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Portfolio: Research and Strategy Associates Program

Emel Berfe Bük is a physician and emerging health policy professional contributing to **BAU HTA — Bahçeşehir University Health Technology Assessment Platform** as **Senior Associate**. Within BAU HTA, she is responsible for the **Health Policy and Reimbursement** portfolio in the Research and Strategy Associates Program and also leads the programme's associate team, representing the Research and Strategy Associates within the **BAU HTA Core Leadership Team**.

Her role is strategically important for BAU HTA's interdisciplinary platform model. By coordinating the Research and Strategy Associates Program, Dr. Bük supports the connection between BAU HTA's senior leadership and its young professional talent pipeline. This includes helping organize associate-level contributions in evidence review, policy tracking, research support, documentation, scientific communication, programme coordination, and stakeholder-oriented outputs.

Dr. Bük completed her medical education at **Bahçeşehir University Faculty of Medicine**. Her background combines medical training, international education, multilingual communication, student representation, and early professional experience in healthcare operations. Before medical school, she studied at the **International School of Almaty** and the **International School of Bremen**, giving her an international educational foundation and experience in multicultural environments.

During her medical education, Dr. Bük served as **Class Representative**, representing the interests and concerns of international students, conveying student feedback to the Dean's Office and relevant university authorities, and supporting communication between the university administration and her classmates. This experience is directly relevant to BAU HTA's work with students, early-career professionals, and international stakeholders, where clear communication, coordination, and representation are essential.

Dr. Bük also worked as a **Medical Officer at Marm Assistance**, where she gained early professional exposure to healthcare coordination and medical assistance services. This experience adds a practical healthcare operations perspective to her academic and policy-oriented role within BAU HTA.

Her early academic and extracurricular activities demonstrate a strong foundation in communication, organization, translation, and global engagement. She served as an **ASCO OSIG Translator**, supporting the translation of announcements, medical texts,

and medical video transcripts between Turkish and English for cancer awareness purposes. She also participated in international student initiatives including the **Global Issues Network**, **Model United Nations**, and debating activities, including serving as **President of the Debating Club** at the International School of Almaty.

Dr. Bük's multilingual profile is a valuable asset for BAU HTA's regional and international ambitions. She is listed as native or bilingual in **Turkish** and **Russian**, full professional in **English** and **German**, and elementary in **Kazakh**. This language capacity strengthens BAU HTA's ability to communicate across Türkiye, Europe, Central Asia, and neighboring regions, particularly in stakeholder engagement, regional collaboration, and international outreach.

Within BAU HTA, Dr. Bük's portfolio in **Health Policy and Reimbursement** supports the platform's work on evidence-informed decision-making, value assessment, access, coverage, reimbursement, and health-system relevance. Her role is especially aligned with BAU HTA's mission to build capacity across **health technology assessment, health economics and outcomes research, market access, value-based healthcare, and regional policy engagement**.

As Lead of the **Research and Strategy Associates Program**, Dr. Bük helps structure the contribution of BAU HTA's associate team across areas such as medicines evaluation, regulatory science, evidence support, literature review, scientific communication, documentation, programme development, and strategic partnerships. This role positions her as a key bridge between BAU HTA's academic leadership and its emerging researcher and young professional network.

Her profile is particularly relevant for stakeholders seeking to understand BAU HTA's commitment to developing the next generation of professionals in HTA, HEOR, market access, health policy, and evidence-informed decision-making. Through her coordination role, she contributes to BAU HTA's capacity to produce organized, responsive, and stakeholder-oriented work while also supporting the professional development of junior associates.

Through BAU HTA, Dr. Bük contributes to an interdisciplinary academic platform focused on **better evidence, stronger value demonstration, improved access strategies, and more informed health-system decisions**. Her combination of medical training, multilingual communication, international education, student leadership, and programme coordination makes her a valuable member of BAU HTA's emerging leadership and research strategy structure.