We are Guided by Love for Humanity
Sharing what we have obtained from these lands with its people...
Hacı Ömer Sabancı’s principle of “Sharing what we have obtained from these lands with its people” is the basis of the philosophy of our foundation. Love for humanity, which is the most important value in these lands of ours, has guided all our work and the responsibilities that we take on. For over 40 years we have adhered to that principle while constantly ensuring that we renew our approach in line with the needs of the times so that we can best benefit society.
Our Vision

A society in which all individuals enjoy their rights equally.

Women, the youth and the disabled face inequalities in many regards, including participation in economic and social life, access to services and issues related to gender. While their rights are guaranteed in the eyes of the law, in actual life they are not able to enjoy them equally, especially in terms of social rights.

As the Sabanci Foundation, we strive to help create a society in which all individuals can exercise their rights in an equal manner.
Our Mission

We aim to contribute to the educational, cultural and social development of Turkey and make a difference in the lives of individuals.

We are committed to increasing awareness about the issues of equal access to education, the arts and culture and the resolution of social problems. Through our own projects and collaborations with non-governmental organizations, we strive to make a difference in people’s lives and contribute to social development.
Our Work

We support innovative education through Sabancı University.

We empower non-governmental organizations by making grants and sharing our expertise.

We share our knowledge and experience with the aim of strengthening philanthropy.

We inspire society by increasing the visibility of “changemakers”.

We encourage students and artists by offering scholarships and awards.

We pioneer with new approaches and methods implemented in the field of philanthropy, especially by supporting civil society with grants.

We contribute to the resolution of social issues by working with non-governmental organizations.

We build institutions in the fields of education, culture, health and sports.
We are a leading foundation that has adopted Sabanci’s principle of love for humanity.
Culture and the Arts

The International Ankara Music Festival is supported by the Sabancı Foundation as an honorary member.

The City of Mother Goddess Metropolis Ancient City Excavations have been supported by the Sabancı Foundation.

The Turkish Folk Dance Contest has been organized by Sabancı Foundation for 20 years.

The Mehtap Ar Children’s Theater has performed all around Turkey with the support of the Sabancı Foundation.

The Sabancı Foundation Short Film Competition has helped increase awareness about social issues through the creativity of cinema.

State Theaters-Sabancı International Adana Theater Festival has reached out to tens of thousands of art lovers each year.

The Turkish National Youth Philharmonic Orchestra (TUGFO) has flourished with Sabancı Foundation as its principal supporter.

Thousands of artists, hundreds of thousands of art lovers.

We support the transforming power of art.
Social Change

We touch the lives of individuals everywhere in Turkey.

Grants for 125 Projects in 74 Provinces
160 Changemakers

In order to ensure that women, the youth and the disabled can enjoy equal opportunities and to support their active participation in society, Sabancı Foundation Grant Programs fund the projects of non-governmental organizations that work on related issues.

The Changemakers Program makes it possible for us to share the inspiring stories of people who “make a difference” and raise awareness by making known “the remarkable influence of extraordinary people.”

Philanthropy Seminars offer a platform for people to pioneer in the field of philanthropy and offer new insights and methods.

We carry out work within the scope of numerous international collaborations such as with the European Foundation Center (EFC), Girls Not Brides, the Clinton Global Initiative, the Synergos’ Global Philanthropists Circle and others.

Our Strategy for Social Change

Support NGOs that have extensive experience in their fields
Support changemakers in their field of work
Engage in collaborations with partners to resolve social issues
Share environments for learning and the spread of expertise
Institutions

We leave our mark on cities and in the hearts of people.

Sabancı University, which was established in 1999 on the basis of a pioneering new model, has been held up as an example by many universities both in Turkey and abroad

37 educational institutions including kindergartens, conservatories, middle schools and high schools

The keys to access to education 19 student dormitories, 16 teacher lodgings

17 social facilities, 16 culture centers, 5 sports facilities, 5 health facilities and 4 libraries dedicated to various fields

More than 120 institutions around Turkey
Scholarships

More than 44,000 scholarships in total - approximately 1,500 scholarship granted per year

Sabancı Foundation Scholarships support young people’s education and the creation of equal opportunities in education.

University Admission Scholarships for students who get high scores on the Undergraduate Placement Exam.

Scholarships for Provinces with Priority in Development for high-ranking students who come from provinces that are economically challenged.

Disabled Students Scholarship for high-ranking students who are visually impaired, orthopedically-impaired or hearing impaired.

Sabancı Foundation - Vista Scholarship for vocational school students.

Other Scholarships determined by grantors.

We create equal opportunities for young people.
Awards

1,100+ Awards

The Sakıp Sabancı and Dilek Sabancı Education Award recognizes and encourages successful students.

The Sakıp Sabancı Lifetime Achievement Award pays homage to masters of theater.

The Sabancı Sports Award is granted to athletes who win gold medal titles in the Olympic Games, Paralympics Games and Special Olympics World Summer Games.

The Dilek Sabancı Sports Award is granted to gold-medalist teams and athletes who compete in Olympic and Paralympics sporting events in the World and European Championships held at the Dilek Sabancı Antalya Gymnasium.

The Sakıp Sabancı Art Award is granted to top graduates in the departments of painting, sculpture and traditional Turkish arts at Mimar Sinan Fine Arts University.

We encourage success.
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<td>1974-2006</td>
<td>Our foundation was established by members of the Sabancı family in 1974. From its establishment until 2006, the main approach of our foundation was &quot;sharing with the society&quot;. We have focused on education and the arts with a special emphasis on women, and we have founded institutions all around Turkey.</td>
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<td>2007-2016</td>
<td>Since 2007 we have branched out from traditional philanthropy and made further contributions to society through our philosophy of &quot;contributing to the resolution of social issues.&quot; For the last 10 years, we have invested in the projects of non-governmental organizations with a focus on new fields and new ideas. In particular, we have worked to reduce inequalities involving gender and we have striven to eliminate early marriages and discrimination against disabled individuals. Our work has been recognized by both domestic and international non-governmental organizations. We have received numerous awards in the field of philanthropy including the Clinton Award, the David Rockefeller Award and the Raymond Georis Prize.</td>
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**We have reformulated our strategies so that we can have a lasting impact.**

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**Our successes have encouraged us, bolstering our belief that we have taken the right steps and can implement even more effective projects.**

**As the result of a strategic review carried out in 2017, we renewed the foundation’s strategy within the scope of the motto “Making a Lasting Impact.”**
Towards the future...

We will focus on making lasting impact.
In the upcoming years, we will focus on making a lasting impact on society by being deeply involved in the fields of education, culture and the arts, as well as social change. As always, we will prioritize women, the youth and the disabled.

We will continue to support Changemakers
Our goal is to continue supporting individuals who have touched the lives of others through their work and made a positive difference, and we will strive to spread their inspiring impacts on society.

We will continue to draw upon the power of art.
Art is an effective tool for creating awareness about social issues, so we will continue to engage with the various branches of art as a way to increase social awareness.

If we want to find resolutions for today’s complex social issues and make a lasting impact, we need to take up a holistic approach and engage in inter-institutional cooperation.

We will improve our grant programs by means of which we support non-governmental organizations.
Our experience has shown that much effort and long-term commitment are needed if we want to create social change. We have created a new system that will increase the depth and impact of our grants so that non-governmental organizations can work more effectively and make a difference. With this system, we will increase our contributions to the resolution of social issues through long-term intensive collaborations.

That is why we support the projects of individuals and leading non-governmental organizations. By doing so, we help people share their experiences, as well as learn and teach.

We will expand our collaborations.
We will continue to expand our Purple Certificate Program, which we developed as a way to increase gender awareness in all levels of education. In addition, we will expand our collaborations which focus on the empowerment of teachers.

We will continue to share our experiences.
With the aim of contributing to the development of philanthropy in Turkey and abroad, we will share more of our experiences and continue taking our knowledge to the field of civil society.

We will always strive for success at our educational institutions.
We aim to contribute to the improvement of our schools by taking into account the needs of the times.
We will continue to share what we have obtained from these lands with its people.
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