



PROTOCOL ON INTERNATIONAL EDUCATIONAL COOPERATION

between

**YILDIZ TECHNICAL UNIVERSITY
Istanbul, Republic of Turkey**

and

**UNIVERSITY OF EASTERN FINLAND
Finland**

In order to promote further the existing cultural and educational cooperation between Turkey and Finland, University of Eastern Finland (UEF) and Yıldız Technical University (YTU) join in the following protocol on educational and scientific cooperation.

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

I. AREAS OF COOPERATION

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

1. Exchange of faculty;
2. Exchange of students;
3. Joint research activities, lectures and lectures via-e-learning;
4. Participation in seminars and academic meetings;
5. Exchange of published academic materials and other information;
6. Special short-term academic programs.

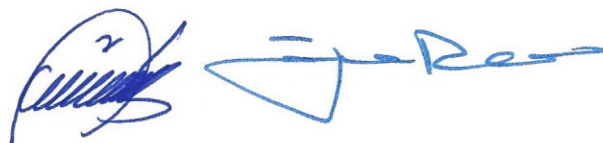
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II. EXCHANGE OF FACULTY

1. Although travel expenses and living costs of exchange faculty and research scholars are not compensated by the host institution, in case additional financial support is needed it will be evaluated on an individual basis.
2. The host institution shall provide office space and give access to libraries and other facilities to exchange faculty and research scholars.
3. Unless otherwise agreed upon, all exchanges are on the basis of reciprocity.
4. Faculty/scholar exchanges will normally be for the duration of one or two semesters, shorter or longer stays are possible, subject to mutual agreement.
5. Faculty/scholar exchanges remain subject to the approval of the host institution.
6. Each professor remains on salary with the home institution during the exchange, and remuneration for special projects is subject to special negotiation.
7. Visiting professor/scholars must carry medical health insurance in accordance with the rules and regulations of the host institutions and/or the host government.
8. Teaching course loads and working hours and conditions shall normally be in accordance with established rules and practices of the host institution, subject to prior negotiation and agreement.
9. The Protocol between UEF and YTU may be in any appropriate academic field at either institution, subject to the prior approval of the administration of the host institution.

III. EXCHANGE OF STUDENTS

1. Such applications are honored by UEF and YTU on the principle of reciprocity.
2. Exchange students shall be admitted as non-degree students for a period of one or two terms (fall or spring), or for both semesters, and for a maximum of one academic year.
3. Exchange students may take courses for credit, and the host institution shall issue a transcript and grades for exchange students under the same rules and regulations as for its degree-seeking students.
4. No tuition fees shall be required from incoming exchange students by the host institution. Incoming exchange students shall be responsible for their travel, accommodation and living costs. Students coming to UEF's campuses in Joensuu, Kuopio or Savonlinna shall apply for accommodation directly from the private student housing companies based in these cities (www.joensuuunelli.fi; www.kuopas.fi; or www.sao.fi).
5. Exchange students shall be recommended by the sending institution and follow established rules and procedures set forth by the host institution.
6. Travel arrangements, securing a student visa, residence permit, health insurance coverage (covering possible costs of hospitalization and repatriation), the Student Union membership fee, and the fees of optional study tours included in the student's academic program, shall be the responsibility of each exchange student.
7. The full range of services normally available to international students enrolled at the host institution shall be provided to each exchange students. At the University of Eastern Finland, student exchanges shall be administered by the International Mobility Services; at Yıldız Technical University, student exchanges shall be administered by the International Relations Office.



8. Students coming to YTU are required to get the proper visas prior to coming to Turkey so that it will be possible to acquire the Long Term Residence Permit in Istanbul.

IV. 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 Protocol will impose no financial obligation on the host institution.
3. The two institutions will evaluate each application in accordance with items pertaining to the implementation of the exchange programs based on this protocol.
4. The period of validity of this Protocol is for five (5) years. Thereafter, it is renewed yearly, unless either side provides a six-month notice of intent to terminate. This Protocol will become effective at the time it is signed by the authorized representatives of both institutions.
5. Items not covered by the Protocol may be determined and negotiated separately by both institutions without abrogating this Protocol; the Protocol may be amended with the written consent of both parties.

V. MISCELLANEOUS

OWNERSHIP OF RESULTS

The ownership of results shall rest with the university which created, invented or generated the results. The results generated by joint efforts shall be the joint property of the universities. Any financial or other benefits generated would be shared by the universities in proportion with the efforts/inputs contributed by each university.

DISPUTE RESOLUTION

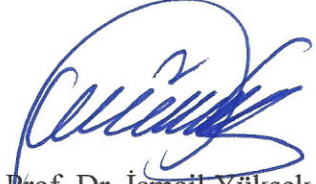
Any difference or disputes between the universities concerning the interpretation or implementation or application of any of the provisions of this Protocol shall be settled amicably through mutual consultation or negotiations.

In the event of any controversy, claim or dispute arising out of or relating to any provision of this Protocol, the universities shall try to settle those conflicts amicably between themselves within ninety (90) days as of either university's request for amicable settlement negotiations.

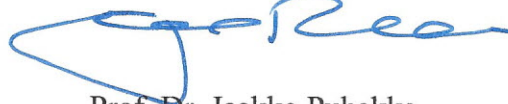


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This Protocol is signed in English, in the city of Istanbul, Republic of Turkey and in the city of Joensuu, Finland. Upon the approval of the partner university by the Turkish Council of Higher Education, this protocol will be valid. Each party holds one original signed Protocol.



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