Atatürk University Astrophysics Research and Application Center (ATASAM) was established in 2012 in Erzurum in Atatürk University campus within its own building (3 floors, formed of administrative and technical units, ~1000 m²) as a research center directly affiliated to Rectorate. ATASAM aims to be a leader research center, at national and international levels, doing scientific researches, projects, observations, trainings, cooperation and other activities in the areas like astronomy, atmosphere, space sciences and technologies. ATASAM has completed the majority of its administrative (building, budget, executive council, administrative staff: 6, security: 9, etc.), technical (4x4 and tracked vehicles and motors, energy, fiber and RL internet, etc.) and team organization (academic and technical staff: 25, project consultants: 15, etc.) infrastructure; and is continuously updating and improving its structuring in accordance with prospective projects and changing needs. ATASAM is not a center in which studies solely on space sciences at international level will be implemented; but is sustaining its development as an R&D center that technological information to be gathered as a result of these studies and the constructed infrastructure (optics laboratory, mirror coating system, team and equipment, etc.) will serve to optics and space sciences and similar inter-disciplinary topics (optics, mechanics, software, data mining, image processing, atmosphere, coating, control system, etc.). Within this concept, ATASAM is open to every type of cooperation and partnership in its fields of study.

Vision
To be a leader research and application center in its area that is prestigious, innovative, competitive and participative at national and international levels.

Mission
To manage and offer infrastructural opportunities to innovative technologies for competitive research studies in the areas of astrophysics, space sciences and optic technologies at international levels and to carry out training activities and to make cooperation for producing and sharing updated and high quality scientific-technologic information.

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