

Dear professor,

I am assistant professor at economics department of Faculty of Economics and Administrative Sciences in Firat University, Elazig-Turkey. I have graduated from economics faculty of Istanbul University in 2004 with honor/first degree. After that, I have completed my master and phd education in economics department of Istanbul University as well. By this time, I have started to work as a research assistant in the Istanbul University. I worked in there as a research assistant over the period 2004-2011. I have defended my phd thesis in the June of 2011. Since the December-2011, I have been working as an assistant professor in Firat University in Elazig-Turkey.

In the period of my doctorate education, I visited the economics department of Aarhus School of Business (ASB) in Denmark as a guest/ phd student for 6 months between the period 2010-September- 2011-February with scholarship from the Higher Education Foundation of Turkish Republic.

My research interests generally include applied macroeconomics topics. I have 10 published articles and international conference which generally include econometric applications. Of those articles, there are international articles, too. One of them is a SSCI publication. My phd thesis's topic was the "social capital and economic development". I applied panel data model on 44 European countries in its applied part. I completed its applied part in the ASB with the help of Christian Bjornskov, who is an associate professor in ASB.

Now, I want to visit your department as a visitor for a period that is appropriate for you. I do not need any financial support from your institution since I will apply the Scientific and Technological Research Council of Turkey /TUBITAK) for its post-doc scholarship. I will also be able to get financial help from my university. I need only acceptance for a period from you. My aim is to improve my language and follow some of your postgraduate courses. I want to have an academic international education experience by visiting your institution. I have searched for the best economic departments in the USA, and noticed that your institution is one of those best departments.

If you accept me for a visitor in your department for a period, I will really feel proud of this situation. Also, if you want to learn extra information about me, please let me know. I can inform you.

Sincerely

Burcu Özcan

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