



TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY
COMMERCE

PROTOCOL ON INTERNATIONAL EDUCATIONAL COOPERATION

between

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

And

**TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY-COMMERCE
United States of America**

In order to promote further the existing cultural and educational cooperation between Turkey and India, Yıldız Technical University (YTU) and Texas A&M University-Commerce join in the following protocol on educational and scientific cooperation.

The two universities will endeavor to cooperate in education 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. Participation in seminars and academic meetings;
4. Special short-term academic programs.

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 YTU and Texas A&M University-Commerce 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 YTU and Texas A&M University-Commerce on the principle of reciprocity as applicable for qualifying credit.
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 with students' permission to disclose.
4. So long as the principle of reciprocity is maintained, tuition and fees shall be waived for exchange students by the host institution so long as both institutions reasonably settle up for said reciprocity.
5. Exchange students shall be recommended by the sending institution and follow established rules and procedures set forth by the host institution.

6. Travel and living expenses for exchange students are borne by the students themselves, by a sponsor, or by the sending institution.
7. 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.
8. An affidavit of Financial Support (AFS) for living expenses must be submitted in advance to the host institution by the exchange student(s).
9. TAMUC has sole responsibility as the home institution for U.S. Title IV financial aid processing, disbursement, and record keeping for any TAMUC student participating in programs described by this Agreement. YTU will provide less than 50% of the coursework applied to the TAMUC degree being pursued by TAMUC students under this Agreement.
10. TAMUC is accredited by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools' Commission on Colleges ("SACSCOC") to award associate, baccalaureate, masters, and doctoral degrees. YTU is not accredited by SACSCOC and the accreditation of TAMUC does not extend to or include YTU or its students. Although TAMUC accepts certain course work in transfer toward a credential from YTU, or collaborates in other ways for generation of course credits or program credentials, other colleges and universities may or may not accept this work in transfer, even if it appears on a transcript from TAMUC. This decision is made by the other institution subsequently considering the possibility of accepting such credits.

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, however no renewal, extension or modification may exceed a total duration of five (5) years. This Protocol will become effective at the time it is last 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 consent of both parties.

V. MISCELLANEOUS

1. This Protocol shall be carried out subject to availability of funds and written approval of both parties.
2. This Protocol is not intended to be legally binding but simply expresses the intentions and understandings of the parties. It shall, however, form the general basis of a future project agreement to be specifically drafted and executed.
3. Any difference or disputes between the parties concerning the interpretation or implementation or application of any of the provisions of this Protocol shall be settled amicably through mutual consultation or negotiations.

This Protocol is signed in, in the city of Istanbul, Republic of Turkey and in the city Commerce, Texas, the United States. Each party holds one original signed Protocol.



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