

**ACADEMIC AND SCIENTIFIC COOPERATION PROTOCOL BETWEEN
ANKARA HACI BAYRAM VELI UNIVERSITY
AND
URMIA UNIVERSITY**

In order to establish and further promote the bilateral collaboration, Ankara Hacı Bayram Veli University, Türkiye and Urmia University, Iran join in the following Memorandum of Understanding on educational and cultural cooperation.

The two universities will endeavour to cooperate in education and research in areas of mutual interest. To the extent feasible, both universities will encourage contact and cooperation between academic staff, departments, research institutions and students.

To coordinate joint educational activities and to develop educational programs, a commission will be established on behalf of the Coordination Board of Ankara Hacı Bayram Veli University and Urmia University with one member chosen from the each of the universities.

DUTIES OF THE COORDINATION BOARDS

1. To determine the academic staff and teaching time in the branches to be exchanged for faculty members,
2. To determine the undergraduate and postgraduate students to be sent to receive education from both universities and the duration of their education,
3. To determine the number of students to be sent, at least 1 month before the start of the new academic year,
4. To prepare a program that determines where the scientific activities (research, conference, congress, seminar etc.) to be organized jointly by the parties will be held, their scope, time and duration and send it to the Rectorates of both Universities for approval at least 2 (two) months before the start of each academic year.

I. AREAS OF COOPERATION

Specific areas of cooperation between the two universities may include, but are not limited to, the following:

1. Exchange of academic staff;
2. Exchange of undergraduate and postgraduate students;
3. Joint research activities, lecture and/or e-learning;
4. Participation in seminars and academic meetings;
5. Co-organization of short term training programs;
6. Exchange of published academic materials and other information;
7. Special short-term academic programs.

II. EXCHANGE OF ACADEMIC STAFF

1. Travel expenses and accommodation costs of exchange faculties, researchers are the responsibility of the Exchange Academic Staff.
2. The host institution shall provide office space and give access to libraries and other facilities to exchange faculties.
3. Duration of academic staff exchanges will be evaluated on an individual basis.
4. Academic staff exchanges remain subject to the approval of the host institution.
5. Academic staff's salary is continued to be paid by his/her institution.
6. The health insurance is the responsibility of the Exchange Academic Staff.

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III. EXCHANGE OF UNDERGRADUATE AND POSTGRADUATE STUDENTS

1. Such applications are honored by Ankara Hacı Bayram Veli University and by Urmia University on the principle of reciprocity during the same academic year.
2. The Student Exchange period consists of at least one, at most two terms. The calculation of terms can be revised by considering the education system. However, the total exchange period shall not exceed one education-training year.
3. Exchange students shall be recommended by the sending institution and follow established rules and procedures set forth by the host institution.
4. Admission of postgraduate exchange students is subject to the precondition that they find a suitable advisor at the relevant university.
5. A bilingual (in the official language of the countries and/or in English) certificate related to the research conducted by graduate students, in accordance with the rules and regulations of universities, will be issued by the university.
6. Travel, accommodation and health insurance expenses are the responsibility of the students.
7. The courses that students will take are selected from the course pool of the host institution.

IV. COLLABORATION ON RESEARCH AND ON OTHER SCIENTIFIC EDUCATIONAL ACTIVITIES

1. The universities will make every effort towards the development, materialization and application of research projects in fields which are of mutual interest.
2. In the fields of mutual interest, the Universities may organize conferences, seminars, courses; exchange literature, publications and information.
3. The International Relations Offices of the two universities will be in contact on all kinds of research, cooperation and student exchange issues specified in the content of the agreement.

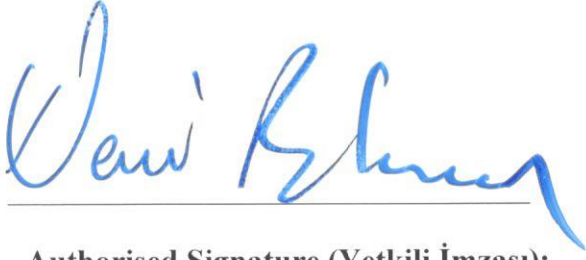
V. RENEWAL, TERMINATION, AND AMENDMENT

1. These regulations are to be authorized by the official representative of both universities in two copies, and each party will retain one.
2. Except where specified and agreed upon, this Memorandum of Understanding will impose no financial obligations on the host institution.
3. The period of validity of this Memorandum of Understanding is five (5) years. Thereafter, it will be automatically renewed unless either side provides a three-month notice of intent to terminate. This Memorandum of Understanding will become effective at that time signed by the authorized representatives of both institutions.
4. Items not covered by the Memorandum of Understanding may be determined and negotiated separately by both institutions without abrogating this Memorandum of Understanding; the Memorandum of Understanding may be amended with the consent of both parties.

This Memorandum of Understanding is prepared and signed in two originals in English. Each party holds one original copy of the agreement.

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**For and on behalf of the Ankara Hacı
Bayram Veli University:**



**Authorised Signature (Yetkili İmzası):
Prof. Dr. Mehmet Naci Bostancı
Rector**

**ANKARA HACI BAYRAM VELİ
UNIVERSITY**

**For and on behalf of the Urmia
University:**



**Authorised Signature (Yetkili İmzası):
Prof. Dr. Ahmad Alijanpour
Rector**

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