PRME

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United Nations Global Compact

2025 Sharing Information on Progress (SIP) Report

Sabanci University

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About the Principles for Responsible Management Education (PRME)

The Principles for Responsible Management Education (PRME) is a United Nations-supported initiative founded in 2007 that aims to raise the profile of sustainability in their classrooms through Seven Principles focused on serving society and safeguarding our planet.

PRME engages business and management schools to ensure they provide future leaders with the skills needed to balance economic and sustainability goals, while drawing attention to the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) and aligning academic institutions with the work of the UN Global Compact. Driven by its mission to transform management education, PRME equips today's business students with the understanding and ability to deliver change tomorrow. As a voluntary initiative with over 800 signatories worldwide, PRME has become the largest organized relationship between the United Nations and management-related higher education institutions.

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The PRME initiative was launched to nurture responsible leaders of the future. Never has this task been more important. Bold leadership and innovative thinking are needed to achieve the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).

Antonio Guterres

Secretary-General (2017 - Present)

United Nations

Principles of PRME

Purpose
We advance responsible management education to foster inclusive prosperity in a world of thriving ecosystems.

Values
We place organizational responsibility and accountability to society and the planet at the core of what we do.

Teach
We transform our learning environments by integrating responsible management concepts and practices into our curriculum and pedagogy.

Research
We study people, organizations, institutions, and the state of the world to inspire responsible management and education practice.

Partner
We engage people from business, government, civil society, and academia to advance responsible and accountable management education and practice.

Practice
We adopt responsible and accountable management principles in our own governance and operations.

Share
We share our successes and failures with each other to enable our collective learning and best live our common values and purpose.

The Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs)

In September 2015, all 193 Member States of the United Nations adopted a plan for achieving a better future for all – laying out a path over the next 15 years to end extreme poverty, fight inequality and injustice, and protect our planet. At the heart of Agenda 2030 are 17 Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) and 169 related targets that address the most important economic, social, environmental and governance challenges of our time. The SDGs clearly define the world we want – applying to all nations and leaving no one behind. Successful implementation of the SDGs will require all players to champion this agenda; the role of higher education is critical to this.

Getting Started

This section provides foundational information about Sabanci University, including key details and basic institutional data.

Mission

Sabanci Business School's mission is to contribute to the knowledge and practice of management in Turkey the world through the quality of our research, programs, and graduates. In this vein we:

- Conduct and disseminate rigorous, relevant, and internationally recognized research.
- Deliver a range of challenging and innovative programs responsive to the current and potential needs of business and society.
- Graduate confident, socially responsible individuals with the knowledge and skills to succeed in the global arena and who are poised to impact society.

Graduates & Enrollment

2024 Statistics	Number
Graduates	252
Faculty & Staff at the University	894
Faculty & Staff at the Institution	53
Student Enrollment at the University	4983
Student Enrollment at the Institution	775
Undergraduate Attendance	673
Masters-Level Postgraduate Attendance	212
Doctoral Student Attendance	45
Certificate, Professional Development, or Continuing Education Attendance	0

Degrees Offered

Bachelor Programs

Bachelor of Arts (B.A.)

Masters Programs

Master of Business Administration (M.B.A.)   Master of Science (M.Sc. or M.S.)

Doctoral Programs

Doctor of Philosophy (Ph.D.)

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Who Champions Responsible Management Education at Our Institution

- ❖ Centralized sustainability office
- ❖ Disciplinary efforts within business school
- ❖ Interdisciplinary efforts across parent organization
- ❖ Senior leadership office
- ❖ Interdisciplinary efforts across business school
- ❖ Individual leader

Student Awareness

0% - 25% of students at Sabanci University are aware that we are a PRME Signatory Member.

Student Engagement

0% - 25% of students at Sabanci University actively contribute to our work with PRME, advancing RME, or addressing sustainable development challenges through their work.

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Educator Recognition

At Sabanci University, we recognize educators for quality of teaching in the following ways:

- ❖ Annual teaching excellence awards
- ❖ Course evaluation scores
- ❖ Faculty promotion and tenure consideration
- ❖ Financial incentives
- ❖ Performance-based teaching fellowships

⚲ Fostering Innovation

To a great extent
Teaching and learning at our institution strongly foster innovation.

⚲ Experiential Learning

A lot
Our institution supports experiential learning significantly through teaching and learning.

⚲ Learning Mindset

A lot
Our institution supports a lifelong learning mindset significantly through teaching and learning.

⚲ Method of Teaching and Learning

In person
Traditional classroom-based learning with face-to-face instruction.

Barriers to Innovative Curriculum

In 2024, Sabanci University identified the following barriers to innovating, updating, or taking risks in existing curriculum:

- ❖ Administrative resistance
- ❖ Budgetary limitations
- ❖ Change fatigue
- ❖ Compliance and legal concerns

Barriers to Innovative Pedagogy

In 2024, Sabanci University identified the following barriers to innovating, updating, or taking risks in existing pedagogy:
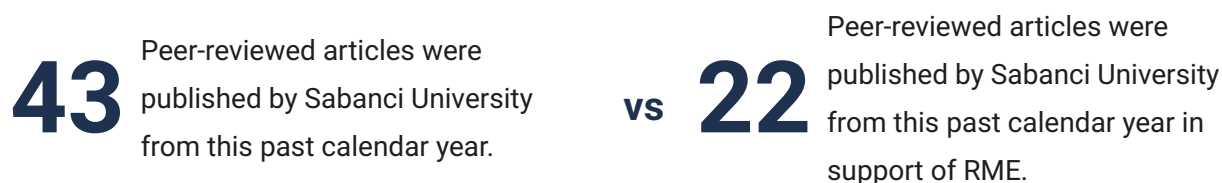
- ❖ Administrative hurdles
- ❖ Budget constraints
- ❖ Change resistance

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Research vs Research for RME/Sustainable Development

43 Peer-reviewed articles were published by Sabanci University from this past calendar year.

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22 Peer-reviewed articles were published by Sabanci University from this past calendar year in support of RME.

Research Funding

In 2024, Sabanci University was awarded funding for research that is:

Institution Specific

National

International

Socializing Research

In 2024, Sabanci University contributed research findings to:

❖ Industry and business networks
❖ Community organizations
❖ Open-access platforms

Research Barriers

In 2024, Sabanci University identified the following barriers to conducting research related to sustainability and/or responsibility:

❖ Funding challenges
❖ Institutional policies and bureaucracy

Partner

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Institutional Partnerships

- ❖ AACSB (Association to Advance Collegiate Schools of Business)
- ❖ CEEMAN (Central and East European Management Development Association)
- ❖ EFMD (European Foundation for Management Development)
- ❖ Financial Times
- ❖ Graduate Management Admission Council (GMAC)
- ❖ United Nations organs other than the UN Global Compact
- ❖ AMBA (Association of MBAs)

Student Organization Partnerships

- ❖ None

Practice

We adopt responsible and accountable management principles in our own governance and operations.

Institutional Policies and Practices

- ❖ Accreditation body recommendation documents
- ❖ Campus operations guides
- ❖ Carbon reduction or offset commitments
- ❖ Climate action plan
- ❖ Curriculum guidelines
- ❖ Employee equity, diversity, inclusion
- ❖ Faculty hiring, tenure, and promotion guidelines
- ❖ Professional training opportunities
- ❖ Local staff/student/faculty transportation
- ❖ Student equity, diversity, inclusion
- ❖ Sustainability strategy or strategic plan (school or university level)
- ❖ Zero-waste guides
- ❖ Ethical leadership or good governance policies

Share

We share our successes and failures with each other to enable our collective learning and best live our common values and purpose.

Engagement Opportunities

Sabanci University offers transparent engagement opportunities for members of our institution and community to contribute to our sustainability and responsibility efforts in the following ways:

- ❖ Boards and advisory committees
- ❖ Feedback mechanisms (e.g., surveys, suggestion boxes)
- ❖ Annual reports

Communication Audiences

Sabanci University communicates its policies and progress on sustainable development and responsibility with:

- ❖ Accreditation bodies
- ❖ Boards and advisory committees
- ❖ Business and industry partners
- ❖ Faculty and staff
- ❖ Alumni and donors

Communication Barriers

Sabanci University faces the following barriers in transparent communications:

Bureaucratic delays

Accessibility issues

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