

**AGREEMENT
FOR
SCHOLARLY EXCHANGE AND COLLABORATION
BETWEEN
ISTANBUL TECHNICAL UNIVERSITY
AND
UNIVERSITY AT BUFFALO, THE STATE UNIVERSITY OF NEW YORK**

The **State University of New York (SUNY)** has joined with the **Turkish Council of Higher Education (YOK)** to create educational opportunities for Turkish and American students. The agreement between SUNY and YOK will enable Turkish and American students to earn joint degrees in a number of disciplines through a combination of home-campus, distance learning, and study abroad methodologies.

The **University at Buffalo, The State University of New York** (hereinafter referred to as "UB") is the largest and most comprehensive campus in the SUNY system. UB has engaged in discussions with **Istanbul Technical University** (hereinafter referred to as "ITU") for some time, particularly in the fields of earthquake engineering research, informatics, and library administration and development. In recognition of many common interests shared and as an expression of desire to expand and strengthen the relationships developed between the two institutions, the **University at Buffalo** and **Istanbul Technical University** hereby agree to a program of academic and educational exchange. The specific parameters of this exchange are set forth below.

1. Exchange of Students

UB and ITU may nominate students (undergraduate, graduate, or a combination of both) for programs of study normally extending up to one academic year. The receiving institution will consider these applications in accordance with its standard practice for admission of exchange students, although it will respect to the greatest extent possible the nominations of the sending institution

- 1.1 The number of students to be exchanged will be determined each year by mutual agreement
- 1.2 Students will maintain registration at the sending institution and will be charged no entrance examination fee, admission fee, or tuition by the receiving institution. Academic and user fees assessed by the receiving institution are not included in this agreement, and students will be expected to pay such fees to the receiving institution.

- 1.3 Students must satisfy language proficiency requirements of the specific study program or department at the host institution.
- 1.4 The students may take courses or conduct research on special subjects provided by the host university in accordance with the Academic Regulations of each faculty or graduate school.
- 1.5 Receipt of students and enrollment in academic programs will be arranged on an individual basis. Admission decisions will be made in a timely manner and the sending institution notified of the decision.
- 1.6 Exchange students may be housed in residence hall or appropriate university accommodations if applications are received for such accommodation in advance. Housing costs are the responsibility of the exchange student.
- 1.7 Exchange students will be responsible for travel costs, living expenses, field trips, vacation travel, and incidental personal expenses.
- 1.8 Exchange students who fail to maintain satisfactory academic performance and/or who violate the rules and regulations of the receiving institution may be subject to dismissal from the exchange. Every effort will be exercised to consult with appropriate officials of the sending institution prior to any sanction or disciplinary action.
- 1.9 Exchange students are expected to abide by the laws and customs of the host country and by the policies and regulations of the receiving institution.
- 1.10 At UB minor illnesses may be treated at the institution's health center. However, hospital and other medical expenses are the sole responsibility of the exchange student at UB or ITU. Each student is required to have international medical insurance coverage including all medical, hospital and repatriation expenses while in the host country.

2. Exchange of Faculty and Administrative Staff

The faculty and administrative staff exchange program will seek to encourage the development of joint educational and research efforts in all areas of the university, and to strengthen programs in which there is a need for special expertise.

- 2.1 UB and ITU will consider each request for exchange of faculty and administrative staff on an individual basis.

- 2.2 Exchange participants will be nominated by the responsible office at the sending institution. The nomination will specify the length of stay intended for each visitor and will outline the proposed program and objective.
- 2.3 Exchange participants who are faculty researchers will be granted access without charge to library materials necessary for academic pursuits, as well as archives and laboratories required to conduct research.
- 2.4 Travel arrangements and the cost of travel for exchange participants between Istanbul and Buffalo are the responsibility of the individual participant.
- 2.5 Exchange participants should have sufficient language proficiency to ensure a productive experience. Each institution reserves the right to impose specific language proficiency requirements based on the proposed program and objectives.
- 2.6 The host institution will assist exchange participants with finding suitable accommodations. Cost of accommodation is the responsibility of the individual participant.
- 2.7 Exchange participants must carry comprehensive health insurance valid in the host country. The host institution will assist participants in obtaining coverage when necessary. Exchange participants will be charged the prevailing contractual rate for such insurance.

3. Other Considerations

- 3.1 This exchange is based on reciprocity and the two universities will do their utmost to ensure that equal number of participants should be exchanged over the five-year term of this agreement.
- 3.2 Each university will designate an office and officers for general program administration. Officers will be in regular contact with one another, especially with regard to exchange details necessary to implement this agreement.
- 3.3 The two universities may jointly develop research projects, distance education courses, dual degrees, or other collaborative ventures. Each such special project will be described in a separate protocol signed by both institutions. The protocol will detail the objectives of the project and the financial and human resources committed to the effort by each partner.

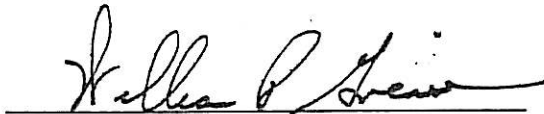
4. Term of Agreement and Renewal

This memorandum shall be effective from the date of signing and shall remain in effect for a period of five (5) years. During academic year 2006/2007, each university will review the exchange and a decision made to extend or terminate the agreement. In the event of major revision or cancellation of this Agreement, the receiving university will provide current participants with the opportunity to complete their approved program.

In Witness Hereof, the duly authorized representative of each university agrees to the provisions of this document.

Istanbul, Turkey
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