# FURKAN ERIS

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#### **EDUCATION**

## Sabanci University

Istanbul, Turkey

BS in Computer Science

Sep 2021 - Jun 2025

- Sakip Sabanci Excellence Scholarship, Monthly Financial Aid Scholarship, High Honors
- Ranked top 0.03% among 2.5 million students in National University Entrance Exam.

#### Publications & Poster Presentations

Under Review: He, D., Dazard, J., Eris F., Durmaz, A., Bebek, G. (2024).

Integrative network analysis discovers causal regulatory network of system level measurements

Presented a poster on population dynamics at Microverse Symposium, Jena, Germany. (2023)

Volunteered at RECOMB 2023.

## Work/Research Experience

#### Helmholtz Munich - Theis Lab

Istanbul, Turkey

Researcher

Feb 2024 - Present

- Advisors: Alessandro Palma & Weixu Wang
- Developing an ODE-based cell fate inference tool considering the cell-specific and external latent time.

#### Sabanci University

Istanbul, Turkey

Undergraduate Researcher

Nov 2022 - Present

- Advisors: Oznur Tastan & Ogun Adebali
- Developing a general purpose protein language model that would be aware of phylogenetics along with sequence and structure information.
- Implementing an open-source backbone for future PLMs with a linear-time attention mechanism and optional cramming of pretraining down to one day with a single GPU.

#### Sabanci University - BIO 310 (Introduction to Bioinformatics)

Istanbul, Turkey

Learning Assistant

Feb 2024 - Present

TankX HFT Quant Analyst Istanbul, Turkey Apr 2024 - Present

• Working on developing models to exploit arbitrage opportunities and empower a market making scheme.

#### Leibniz Institute on Aging – Fritz Lipmann Institute (FLI)

Jena, Germany

Research Intern

Jul 2023 - Oct 2023

- Advisor: Melike Donertas
- Worked on mice lifespan prediction using longitudinal microbiome data.
- Developed both traditional, ODE based population models and tools, and machine learning models.

#### Case Western Reserve University

Ohio, USA

Researcher

Apr 2023 - Nov 2023

- Advisor: Gurkan Bebek
- Created a novel R package with a C++ interface on gene regulatory network and pathway analysis that outperforms the current state-of-the-art by 50% on average.

Optiver Remote

Spring Insights Participant

Apr 2022

• Developed a trading algorithm optimizing according to the rules such as at most **200** orders per second in Python using JupyterLab.

• Learned how to optimize the hedging strategy in order to maximize PnL in a simulated exchange.

# Sabanci University - CS 210 (Introduction to Data Science)

Istanbul, Turkey

Learning Assistant

Feb 2023 - Jun 2023

# AWARDS & ACTIVITIES

# Algorithm Competition Summer Camp $\mid C^{++}$

Inzva

Discussed and learned advanced Data Structures and Algorithms topics.

Jun 2022

# Online Programming Contest for Universities $\mid C^{++} \mid$

Inzva

Qualified for the final round as one of the 3 teams from Sabanci University.

Dec 2021

# Olympiad in Informatics $\mid C^{++} \mid$

**TUBITAK** 

Ranked top 10% in the first-round qualifiers for Turkish national team.

2020

#### **PROJECTS**

# Variant Calling and Evaluation Pipeline

Developed a complete pipeline that gets raw sequencing data and outputs significant variants based on literature, clinical data and scores out of in silico predictors.

2023

# Sudoku Solver | $C^{++}$

Created an algorithm that can solve the provided sudoku grids using backtracking.

2021