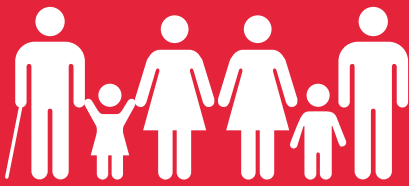


# 1. No Poverty



Scholarly Output:

**11**



International Collaboration:

**4**



Field-weighted Citation Impact:

**1.87**



Number of Total Projects:

**6**



Number of Events:

**5**

## 1.

### Scholarship and Financial Support

Inclusion is one of OzU core values. We advocate that education is a pathway to employment and economic security and should therefore be **accessible to students from all backgrounds and circumstances**. OzU celebrates and welcomes **diversity**, and is committed to providing appropriate support to enable students to succeed in their studies and beyond.

Of the **7,429 students** enrolled in at least one semester of the 2021/22 academic year, **91% (6,739 students)** have **scholarships**. 591 students received stipend scholarships, in addition to **952 students** receiving lunch scholarships, and **477 students** receiving accommodation scholarships.

## 2.

### Scholarship Program for Equality of Opportunities in Education

In recognition of its social responsibility, the University launched the **Scholarship Program for Equality of Opportunities in Education (EFEB)** in 2015. Through the program, the University offers an outstanding higher education opportunity to prospective students who succeeded in ranking among the **top 1% in the Turkish national University entrance exam** but were unable to qualify for full scholarship programs, due to financial limitations. This scholarship program continues to thrive with the generous donations that made it possible to see the number of recipients soar to 103 in the 2021-2022 Academic Year.

The impact of EFEB is measured by using social impact analysis methodology to understand whether or not the transformative experience offered actually delivers the expected contribution. It has been found that a higher percentage of EFEB scholars **meaningfully start job seeking** earlier and there is a statistically meaningful impact on their competency development.

## 3.

### Ozyegin Rural Development Model

Ozyegin University carries out studies in the fields of sustainable rural development and agriculture and food systems in the components of **education, academic publication, creating student experiences, and preparing local development plans**. OzU takes the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals as a reference in these studies.

OzU Rural Development Model, which is shaped by the experience of integrated, rights-based programs initiated by Ozyegin Foundation in 2007, has made it its mission to **build bridges between academia, public, non-governmental, and producer organizations** to strengthen rural life. In this context, more than **400 professionals** have benefited from the **“Local and Rural Development Specialisation Certificate Program”** in which academics, local governments, civil society, both public and private sector representatives share their knowledge and experiences.

OzU Sustainability Platform prepared the **“Research Report on the Integration of Rural and Urban Economies”** in cooperation with the Ministry of Industry and Technology and Ozyegin University in 2021.

This research examined the integration based on districts in terms of different axes such as production, consumption, demographics, and manifestations of social life, and produced policy recommendations on these axes. 170 districts included in the scope of the research were measured and classified over 41 different economic, social and cultural variables. The research report is the first study to analyze the integration of rural-urban economies according to quantitative data.

Investment Plans for Mardin/Ömerli, Adyaman/Besni districts, and Kilis/Ravanda Basin were prepared by the cooperation between the Southeastern Anatolia Project (GAP) Regional Development Administration, Ozyegin Foundation, and Ozyegin University. District investment plans, which focus on holistic and sustainable local development, set an efficient example of multi-sectoral cooperation with the active role of universities, civil society, and public institutions.

The model also enables OzU students and academicians to experience sustainable rural development practices on-site. In this context, the villages where the Hüsnü M. Ozyegin Foundation has implemented rural development programs in Bitlis and Kilis are visited. During these visits, support is provided to meet the material needs of village schools.



## 4. OzU Cares Social Responsibility Projects-OzU Care Packages

During the Covid pandemic OzU staff regularly provided essential household supplies to the 57 families who are in need, residing in the surrounding neighborhood of the campus. Additionally, during the 21-22 academic year, 8. OzU Care Packages project was sent as stationery gifts to 247 students in Diyarbakır this time. Thus, a total of 4007 children in 16 different village schools were given gifts.

