

GOKALP KALFA



ABOUT

I am an architectural designer currently pursuing my Master of Architecture (MArch, RIBA Part 2) at the Manchester School of Architecture. I graduated in 2024 as the top student of the Department of Architecture and second in the Faculty at Yaşar University. During my Erasmus+ exchange at ARCHIP in Prague, I was honored with the Best Studio Project award.

Before starting my postgraduate studies, I worked at Ofis Vesaire, where I contributed to design development, modeling, implementation drawings, visual communication, and site supervision, particularly focusing on detail and material finish control. My design approach combines narrative thinking with material and spatial experimentation, supported by digital tools and research-led processes.

I have participated in various architectural competitions individually, with my own team, and through collaborations with Studio Evren Başbuğ and Ofis Vesaire. My work has been recognized with Honorable Mentions in the Re-Using Barcelona Rooftops and Kingspan Microhome competitions, along with several national awards, including first, second, and third prizes.

REFERENCES

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WORK EXPERIENCE

Architect
Ofisvesaire
July 2024 – September 2025

Internship
Ofisvesaire
February 2024 – July 2024

Internship
Studio Evren Başbuğ Architects
Summer 2023

SRP (Scientific Research Projects) Assistant
Yaşar University
2022–2023

Construction Internship
Megapol İzmir
Summer 2022

VOLUNTEER WORK

Student Ambassador
ArchDaily Student Ambassador Program
2026 - Present

Student Representative
**Chamber of Architects
Student Commission “Çatıdakiler”**
2021–2024

In charge of the paper tube punching process
**Paper Tube Partition Shelters Shigeru Ban
Project for Turkey Earthquake Victims**
February 2023

Vice President
Architecture and Design Community
2021–2023

EDUCATION

M.Arch Architecture (Part II RIBA/ARB Accredited)
Manchester School of Architecture
2025 - Present

Bachelor of Architecture (100% English)
Yaşar University – Faculty of Architecture
Graduated as the 1st in the Department & 2nd in the Faculty
GPA: 3.51 / 4.00
2019 - 2024

Erasmus+ Exchange Program (100% English)
Architectural Institute in Prague (ARCHIP)
GPA: 4.00 / 4.00
2023 - 2024 Winter Semester

AWARDS

Best Overall Performance
AHR Vic Basil Professional Studies Prize
2026

First Prize
**MAKE Architects-Future Spaces
Foundation Student Design Competition**
2025

Community's Choice Award
Florence Hills – Architecture Competition
2025

Honorable Mention
**Kingspan Microhome Competition
#9 Edition 2025**
2025

Honorable Mention
**Reusing Rooftops Barcelona
2024 Competition**
2024

Third Prize
**ERKUT 1935 Entrance Spaces National
Student Ideas Competition**
2024

First Prize
**ZT Awards 2024 National Student
Architectural Design Competition**
2024

Best Student Project
Golden Roublík (GoRo) Award
Winter 2023/2024

Second Prize
**Kartalkaya Mountain Hotel, Ski (Nature)
Youth Center Student Idea Competition**
2023

SOFTWARE

Revit
AutoCAD
Rhino
Grasshoper
SketchUp
Archicad
Twinmotion
D5

Adobe Photoshop
Adobe Illustrator
Adobe InDesign
Adobe Premiere Pro