

FOUNDATION (OWNED) UNIVERSITIES: A NEW MODEL FOR REPUTABLE, FINANCIALLY AUTONOMOUS AND NON-PROFIT HEIs

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Legal Status

- n The Constitution of the Turkish Republic
 - n (Article No: 130)
- n The Law of Higher Education
 - n (Law No: 2547)
- n The Related Regulation of the Council of Higher Education on Foundation Higher Education Institutions

FOUNDATION CHARTER

- n A foundation has a “Foundation Charter”, in which the name, objective, foreseen activities and bodies of the foundation are stated and later be approved by the Directorate General of Foundations.
- n A foundation should indicate under the ‘Objectives of the Foundation’ title of its “Foundation Charter”, a clause regarding the establishment of a higher education institution

Required conditions to establish a foundation HEI

- n a legal document indicating that the buildings, equipment, supplies, and other requisites are available, or that sufficient funds have been allocated for this purpose,
- n a legal document indicating that funds, property, shares having economic value, or an income are available, that they are sufficient to meet a minimum of 20 % of each year's operating expenses of the institution and all other current expenditures, and that they have been and will be allocated for this purpose,
- n a legal document indicating the provisions taken for the disposal of funds and property allocated to the said institution within the provisions of this article, in the event that it becomes evident that the foundation university is unable to carry out its educational functions.

The Law of Higher Education No.2547

Additional Article 2 to 2547:

- n Financial and Administrative Autonomy (see Note I)
- n Establishment of Foundation Vocational Higher Schools
(See Note II)

Board of Trustees

- n Institution is required to have a board of trustees with a minimum of seven members, constituting a body separate from the administrative organ of the foundation.
- n The rector of the university is appointed by the board of trustees and then sent to the Council of Higher Education for its consent (Consent of the CoHE is required for the appointment procedure to be completed)

Financial Provisions

- n The income of the institution shall not, under any circumstances whatsoever, be transferred, even on a temporary basis, to the assets or accounts of the foundation.
- n Direct donations and assistance can be made to the institution.
- n Foundation universities shall benefit from the financial provisions and exemptions specified in [Article 56](#) of this law in the same manner as public institutions; and are exempted from real estate tax. (See Note IV)

Academic Organisation

- n The academic organs of the foundation institutions are to be constituted in the same manner as those in public institutions of higher education and to be responsible for carrying out the same duties. The qualifications of faculty members are to be the same as those in public institutions.

Supervision, Control and Assessment

- n Such institutions shall submit a comprehensive account of their activities to the Council of Higher Education at the end of each academic year, in the same manner as public institutions. These institutions are subject to the supervision and control of the Council of Higher Education (YOK) with regard to financial (no transfer of money from university to foundation), administrative, and economic matters.

Guarantor Institution

- n If YOK determines that level of education at such institutions has fallen below the expected standards, and the situation is not remedied in spite of warnings and proposals, YOK shall terminate the operations of the institution, hence it ceases to be a legal entity, according to the Clause (d) of the Additional Article 3 of the Law of Higher Education (HE) No. 2547:
 - n The Foundation: undertakes to transfer the “portable and non-portable” assets and “rights” of its HE Institution to another HE determined by the Foundation itself under certain circumstances;
(See Note III)

Student Tuition Fees-I

STATE UNIVERSITIES vs FOUNDATION UNIVERSITIES

nMaximum amount:

üSTATE UNIVERSITIES

458 YTL - Faculty of Medicine (approximately €270)

üFOUNDATION UNIVERSITIES

Faculty of Dentistry: 26,500 YTL (approximately €15,600)

•Matters concerning educational regulations, periods of study, and student rights are subject to the provisions of this law. Fees to be paid by students are to be determined by the board of trustees.

Student Tuition Fees-II

STATE UNIVERSITIES vs FOUNDATION UNIVERSITIES

- n Minimum amount:

- n STATE UNIVERSITIES

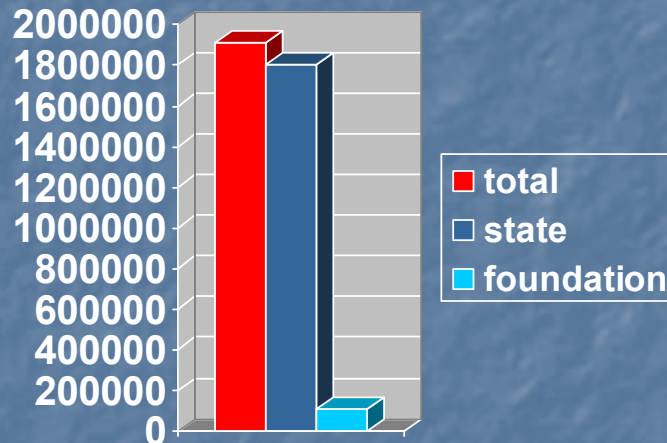
- n Faculty of Open University: 55 YTL (approximately €32)

- n FOUNDATION UNIVERSITIES

- n Faculty of Science & Faculty of Humanities and Letters: 6,120 YTL (approximately €3600)

Undergraduate Degree Students

STATE UNIVERSITIES vs FOUNDATION UNIVERSITIES



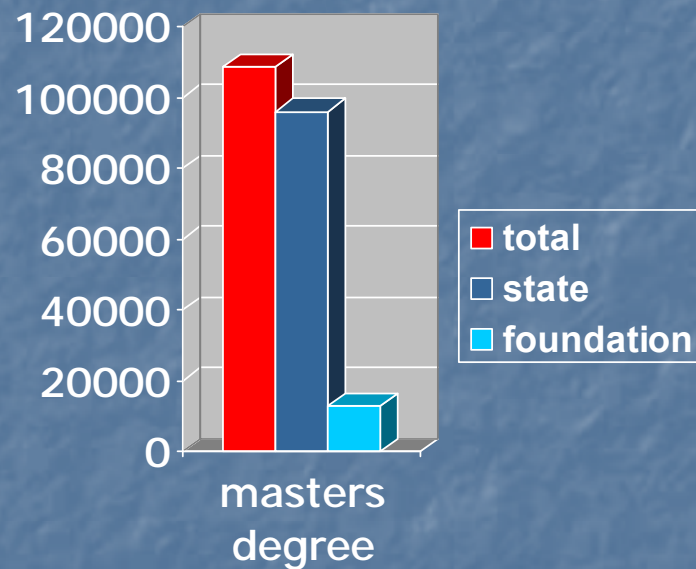
nTotal Number of Students:
1.907.909

nState Universities: 1.799.873

nFoundation Universities:
108.036 (proportion to the total
is 5,66%)

Masters Degree Students

STATE UNIVERSITIES vs FOUNDATION UNIVERSITIES



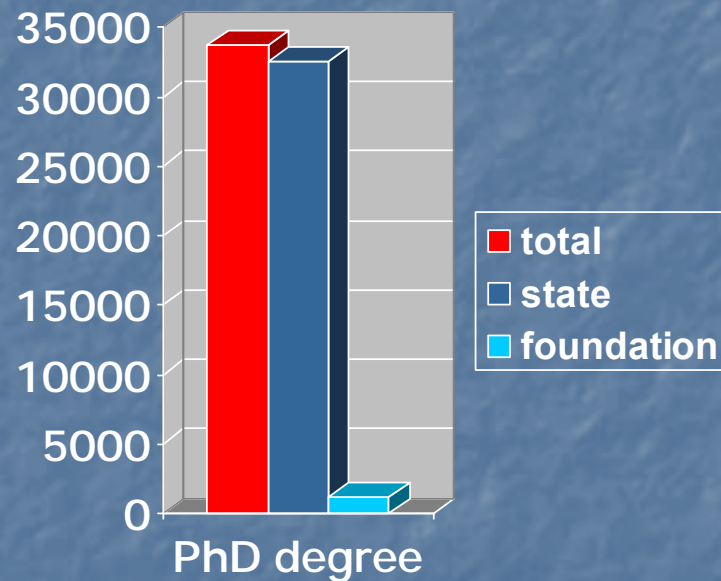
n Total Number of Students:
108.683

n State Universities: 95.899

n Foundation Universities:
12.784 (proportion to the total
is 11,76%)

PhD Students

STATE UNIVERSITIES vs FOUNDATION UNIVERSITIES



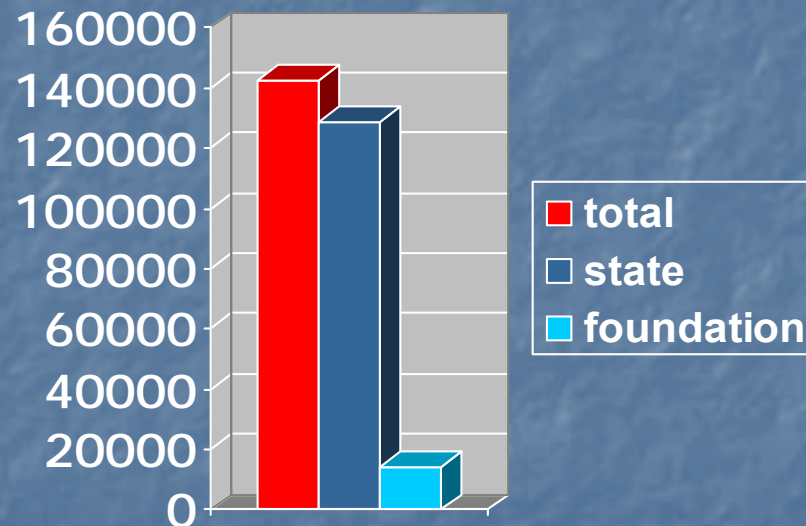
n Total Number of Students:
33.711

n State Universities: 32.537

n Foundation Universities: 1174
(proportion to the total is 3,4%)

Graduate Degree (Master's and PhD) Students in total

STATE UNIVERSITIES vs FOUNDATION UNIVERSITIES



n Total Number of Graduate Students: 142.394

n State Universities: 128.963

n Foundation Universities: 13.931 (proportion to the total is 9,7%)

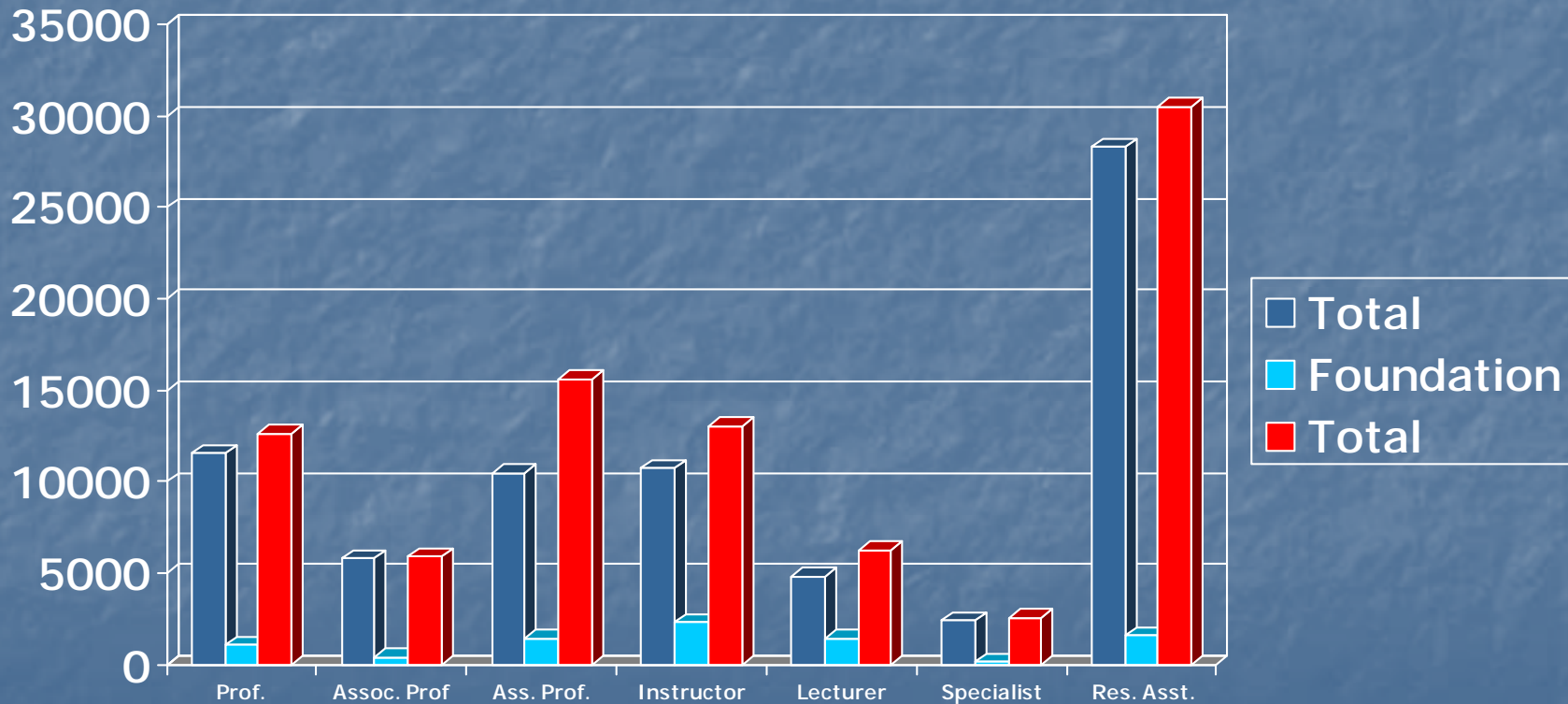
Number of Teaching Staff by Academic Title

STATE UNIVERSITIES vs FOUNDATION UNIVERSITIES

	Prof.	Assoc. Prof.	Asst. Prof.	Instructor	Lecturer	Specialist	Res. Asst.
State	11537	5480	14179	10735	4801	2421	28893
Found.	1069	418	1433	2303	1462	154	1602
TOTAL	12606	5898	15612	13038	6263	2575	30495

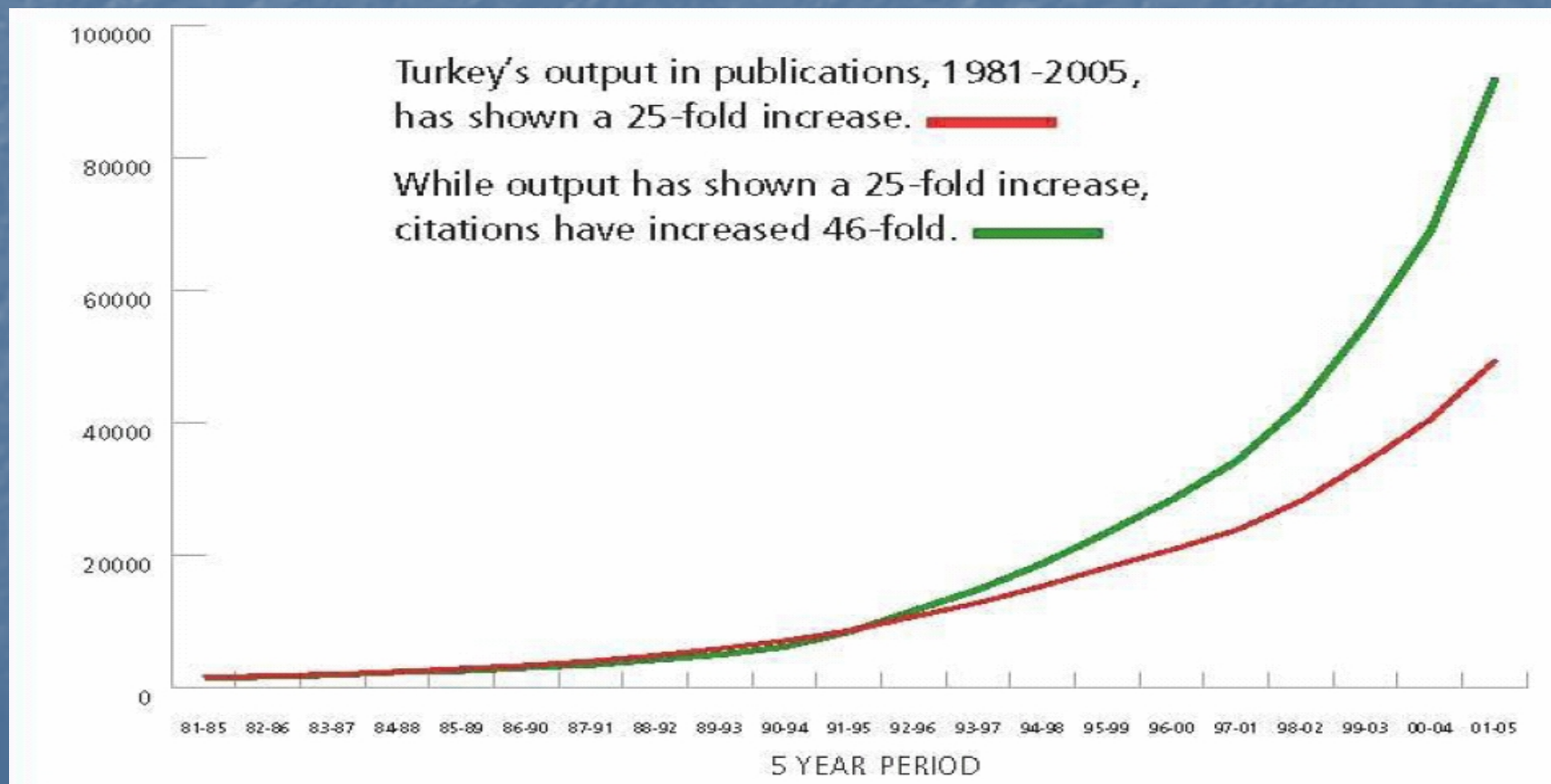
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STATE UNIVERSITIES vs FOUNDATION UNIVERSITIES



Increase in the Number of Publications and Citations

19th place in the world ranking (ISI Web of Science)



n Total Number of Publications in 2006:

n 16.836

n Total Number of Academic Staff in 2006:

n 32.073

n The Rate of Publications per Academic Staff:

n 0.52

First 10 Universities According to the Number of Publications per Academic Staff in 2006

	NAME OF THE UNIVERSITY	SCI+SSCI+AHCI	NUMBER OF ACADEMIC STAFF	RATE
1	TOBB UNIVERSITY OF ECONOMICS AND TECHNOLOGY	40	33	1,21
2	ISIK UNIVERSITY	38	35	1,09
3	BASKENT UNIVERSITY	357	340	1,05
4	KOC UNIVERSITY	140	134	1,04
5	GEBZE INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY	130	132	0,98
6	MIDDLE EAST TECHNICAL UNIVERSITY	710	729	0,97
7	IZMIR INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY	105	108	0,97
8	INONU UNIVERSITY	329	392	0,84
9	BILKENT UNIVERSITY	244	292	0,84
10	CANKAYA UNIVERSITY	59	71	0,83

n Red color indicates foundation universities

n Yellow background indicates universities with medical faculties

Thank you...

Note I

- n Foundations may establish institutions of higher education, or one or more units attached thereto, on condition that they be non-profit in nature and that they abide by the principles and procedures stipulated by this law with regard to academic matters, hiring of teaching faculty members, but excluding financial and administrative matters.

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Note II

- n In the framework of this Law, foundations may establish vocational higher schools, independently from a university or its affiliated units, in order to educate qualified labour force.

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Note III

If the HE Institution;

- n Does not start its education activities although it's been 3 years since the date of gaining its legal entity.
- n Does not remove the insufficiency - determined by the Turkish Council of Higher Education - at its active departments.

Note III

- n Does not reach the education-training and research level of the State University either located at the same city with the HE Institution, if not exist in the same city, or at the closest city to be determined by the Turkish Council of Higher Education
- n Can't reach the demanded education-training and research level at the end of one year given to fix this insufficiency.
- n Keeps acting in an incompatible way with the basic values of the Republic, stated in the articles of the Constitution which cannot even be proposed to be changed (being a *democratic, secular and social* state based on the *rule of law*) in spite of the warnings made.

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Note IV

- n Universities and higher institutes of technology benefit from the same exemptions, exceptions and other financial facilities granted to other public institutions subject to the general budget.
- n All donations and bequests, are exempt from taxation, duties, stamp duties and fees. Donations and bequests shall be utilized in full conformity with the conditions and the restrictions laid down by the donors and general legal provisions shall be observed.

Note IV

- n The donations made in cash by real or juristic persons liable for income taxes and corporate taxes to the HEI shall be deducted from their respective proceeds.
- n Goods (Machines, tools and instruments, equipment, pharmaceuticals, materials and publications), which are imported for educational and research purposes are exempt from stamps and customs duty



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