



MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

BETWEEN

AZERBAIJAN STATE OIL AND INDUSTRY UNIVERSITY AND YILDIZ TECHNICAL UNIVERSITY

Azerbaijan State Oil and Industry University (Republic of Azerbaijan) and The University of Yildiz Technical University (Republic of Türkiye), hereinafter referred to as Participants, concluded the present Memorandum of Understanding, made as of the ____ of April, 2025, with the primary aim of establishing a program of exchange and collaboration in areas of mutual interest.

Paragraph I

Purpose of Collaboration

The purpose of collaboration between Participants is:

- to promote interest in teaching and research activities of the respective institute (university);
- 2. to collaborate on joint research proposals;
- 3. to promote faculty member, student and staff exchanges where feasible.

Paragraph II

Areas of Collaboration

In order to achieve these goals, the Participants will seek opportunities:

- 1. to promote exchange opportunities between the institutes (universities) by inviting faculty members and staff of the partner institute (university) to participate in a variety of teaching and/or research activities;
- It is understood that the acceptance of any student shall be at the discretion of the institute (university) providing the learning experience, and that all incoming students will be responsible for their own living expenses and shall at all times comply with the policies and regulations of the host institution;

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- 3. to organize symposia, conferences, short-term courses and meetings on research issues;
- 4. to implement joint research and lifelong learning educational programs;
- 5. to exchange information on innovative teaching and administrative practices;
- 6. to organize joint actions on environmental management;
- 7. exchange of scientific and methodological publications.

Paragraph III

Implementation Procedures

Each Partner Institute (University) will appoint a coordinator in order to supervise and facilitate the implementation of this Memorandum and the development of future exchange programs. The coordinators, working with other administrators and representatives from the departments of the respective universities participating in cooperation, will have the following responsibilities:

- 1. to promote academic collaboration on both faculty and graduate student level for research and education;
- 2. to act as principal contact point for individual and group activities;
- 3. to plan and coordinate all activities in which cooperation with the partner institute (university) is desired;
- 4. to disseminate information about the ongoing activities and academic outcomes resulting from collaborative initiatives;
- 5. to provide access to the resources, research publications, library materials, and educational tools of the partner institution;
- 6. if desirable, to evaluate regularly past activities and generate new ideas for future cooperation;
- 7. if necessary, to establish a working group consisting of representatives from faculties and departments in order to define the strategy for implementation of this Memorandum.

The coordinator for the **Azerbaijan State Oil and Industry University** will be Ms. Nazrin Shirinova, Head of Department of International Cooperation, Projects, and Industry Relations (international@asoiu.edu.az, +994 12 493 3368)

The coordinator for the **Yildiz Technical University** will be Mr. Prof. Dr. Vatan Karakaya, Vice-Rector (vkkaya@yildiz.edu.tr, intoffice@yildiz.edu.tr, +90 212 383 32 07)

Paragraph IV

Establishment of Further Collaboration

This general Memorandum of Understanding shall be identified as the parent document of any program executed by both parties. Further agreements concerning any program should

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provide details concerning the specific commitments made by each part and shall not be effective until they have been agreed upon in writing and executed by the duly authorized representatives of the respective universities. The scope of the activities under this agreement shall be determined by and subject to the funds available in both institutions. No specific financial commitment by either party is to be derived from this memorandum. Nothing in this memorandum prevents centers, laboratories or institutes from engaging in mutually beneficial projects and sharing the cost.

Paragraph V

Financial Implications

The funding of activities related to this Memorandum of Understanding will be determined at the time a specific project for a specific activity is approved by both Participants to this Memorandum of Understanding. Both Participants understand that all financial arrangements which are negotiated will depend on the availability of funds.

Paragraph VI

Amendments

Any Participant may request, in writing, to review, amend, or modify this Memorandum in whole or in part.

Any such revision, amendment, or modification shall be mutually agreed upon by the Participants in writing and shall constitute an integral part of this Memorandum.

Paragraph VII

Settlement of disagreements

If any dispute arises regarding any aspect of academic cooperation, both Participants shall resolve the matter jointly in a spirit of independence, mutual respect, and shared responsibility.

Paragraph VIII

Liability clauses

The Memorandum of Understanding does not create any rights and commitments regulated by international law.

Paragraph IX

Ethical Issues

Written consent from both partner institutions must be obtained prior to using the titles "Cooperating Institution," "Affiliated Institution," or the name of any institute (university) or its

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division. The same procedure applies to the use of any logo, seal or insignia as part of a program, promotional material, brochure or website.

In addition, faculty members engaged in current or future collaborative agreements must follow established academic practices related to research and joint projects. In any case, when such an affiliation status is used, the coordinator must be notified in writing. The researcher/faculty member must also abide by the disciplinary and professional codes of ethics related to research. Furthermore, it is understood that neither institution is responsible for the content of any researcher's work. Ideally, a copy of the completed work should be handed to the coordinator.

Paragraph X

Enter into force and termination

This Memorandum of Understanding comes in force upon signing by Participants and shall remain in effect for **5 years**, unless terminated earlier by either institution.

This Memorandum of Understanding may be terminated by either of the Participants in written consent. In this case, the termination of the Memorandum of Understanding will take effect after the expiry of a six (6) months period after receiving the notification about its termination.

In the event of this Memorandum's expiry or termination, its provisions will continue to be implemented with respect to all ongoing programmes and projects until they are completed.

Signed in three (3) original copies in _____ on April, 2025, in the Azerbaijani, Turkish and English languages, all texts being equally authentic.

Paragraph XI

Authorization for the execution of the Memorandum of Understanding

For the Memorandum, the representatives shall be as follows:

Yildiz Technical University

Prof. Dr. Eyüp DEBİK, Rector

Azerbaijan State Oil and Industry University

Assoc. Prof. Rufat AZIZOV, Rector