

PRiME

*an initiative of the
United Nations Global Compact*

Sharing Information on Progress 2026

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.



“*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

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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

2025 Statistics	Number
Graduates	300
Faculty & Staff at the University	917
Faculty & Staff at the Institution	53
Student Enrollment at the University	5217
Student Enrollment at the Institution	725
Undergraduate Attendance	554
Masters-Level Postgraduate Attendance	131
Doctoral Student Attendance	40

Degrees Offered

Bachelor Programs

 Bachelor of Arts (B.A.)

Masters Programs

 Master of Science (M.Sc. or M.S.)

 Master of Business Administration (M.B.A.)

Doctoral Programs

 Doctor of Philosophy (Ph.D.)



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Institutional Engagement

26% - 50%

of faculty at Sabanci University actively contribute to our work with PRME, advancing responsible management education, or addressing sustainable development challenges through their work.



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Who Champions Responsible Management Education at Our Institution

- ❖ Centralized sustainability office
- ❖ Disciplinary efforts within business school
- ❖ Interdisciplinary efforts across business school
- ❖ Interdisciplinary efforts across parent organization

Student Awareness

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

Student Engagement

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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
- ❖ Publication or research support

Barriers to Innovative Curriculum

In 2025, Sabanci University identified the following barrier to innovating, updating, or taking risks in existing curriculum:

- ❖ Accreditation constraints

Barriers to Innovative Pedagogy

In 2025, Sabanci University identified the following barriers to innovating, updating, or taking risks in existing pedagogy:

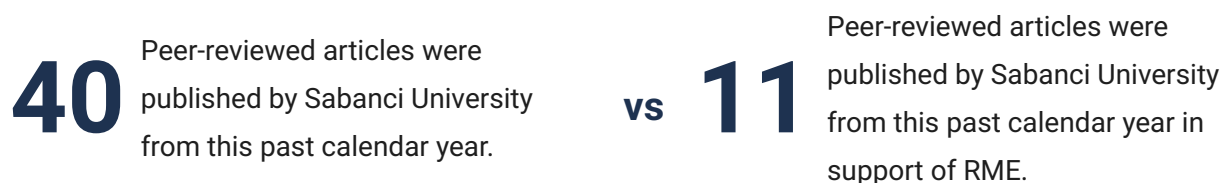
- ❖ Budget constraints
- ❖ Change resistance
- ❖ Standardized testing pressures
- ❖ Overloaded faculty



Research

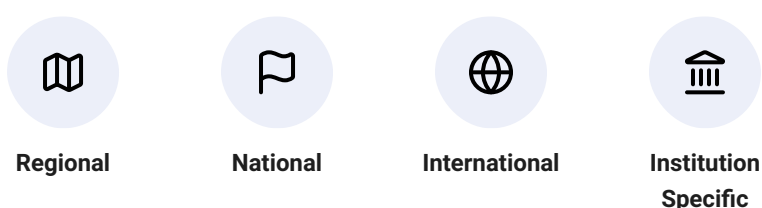
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Research vs Research for RME/Sustainable Development



Research Funding

In 2025, Sabanci University was awarded funding for research that is:



Socializing Research

In 2025, Sabanci University contributed research findings to:

- ❖ Community organizations
- ❖ Government and policy makers
- ❖ Industry and business networks
- ❖ Public events and lectures
- ❖ Social media and digital outreach

Research Barriers

In 2025, Sabanci University identified the following barriers to conducting research related to sustainability and/or responsibility:

- ❖ Collaboration challenges
- ❖ Data access and management
- ❖ Institutional policies and bureaucracy
- ❖ Publishing barriers



Partner

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Institutional Partnerships

- ❖ Positive Impact Rating (PIR)
- ❖ AACSB (Association to Advance Collegiate Schools of Business)
- ❖ AMBA (Association of MBAs)
- ❖ 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
- ❖ United Nations Global Compact non-business signatory
- ❖ Local institutions and associations

Student Organization Partnerships

- ❖ None



Practice

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

Institutional Policies and Practices

- ❖ AI use guide
- ❖ Accreditation body recommendation documents
- ❖ Campus operations guides
- ❖ Carbon reduction or offset commitments
- ❖ Climate action plan



Share

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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:

- ❖ Partnerships with local organizations
- ❖ Sustainability-focused research and collaboration Opportunities
- ❖ Community events and consultation forums
- ❖ Publicly accessible sustainability data and dashboards
- ❖ Public events and panel discussions

Communication Audiences

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

- ❖ Business and industry partners
- ❖ Alumni and donors
- ❖ Media and public relations channels
- ❖ Non-governmental organizations (NGOs)
- ❖ Government and policy makers
- ❖ Chamber of commerce and local communities
- ❖ Accreditation bodies
- ❖ Boards and advisory committees
- ❖ Faculty and staff
- ❖ Research and academic networks
- ❖ Prospective and current students

Communication Barriers

Sabanci University faces the following barriers in transparent communications:



Feedback loops



Media visibility



Bureaucratic delays

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