



MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING - FRAMEWORK FOR ACADEMIC COLLABORATION

Between

UNIVERSITI SAINS MALAYSIA, MALAYSIA

Represented by **Prof. Dato' Seri Ir. Dr. Abdul Rahman Mohamed**, *FASc*Vice-Chancellor of Universiti Sains Malaysia

&

UNIVERSITY of KARABUK, TÜRKİYE

Represented by **Prof. Dr. Fatih KIRIŞIK**Rector of University of Karabuk in Türkiye,

(Hereinafter referred to collectively as "Parties" or individually as "Party")

Whereas

The Parties have decided to enter into this Memorandum of Understanding - Framework for Academic Collaboration (hereinafter referred to as "MoU") in order to promote, facilitate and consolidate international cooperation in education and research, based on the principles of reciprocity and mutual benefit.

Decide as follows: Article 1. Areas of Corporation

The areas of cooperation shall include, subject to mutual consent, any activity or program at either institution as considered feasible and desirable on either side in order to foster and develop the cooperative academic relationship between the two parties.

Article 2. Modes of Cooperation

- 2.1 The implementation of research and study programs determined in conformity with Article 1 may be carried out through the joint realization of research projects and teaching programs at the location of both Parties, according to the modalities specified in Article 4 of this MoU.
- 2.2 More specifically, these are the areas of cooperation that may be used in a separate written agreement(s) ("Specific Agreement") to which the Parties agree to, included the following:
 - (a) Exchange of scholars;
 - (b) Joint research projects;
 - (c) Joint teaching and/or supervision of students;
 - (d) Joint participation in workshops and/or conference days;
 - (e) Student mobility and prospective exchange of students (as may be mutually agreed upon); and
 - (f) Participation of students in Study Abroad programs hosted by each Party.

Article 3. Liaison

Where needed, the Parties will appoint a faculty member as coordinator of the activities entailed in this MoU who will also be responsible for facilitating and maintaining communication with the other Party for that purpose.

Article 4. Specific Cooperation MoUs

- 4.1 Nothing in this MoU shall be construed as creating any legal or financial relationship or commitment between the two Parties.
- 4.2 The terms of collaboration and the necessary funding for each program and activity shall be mutually negotiated, discussed and agreed upon in writing by both Parties in a Specific Agreement prior to the initiation of any particular program or activity. Each Party will designate where needed, a lead coordinator for the activities or programs of potential cooperation that may form the basis for Specific Agreement to be executed between the Parties. Besides implementation modalities specifying academic, organizational, technical and financial aspects, each Specific Agreement shall contain terms relating to intellectual property rights and procedures for publication, etc.

Article 5. Principles

All participants will be treated in the same non-discriminatory manner in carrying out the provisions of the MoU, subject to the provisions of the policies and requirements of each of the Parties.

Article 6. Terms of Cooperation

6.1 Duration

This MoU shall commence on the date of the last signature ("Effective Date"), this being the date when both Parties have duly accepted the conditions laid down in this MoU. The MoU shall be in force for five (5) years from the Effective Date and may be renewed by mutual written consent of the authorized officials of the Parties.

6.2 Amendments

Any amendment and/or modification of the MoU will require written approval of both Parties and shall be appended hereto.

6.3 Termination for convenience

Either Party reserves the right to terminate this MoU at any time, for any or no reason, subject to ninety (90) days prior written notice to the other Party hereto. Any program or activity that has already commenced pursuant to a Specific Agreement, shall survive the termination of this MoU and must be completed to the best of both Parties' abilities pursuant and subject to the terms of the relevant Specific Agreement.

This MoU is drafted in 2 original copies in English with identical content.

Signed for and on behalf of UNIVERSITI SAINS MALAYSIA

Prof. Dato' Seri Ir. Dr. Abdul Rahman Mohamed, *FASc*

Vice-Chancellor of Universiti Sains Malaysia

Place: USM, Penang

Date: ...21.10.2024

Signed for and on behalf of

UNIVERSITY of KARABUK

TÜRKİYE

Prof. Dr. Fatih KIRIŞIK

Rector of University of Karab

Place: XALABUK

Date: 2.10.2024