

## Atatürk University: A Hub of Science and Culture in Erzurum

Welcome to the ICCECRICE 2026 conference! We are delighted to host you at Atatürk University, one of Turkey's most distinguished and historic institutions of higher education. Founded in 1957, the university has evolved into a vibrant scientific centre that plays a pivotal role in the academic, social, and cultural life of the Eastern Anatolia region.

### A Campus of Excellence

Atatürk University is widely recognized for its vast, green campus that blends modern educational facilities with natural beauty. As a leading research university, it hosts numerous faculties, research centres, and laboratories dedicated to advancing knowledge across diverse disciplines, including science, engineering, and social sciences. The campus provides a unique environment where academic rigor meets the tranquil backdrop of the Palandöken mountains, offering an ideal setting for international scholarly exchange.

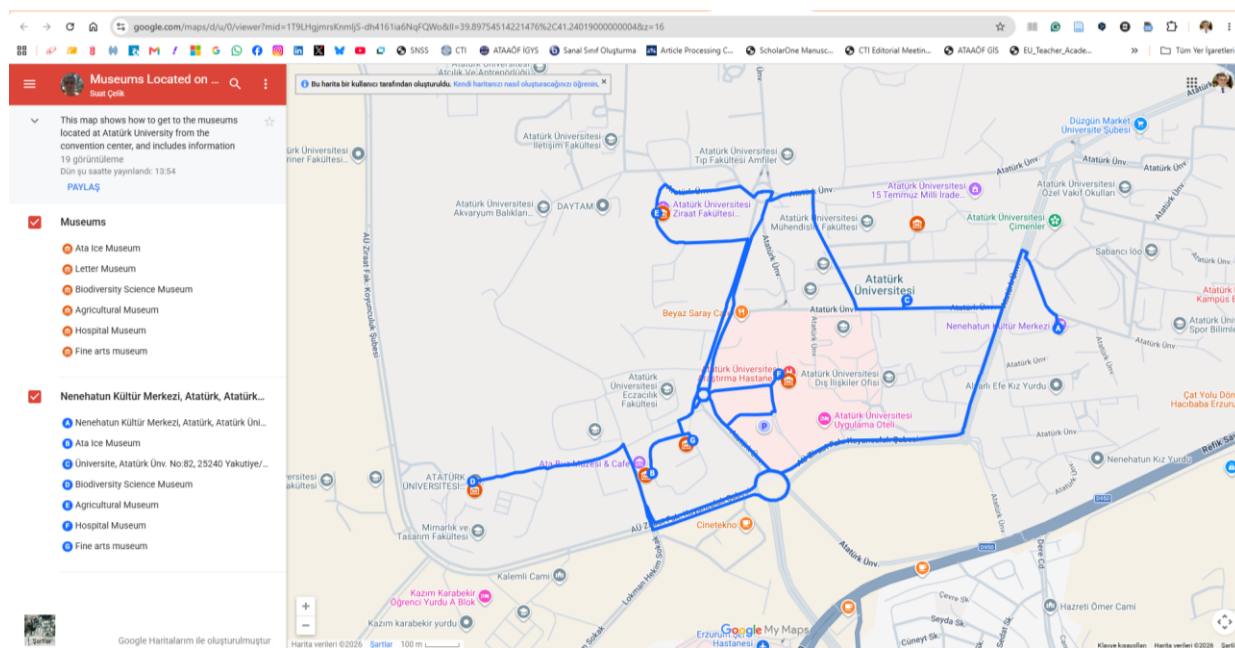
### Scientific and Cultural Landmarks

Beyond our lecture halls, the university hosts an impressive array of specialized museums and research centres that reflect our commitment to science, history, and the arts. We invite you to explore these cultural landmarks during your time on campus:

- **[Biodiversity and Science Museum](#)**: A fascinating window into the natural world, this museum showcases the rich flora and fauna of Eastern Anatolia, emphasizing the importance of ecological preservation in our high-altitude environment.
- **[Hurufat \(Printing\) Museum](#)**: A tribute to the art of the written word, this unique museum displays the history and evolution of printing techniques, preserving the legacy of traditional typography.
- **[Ata Ice Museum](#)**: A truly one-of-a-kind experience, this museum celebrates the region's snowy heritage. Using ice as a medium for sculpture and scientific preservation, it captures the artistic and physical essence of our winter climate.
- **[Agriculture Museum](#)**: Reflecting the deep-rooted agrarian history of the region, this museum documents the evolution of farming tools, techniques, and the transition toward modern agricultural sciences.
- **[Fine Arts Museum](#)**: A space dedicated to creativity, this museum features rotating exhibitions that highlight both traditional Turkish art forms and contemporary works by students and faculty.
- **[Eastern Anatolia Observatory \(DAG\)](#)**: Located at a high altitude, this state-of-the-art observatory is a crowning achievement in Turkish astronomy. It represents the frontier of space science in our region. You may join to the paid tour on Wednesday afternoon, 15 July.
- **[Ata Botanical Garden](#)**: A lush sanctuary on campus, this garden serves as a living laboratory for plant biology and ecology, showcasing the diverse flora of the high-altitude Eastern Anatolian plateau.

## Visitor Tips for Attendees

- **Ease of Access:** As a conference attendee, you are in the heart of our academic community. Most of these sites are located within the campus grounds and are easily accessible between conference sessions. You may find this map useful to guide you navigating between the places. *Click the image to go interactive map.*



- **Engage with Our Community:** The campus is a hub for innovation and social connection. We encourage you to interact with our faculty and students, who are always eager to share insights into their work.
- **Summer Comfort:** July in Erzurum is bright and refreshing. While the days are pleasant, the high elevation can bring crisp mornings and breezy evenings. A light jacket is recommended as you explore the campus grounds.

**Atatürk University is honoured to provide the backdrop for your discussions during ICCECRICE 2026. We hope your time here is both academically productive and culturally enriching as you explore the diverse knowledge housed within our campus.**