

Dear Members of the Selection Committee,

I have had the pleasure of knowing Orkun Bulut Duman for 18 years, through his mother, whom I have been working with at DenizBank Turkey. I have known Orkun in many circumstances, and I find him to be both an academically strong and confident student and a creative leader among his peers.

He is the type of student who always has willingness to learn and experiment new subjects and ideas. Although he is aware of his own intelligence, as evidenced by his willingness to challenge himself with honors courses and extra credit work, he has an air of modesty about him that makes him approachable and well-liked among his peer group. He is also very determined to run after his own ideas that he feels passionately about, even if they are different from those of the majority.

Orkun was interested in different topics during the years. Even at 3 years old, he was doing experiments with different materials like her mom's perfumes. He was chosen as a "gifted student" because of his creative painting ability at the age of 9. His education years at Bilsem (Gifted Children's School of Ministry of Education) provided him the privilege to try different topics like arts, music, literature, math, physics, chemistry and computer science. Orkun decided to concentrate his education on computer science. He worked on different projects on computer science at Bilsem and some of his projects have been awarded by The Scientific and Technological Research Council of Turkey (TUBITAK). One of his projects is pending at the stage of patent certification.

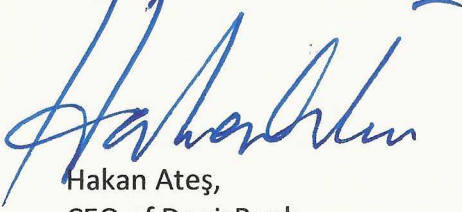
During his middle school and college years, he attended internship programs at DenizBank. Orkun took part in Internal Control and Compliance Department team during his internship between July 23 and August 3, 2012. He worked on projects of Internal Control and Compliance Department. In these projects, Orkun presented ideas which improved automation ratios specifically on control points. This provided high efficiency and proactive follow-ups on our processes. Thanks to his creative ideas, periodic controls within Internal Control and Compliance Department are now performed via automation scripts and dynamic proactive warnings. He also attended internship programs in our IT company, Intertech, between the years 2008-2011; he worked at many different departments like network management, systems management, software development, and IT security. Each time he attended the internship, he became a real team player. His commitment to the responsibility he has taken and his challenging questions, his creative ideas have significantly added value to our IT company processes.

Orkun, since the last three years, is in IT business and he is making money from his game web site **NoMercyMC.com**. He has built this website through his own creativity and passion, and administrated this website with his admin groups who are Orkun's colleagues. **NoMercyMC.com** is one of the most popular game websites in Turkey with 140.000 followers.

As a very versatile and capable young person who is very ambitious in everything he does, Orkun's interests range from arts like drumming, sports like body building to helping social communities and getting involved in different types of social responsibility projects. His leadership characteristics helped him to host very successful social programs such as educational summer program for public middle school students. I was impressed by his willingness and leadership role in making the full program and motivating his peers to take the responsibility on these social programs.

I sincerely believe that Orkun would make an excellent addition to your university. I recommend him without any hesitation. Should you have any questions, please feel free to contact me.

Truly Yours,



Hakan Ateş,
CEO of DenizBank