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Education

Ph.D. in Human Development Virginia Tech, Blacksburg, VA Concentration: Child and Adolescent Development	Expected 2027
B.A. in Psychology zyeęin University, Istanbul, Trkiye Honors: Magna Cum Laude	2022

Research Experience

Graduate Research Assistant Cognitive Developmental Science Lab Department of Human Development and Family Science, Virginia Tech PI: Dr. Koeun Choi	2023 - Present
Graduate Research Assistant Child Development Center for Learning and Research Department of Human Development and Family Science, Virginia Tech PI: Dr. Isabel Bradburn	2022 - Present
Undergraduate Research Assistant Templeton Character Development Project School of Education, University of California, Irvine PI: Dr. Sandra Simpkins Advisor: Dr. Zehra Glseven	2021 - 2022
Undergraduate Research Assistant Child Development and Learning Studies Lab Department of Psychology, zyeęin University PI: Dr. İbrahim H. Acar	2018 - 2022
Undergraduate Research Assistant Respond - EU Horizon 2020 Research Project Department of Humanities and Social Sciences, zyeęin University PI: Dr. Susan Rottman	2019 - 2021
Undergraduate Research Assistant Language & Communication Development Lab Department of Psychology, Koę University PI: Dr. Aylin Kntay	2020

Presentation

Peer-Reviewed Oral Presentations

- Gurdal, M. S., & Acar, İ. H. (2021, July 7-10). *niversite ęrencilerinin yabancı dil kaygısı ve yabancı dil ęrenimine ynelik inanęları arasındaki iliękinin incelenmesi* (En: Examining the relationship

between university students' foreign language anxiety and their beliefs about foreign language learning) [Paper presentation]. The 8th International Eurasian Educational Research Congress, Aksaray, Türkiye. <https://bit.ly/3nwPit3>

2. Karakoç, D., **Gurdal, M. S.**, Sezen, N., & Acar, İ. H. (2019, May 3). *Preschool children's coping strategies during self-regulation tasks* [Paper presentation]. The 2nd Annual Çiğdem Kağıtçıbaşı Psychology Research Festival, Istanbul, Türkiye. <http://doi.org/10.13140/rg.2.2.26483.86568>
1. **Gurdal, M. S.**, Karakoç, D., Sezen, N., & Acar, İ. H. (2019, April 25-27). *Çocukların ve öğretmenlerin çocukların öz düzenlemesi için kullandıkları stratejiler (En: Strategies used by children and teachers for children's self-regulation)* [Paper presentation]. The 14th National Preschool Teaching Student Congress, Istanbul, Türkiye. <https://hdl.handle.net/20.500.12415/5521>

Peer-Reviewed Poster Presentations

4. **Gurdal, M. S.**, Choi, K., Shin, E., Kim, J., Yu, S., & Smith, C. L. (2023, March 23-25). *Associations of maternal emotion regulation and mothers' and toddlers' screen use* [Poster presentation]. The Society for Research in Child Development 2023 Biennial Meeting, Salt Lake City, UT, USA
3. **Gurdal, M. S.**, & Acar, İ. H. (2022, June 19-23). *Associations among foreign language anxiety, self-regulation, and beliefs toward foreign language learning* [Poster presentation]. The 26th Biennial Meeting of the International Society for the Study of Behavioral Development, Rhodes, Greece.
2. Aktay, T., Kızıldaş, E., **Gurdal, M. S.**, Akkan, A., & Acar, İ. H. (2021, April 7-9). *The contributions of teacher-child relationships to children's social competence* [Poster presentation]. The Society for Research in Child Development 2021 Virtual Biennial Meeting, Virtual.
1. Akkan, A., Aktay, T., Kızıldaş, E., **Gurdal, M. S.**, & Acar, İ. H. (2020, June 29). *Exploring Turkish and American children's reactions to a disappointing situation* [Poster presentation]. The 3rd Annual Çiğdem Kağıtçıbaşı Psychology Research Festival, Istanbul, Türkiye.

Grants

Funded External Grants

2. **Research Grant**, The Scientific and Technological Research Council of Türkiye 2021 - 2022
 - Investigation of Moderator Role of Psychological Resilience on the Relationship Between Social Media Use and Depression (4,000.00 TRY)
 - PIs: **Mahmut Sami Gurdal**, Tunahan Aktay, Aleyna Akkan, Ekin Kızıldaş
 - Advisor: Dr. İbrahim H. Acar
1. **Research Grant**, The Scientific and Technological Research Council of Türkiye 2020 - 2021
 - Investigation of the Relationship Between Foreign Language Anxiety and Beliefs About Foreign Language Learning (3,980.00 TRY)
 - PI: **Mahmut Sami Gurdal**
 - Advisor: Dr. İbrahim H. Acar

Funded Internal Grants

5. **Travel Grant**, Department of Human Development and Family Science, Virginia Tech (\$850) 2023
4. **Travel Grant**, Graduate & Professional Student Senate, Virginia Tech (\$500) 2022
3. **Travel Grant**, Özyeğin University (€650) 2022
2. **Conference Attendance Grant**, Özyeğin University (\$25) 2021
1. **Internship Grant**, Özyeğin University (5,000 TRY) 2021

Teaching Experience

Graduate Assistant	2022 - Present
Department of Human Development and Family Science, Virginia Tech	
<i>Courses: Infancy and Early Childhood (Fall 2023, 2022)</i>	
<i>Curriculum in Early Childhood (Spring 2023)</i>	

Honors, Fellowships, & Awards

Membership Offer , Phi Kappa Phi	2023
Academic Fellowship , Hüsnü M. Özyeğin Foundation (\$3,000)	2022
High Honor Degree , Özyeğin University	2022
Dean's High Honor List , Özyeğin University	2019 - 2022
Full Scholarship for Bachelor's Degree , Özyeğin University	2017 - 2022
Membership Offer , Psi Chi - The International Honor Society in Psychology	2021
First Place Prize in Undergraduate Level , 3rd Çiğdem Kağıtçıbaşı Research Festival	2020
First Place Prize in Paper Presentations , 2nd Çiğdem Kağıtçıbaşı Research Festival	2019

Memberships

Society for Research in Child Development	2022 - Present
Psi Chi - The International Honor Society in Psychology	2021 - Present

Additional Education & Certificates

Social and Behavioral Research , CITI Program	2022
Basic Responsible Conduct of Research , CITI Program	2022
Mindfulness for Life , Özyeğin University	2021
Preschool Self-regulation Assessment , Child Development and Learning Studies Lab	2018

Computer Skills

Statistical Analysis: SPSS
 Experimental Design and Data Collection: PsychoPy, E-Prime, Qualtrics, ELAN
 Document Preparations: LaTeX, Microsoft Office (Word, Excel, PowerPoint)

References

Available upon request.