



**MEMORANDUM (MOU)
AGREEMENT FOR ACADEMIC COOPERATION**

2023 - 2028

BETWEEN

YEDİTEPE UNIVERSITY (Istanbul, Turkey)

AND

Urmia University (Urmia, Iran)

Yeditepe University (Istanbul, Turkey) and Urmia University (Urmia, Iran) believing that the process of university education can be enriched and international understanding strengthened, and recognizing the benefits to their respective universities from the establishment of international links and cooperation, conclude this agreement.

The Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) as outlined in this document is not intended to be a legally binding document. Rather, it is meant to describe the nature and cooperative intentions of those institutions involved and to suggest guidelines for cooperation. Nothing, therefore, shall diminish the full autonomy of either institution, nor may any constraints be imposed by either upon the other, and nothing in this Agreement shall be deemed to create a partnership, joint venture, or agency relationship between the parties.

The Memorandum of Understanding shall remain in force for a period of **five (5) years** from the date of the last signature and will be renewed automatically for periods of the same duration unless it is revoked with the understanding that it may be terminated by the appropriate authorities of either party giving **two (2) months** notice to the other party in writing, unless an earlier termination date is mutually agreed upon. The MOU may be amended or extended by mutual written consent of the two parties.

Yeditepe University (Istanbul, Turkey) and Urmia University (Urmia, Iran) wishing to establish relations between the two institutions, hereby agree to cooperate with each other in areas of mutual interest as follows:

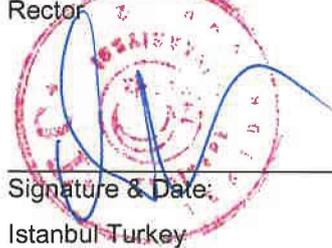
1. The purpose of this Agreement is to develop academic and educational cooperation and to promote mutual understanding between the universities.
2. The parties agree to cooperate primarily but not limited to the following academic areas in general;
Architecture
3. Both institutions agree and shall endeavor to promote collaborative activities in academic areas of mutual interest on a basis of equality and reciprocity, which shall include but not be limited to the following:
 - a) Exchange of academic information and materials
 - b) Promoting other academic cooperation as mutually agreed
 - c) Exchange of faculty, researchers and other research administrative staff
 - d) Exchange of students: graduate and undergraduate to be specified in separate negotiated agreements
 - e) Conducting collaborative projects and research collaboration
 - f) Conducting lectures and organizing symposia
3. The terms of cooperation for each specific activity implemented under this MOU shall be mutually discussed and agreed upon in writing by both parties in a separate agreement, prior to the initiation of that activity. Any such implementation agreements will form appendices to this memorandum of Understanding.
4. The development and implementation of specific activities based on this Agreement will be separately negotiated and agreed between the faculties, schools or institutes, which carry out the

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- specific projects. Both universities agree to carry out these activities in accordance with the laws and regulations of the respective countries after full consultation and approval.
5. Financial and/or funding considerations shall become the subject of specific discussion and agreement within the framework of a separate implementation agreement. No financial commitment whatsoever, on the part of either signatory to this general document, is intended or implied.
 6. It is understood that the implementation of any of the types of cooperation stated in clause 2 shall depend upon the availability of resources and financial support at the universities concerned.
 7. Should any collaborative research activity under this Agreement result in any potential for intellectual property, both universities shall seek an equitable and fair understanding as to ownership and other property interests that may arise.
 8. Administrative and academic contacts to develop and coordinate the specific activities agreed upon are;
 - Academic Contact/s: for the Architecture Department for Yeditepe University is Prof. Dr. Gülçin Küçükkaya (gulcin.kucukkaya@yeditepe.edu.tr) and for Urmia University Prof. Dr. Mozaffar Abbaszadeh (mozaffarabbaszadeh@gmail.com)
 - Administrative Contact for Yeditepe University is Burcu Atalay Emre (globalstudy@yeditepe.edu.tr) and for Urmia University is Dr. Majid Abbasalizadeh (intl.relations@urmia.ac.ir)

Yeditepe University
Prof. Dr. ~~Canan~~ AYKUT BINGÖL
Rector


Signature & Date:
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Urmia University
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Rector


Signature & Date: 
Urmia Iran **10/10/2023**

Notification of any change in liaison officers may be made by letter without amending this MOU Agreement