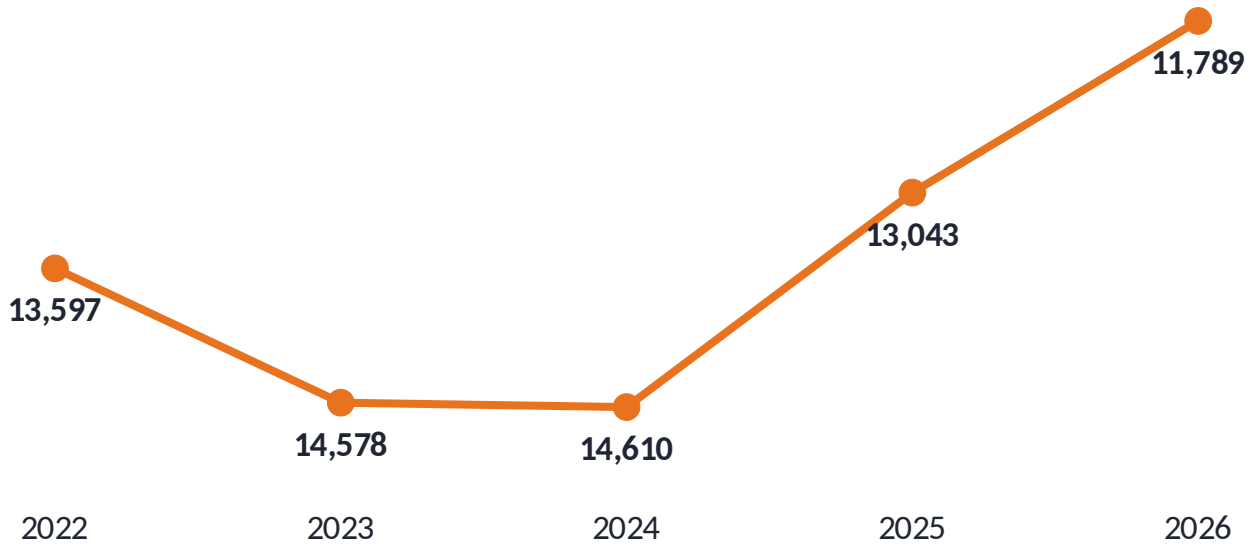
230

places, all filled

Source: ÖSYM placement results, YÖK Atlas

Rank of the last admitted student

The axis is reversed: a rising line means a better rank.



A rise of 2,821 places in two years: 14,610 (2024) → 11,789 (2026)

White coat ceremony

STUDENTS

Our students

1,645 students in our six-year medical programme

230
new students (2026 YKS, all places filled)

204
international students from 27 countries

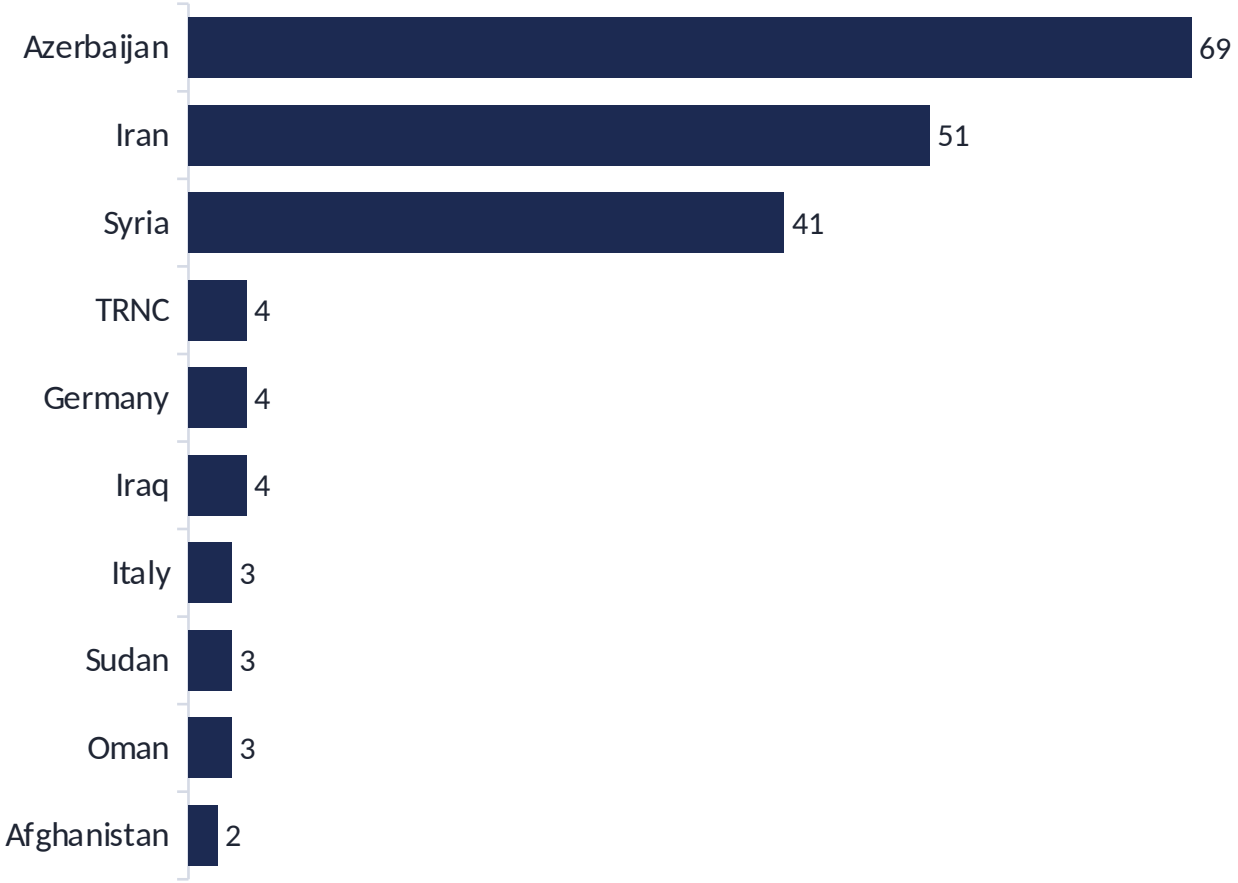
253
new physicians (class of 2026)

6
active student societies

INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS

204 students from 27 countries

Top 10 countries of our international students



Students of non-Turkish nationality, 2025-2026

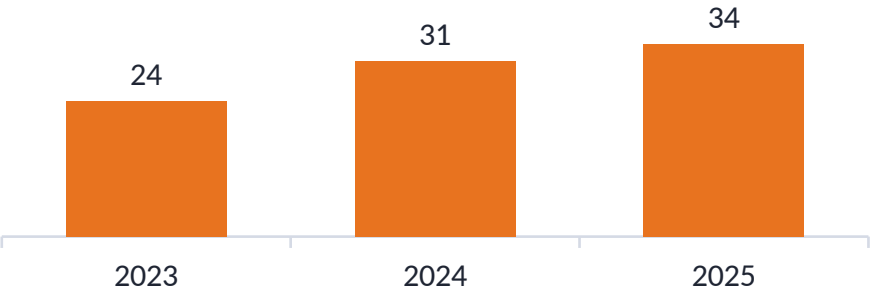
79%

from Azerbaijan, Iran and Syria (161 students)

24 → 34

new international students per year (2023-2025)

New enrolments



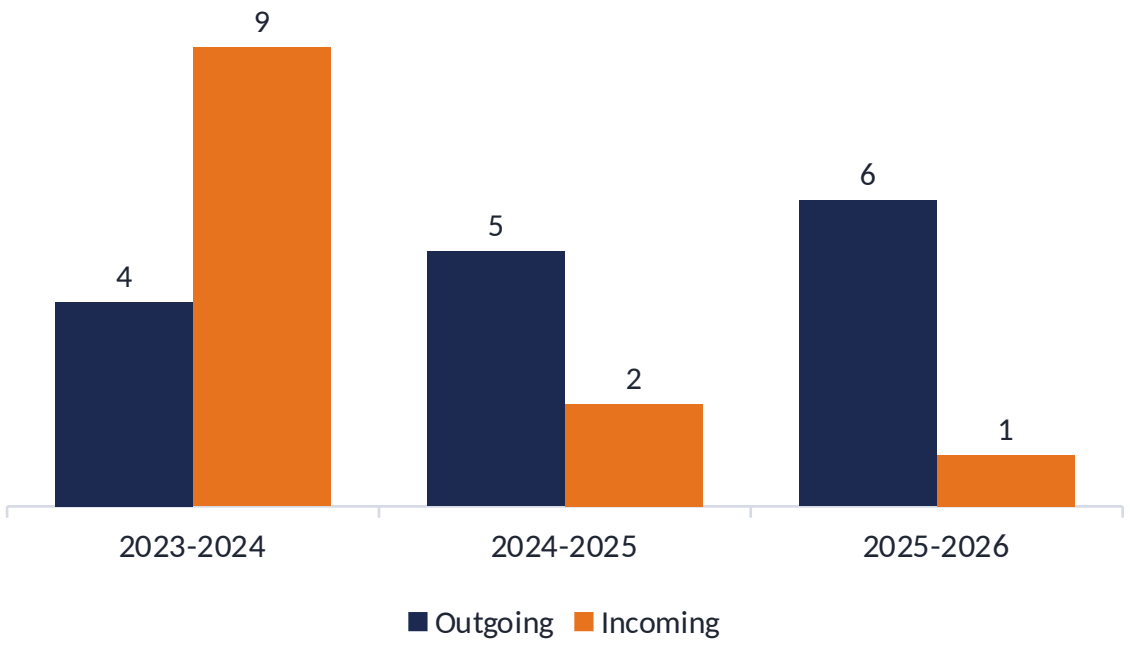
Erasmus and bilateral agreements

6 countries

10 medical faculties

- **Italy** Foggia, Genoa, Naples, Pisa, Sapienza (Rome)
- **Germany** Giessen
- **Russia** Tyumen
- **Bulgaria** Trakia
- **Tajikistan** Avicenna
- **Romania** Galaţi

Erasmus student mobility



In three years, 15 outgoing and 12 incoming students; outgoing students rose from 4 to 6 a year.

ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENT

Academic achievement (2025-2026)

81-84%

Pass rate in the preclinical years

Year 1: 81.17% · Year 2: 83.51% · Year 3: 83.02%

97.19%

Clinical clerkship success

1,779 clerkship enrolments in 8 clinical departments

10 rotations

with 100% success in Year 5

Other rotations: 96.82-99.17%

100%

Internship (Year 6)

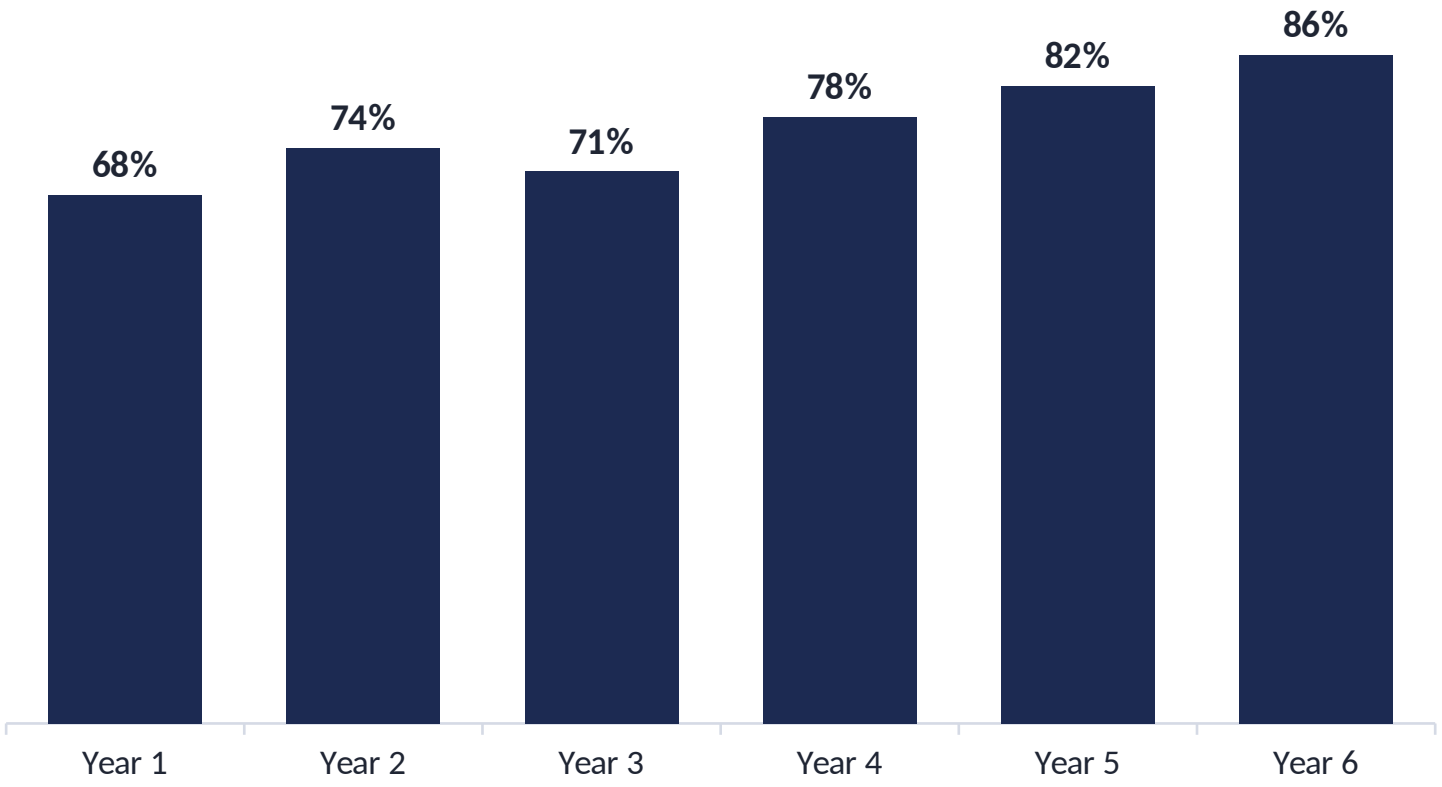
In all 8 rotations, 249-262 interns

Graduation procession

STUDENT FEEDBACK

Satisfaction rises in the clinical years

Overall satisfaction by year of study (%)



Source: 2025-2026 student satisfaction surveys

86%
overall satisfaction in Year 6

78-86%
satisfaction in the clinical years (4-6)

83-100%
overall satisfaction in Year 5 rotations

Our student societies

Academic and research

Scientific Research Society

Developing research skills, organising congresses and symposia

International and exchange

TurkMSIC Mersin Local Committee

Student exchange, public health and medical education projects

Social responsibility

Leyla'dan Sonra Society

Making the wishes of children with cancer or chronic illness come true

Community health

Blood Donation Volunteers Society

Raising awareness and running regular blood drives

Culture and arts

Faculty of Medicine Art Society

Engaging with the arts through social and artistic events

Ethics and history of medicine

History of Medicine and Deontology Society

Readings, panels and talks on medical ethics, deontology and history

MEÜFEST 2026: two championships, five podiums

CHAMPIONS

- Men's football
- Men's basketball

SECOND PLACE

- Men's volleyball

THIRD PLACE

- Women's volleyball
- Women's basketball

Student study hall

120 seats, open 24/7

A new, well-equipped study hall with security-controlled access in the evening and at night

SUPPORT

Scholarships and support (2025-2026)

Meal support

MÜGEV: regular lunch scholarships for 18 students

Special needs support

TESYEV: full support for our student with special needs

Student

Civil society and institutional support

Professional bodies

TTB, KAHEV and the Chamber of Commerce

Local government

Metropolitan Municipality

Health foundations

Turkish Kidney Foundation, Turkish Cardiology Foundation

Service clubs

Lions and Rotary clubs

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Mustafa Kemal Atatürk

Thank you