



Azarbaijan Shahid Madani University



Sivas Cumhuriyet University

MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

AZARBAIJAN SHAHID MADANI UNIVERSITY (TABRIZ, IRAN) & SIVAS CUMHURIYET UNIVERSITY (SIVAS, TURKEY)

1. Preamble

- 1.1 Azarbaijan Shahid Madani University, Iran and Sivas Cumhuriyet University, Turkey 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 lecture content, conferences and seminars
- 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 Sivas Cumhuriyet 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. Farzad Salahshour, the Head of International Academic Relations Office, and for Sivas Cumhuriyet University this will be

4. Student/Faculty/Staff Exchange

- 4.1. Both Parties are committed to establishing the student exchange on *bachelor, master and Ph.D. student level*. 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. This agreement has been signed in two copies in English and each party will retain one of the copies.

Signed & sealed:

Prof. Hassan Valizadeh
The Rector
Azarbaijan Shahid Madani University

Date

H. Valizadeh



Signed & sealed:

Prof. Dr. Alim Yildiz
The Rector
Sivas Cumhuriyet University

Date

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