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MSc-PhD positions on paleoecology of Alpine Lakes at METU IMS

We are seeking highly motivated **MSc-PhD candidates (Turkish and international)** to join our team at METU-IMS. The current position is on the paleoecology of Alpine Lakes, using sedimentary records to understand past climate and ecosystem changes. The project is funded by TÜBİTAK 3501 and TÜBA GEBİP programmes. The project will be conducted at the Middle East Technical University (METU) Mersin Campus and the students will enrol graduate programmes at the Institute of Marine Sciences (IMS).

The researchers will be principally working with Dr. Korhan Özkan (www.korhanozkan.org), and collaborating with researchers from METU, Dumlupınar University and Istanbul Technical University.

The tasks involved in the **PhD research project** are:

- Studying palaeoecology of Alpine Lakes using sedimentary records.
- Conduct fieldwork and analyses on Turkish highland lakes and Antarctic lakes.
- Conduct relevant laboratory analyses, including identification of species remains.
- Assisting day-to-day management of the project.

The candidate is required to have basic knowledge on aquatic ecosystems and skills on statistics and scripting. Previous experience in fieldwork and skills in taxonomy (fish, plankton, or a similar aquatic organism group) or computational skills are a plus.

The expected start date is immediate before autumn 2021. We will accept applications until the positions are filled. We offer min 1 years stipend (3500 TL per month for PhD and 3000 TL per month for MSc) with possibility of extension. The graduate student dormitory is free at METU Mersin Campus. METU campuses offer comprehensive living and recreation facilities.

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Application:

Please send your CV, transcripts (bachelor and master), exam results (language and GRE), recommendations and a brief letter of motivation to Dr.Korhan Özkan – okorhan@metu.edu.tr. You can also contact us for informal inquiries.

METU Graduate student applications criteria **require official Graduate Record Exam (A) and language scores (B). A list of accepted examinations is given below. Examinations recommended for international applicants were marked with an asterix (*).** Native English speakers and applicants having a university degree with English education are exempted from English tests. For more inquiries please check the link below:

<https://msphd.metu.edu.tr/en/graduate-application>

Examination type	Examination	METU IMS
A	ALES (Turkish Graduate Record Exam)	70
A*	GRE (Quantitative)	155
B*	TOEFL	79
B*	IELTS	6.5
B	METU EPE (METU English Proficiency Exam)	65