

Defne Baris

EDUCATION

Kadir Has University

Bachelor of Science

Double Major: International Relations and Economics (Full Scholarship)

- **GPA in International Relations:** 3.73 / 4.0
- **GPA in Economics:** 3.48 / 4.0
- **Societies:** Mountaineering Club, Feminist Studies

Istanbul, TR

2022 – 2026

Vefa High School

One of the oldest, and internationally renowned high school in Turkey

- **High School Graduation Grade:** 91 / 100
- **Societies:** Music Club, Debate Club, Vefa Sportfest

Istanbul, TR

2017 – 2022

WORK EXPERIENCE

MENA-PERC Project

Student Research Assistant in International Relations Department

- A project funded by *European Research Council* (ERC) and based at the Sant'Anna School of Advanced Studies in Pisa, on the topic of “*Political Elites and Regime Change in the Middle East and North Africa*”.
- Conducting data analysis aiming to understand the relation between the ideological positions of Turkish parliamentarians and their speeches, with using “*Large Language Models*”.

Istanbul, TR

Oct 2024 – present

Republic of Türkiye Ministry of Foreign Affairs

Centre for Strategic Research (SAM) Intern

- Conducted academic research in the department of Public Diplomacy and Strategic Communication, for the *2025 Antalya Diplomacy Forum* (ADF) by preparing the panel title, content and speaker suggestions.
- Summarized the news from the American press as reports and assisted career diplomats.

Ankara, TR

June 2024 – July 2024

Kadir Has University

Student Research Assistant in Economics Department

- Conducted data analysis for the research of “*Development of Long-Term and Regional Crop Yield Forecast Models in Turkey Between 1930-2020*” in R Studio.

Istanbul, TR

Jan 2024 – present

Dec 2023 – Jan 2024

- Conducted data collection in MS Excel for the research of “*Taxation of top incomes in Turkey*”.

July 2023 – Dec 2023

- Conducted data analysis for the research of “*Evaluation of agricultural lands in Turkey with hedonic pricing model*” in MS Excel and R Studio.
- Assisted in literature review to the Professor in Economics.

LEADERSHIP & EXTRACURRICULAR EXPERIENCE

Cibali Mahalle Evi – Volunteer

An organization that ensures educational support for disadvantaged children

- Mentoring and tutoring in Mathematics, Turkish, and English to a wide range of students

Istanbul, TR

Feb 2023 – present

SKILLS, ACTIVITIES & INTERESTS

Languages: Turkish (Native), English (Fluent)

Technical Skills: MS Office, R Studio, Adobe Illustrator, Adobe Photoshop

Interests: Sailing, Bouldering, Climbing, Flute, Design, Photography