



Azarbaijan Shahid Madani University



AZARBAIJAN SHAHID MADANI UNIVERSITY
ERCIYES UNIVERSITY
MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING
AZARBAIJAN SHAHID MADANI UNIVERSITY (ASMU)
&
ERCIYES UNIVERSITY (ERÜ)

1. Preamble

- 1.1 Azarbaijan Shahid Madani University, Iran and Erciyes University, Türkiye are willing to enter into closer cooperation in the development of education services to their students and formally establish this Memorandum of Understanding (hereinafter referred to as MOU).
- 1.2 The purpose of this MOU is to promote and expand international understanding, development, and friendship as well as stimulate and support educational, professional and intercultural activities and projects among students and staff of the two institutions and the respective communities which support these institutions.
- 1.3 Identified general activity areas of mutual interest and concern may include but are not limited to the following:
- Student exchange programs
 - Faculty/staff exchange programs
 - Cultural exchange programs
 - Visiting scholars/tutors
 - Joint research projects
 - Joint and double degree programs
 - Short term training programs/projects/and service-learning programs
 - Joint and exchange lecturing plans and co-organizing conferences and seminars
 - Summer schools and student tours
- 1.4 The term "host" institution refers to the university a student or staff member plans to visit. The term "home" institution refers to the university where a student is a full-time, degree-seeking student or, in the case of staff members, the university where the staff member is regularly employed.

2. Term and Termination of the MOU

The term of this MOU shall be five academic years beginning from the date signed. The MOU may be renewed for additional periods by written agreement of the institutions, signed by the authorities of each of them, prior to the end of the initial five-year term (or any subsequent extension of the MOU). During the initial five-year term (and subsequent extensions, if any), the parties shall consult at least annually to discuss the cooperation programs, any problems that have arisen, and opportunities for improvement. Either party may terminate this MOU at any time (during the initial five-year period or any extension period) by giving written notice, with the termination taking effect at the end of the period specified in the notice.

3. Contact Person

Because of the desirability of implementing MOU activities in a systematic manner Azarbaijan Shahid Madani University and Erciyes University will designate a contact person assigned with the responsibility of coordinating MOU activities in general terms. For Azarbaijan Shahid Madani University this will be Dr. Amir Abbas Matin, the Director of International Academic Cooperation Office, and for Erciyes University this will be **Prof. Dr. Mustafa Öztürk, Director of International Office.**

4. Student/Faculty/Staff Exchange

- 4.1. Both Parties are committed to establishing the student exchange on *Bachelor's, Master's and Ph.D. student levels*. Such exchanges may be for short specific courses or longer periods of up to one academic year. The Parties agree to sign a separate annual student and staff exchange plan.
- 4.2 Such activities may include faculty exchange for instructional and/or research activities for short term or extended periods of time; conducting conferences, seminars and/or lecture series; providing professional expertise as consultants on special projects within the institutions; exchange of short term visits for exploration of further development activities between the two institutions; developing activities within mutually interesting education and research areas and related subjects in the community in which the institutions are located; and other activities as may be identified during the term of the MOU.
- 4.3 In general, faculty exchange activities are also implemented through a request/review/approval process involving the two institutions.
- 4.4 The undersigned institutions are also committed to consider their partnership for any further exchange projects supported by their respective national governments and EU authorities.

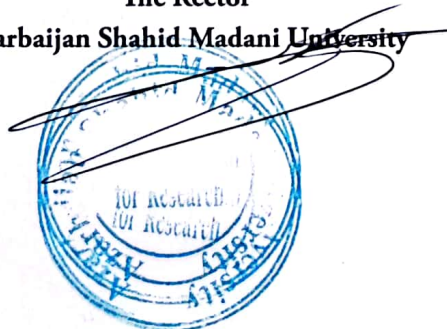
5. Confidentiality

Each party reserves the Intellectual Properties Right for its employees, students and agents in accordance with this MOU, and each party awards the other party a permission to use this irrevocable right for the purpose of teaching and internal research for that party. Also, the two parties have agreed that the used mutual information can be employed only for the purposes specified here with no transference of the information to a third party without a prior written approval from the other party.

6. This MOU is signed in the city of Tabriz on 08.27.2024, and written in two identical copies in English in 6 articles and 8 paragraphs. Each copy has identical legal effect.

Signed & sealed:

Prof. Dr. Mohammad Bagher Sadeghi Azad
The Rector
Azarbaijan Shahid Madani University



Signed & sealed:

Prof. Dr. Fatih Altun
The Rector
Erciyes University

