



# Addendum to the Memorandum of Understanding Between Atatürk University, Turkey and National Chung Hsing University Subject –Student Exchange Programs

This addendum to the Memorandum of Understanding signed by Atatürk University (hereinafter referred to as Atatürk University) and the National Chung Hsing University (hereinafter referred to as NCHU) on the date of last signature, contains the terms of agreement under which Atatürk University and NCHU (hereinafter referred to individually as Party and collectively as the Parties) will conduct Student Exchange programs.

## Glossary

| A home university -   | The university at which an exchange student is enrolled in a full-time   |
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|                       | degree program.  |
| A host university -   | The university at which an exchange student participates in a program of |
|                       | study and/or research.   |
| An exchange program - | Any non-degree program offered by a host university.                     |

# **Terms of Agreement**

## **1. Number of Participants**

- 1.1. Within the period of one academic year, each Party may exchange either up to 2(subject to discussion) full-time undergraduate or postgraduate students for one academic year of study and/or research at a host university, or up to 4(subject to discussion) students for one semester each of study.
- 1.2. As considered necessary to maintain overall reciprocity, the Parties will develop and implement mutually acceptable exchange programs in order to redress any imbalance that may occur in the number of students participating in exchange programs.

# 2. Selection of Exchange Students

2.1. A home university will nominate students for participation in exchange programs. Students nominated for participation in exchange programs must have successfully completed at least one full year of academic study at their home university, with a grade point average of 3.0 on a 4.0 scale, or an equivalent level of academic achievement mutually agreed and acceptable to the Parties.

2.2. A host university reserves the ultimate right to determine the eligibility of each student nominated by a home university for participation in an exchange program.

### 3. Language Requirements

In addition to successfully satisfying a host university's criteria for admission to an exchange program:

- 3.1. NCHU students must have a level of ability in either \_\_\_\_\_ and/or English language which is deemed by \_\_\_\_\_ to be sufficient for successful participation in an\_\_\_\_ exchange program.
- 3.2. Atatürk University students must have a level of ability in English and/or Chinese language which is deemed by NCHU to be sufficient for successful participation in an exchange program.
- 3.3. The Parties will agree on standard tests in language proficiency which will be used to determine the level of ability of a nominated exchange student.

#### 4. Academic Program

- 4.1. Prior to the placement of an exchange student at a host university, the Parties will have agreed upon the faculty, school, department and/or division at the host university in which the student is to study, and the appointment of an academic advisor.
- 4.2. To the extent that the level of language ability permits, an exchange student will have the same freedom of choice in selecting a course of study as that enjoyed by the regular student body at a host university.
- 4.3. At the end of each academic year, a host university will compile an academic transcript of the work undertaken by each exchange student at their university in that year, and will forward the completed transcript to the appropriate office at the student's home university.

#### 5. Student Status

- 5.1. Exchange students will at all times remain enrolled as full-time degree students at their home university. They will at no time be considered as candidates for degree programs at a host university.
- 5.2. Exchange students will be registered as non-award students at a host university and as such will enjoy the same privileges with regards to access to medical, sports and other facilities normally extended to international students at a host university.
- 5.3. Exchange students will be subject to the laws and customs of a host country, and the rules and regulations of a host university.

# 6. Application Deadlines

- 6.1. Students applying to study for one full academic year will submit all of the required completed application documentation to a host university at least three months prior to the commencement date of the academic year in which they are applying to study. A host university will announce their decisions on the acceptance of students at least one month prior to the date of the commencement of the academic year in which the students are applying to study.
- 6.2. Students applying to study for one academic semester will submit all of the required completed application documentation to a host university at least three months prior to the commencement date of the academic semester in which they are applying to study. A host university will announce their decisions on the acceptance of students at least one month prior to the date of the commencement of the academic semester in which the students are applying to study.

## 7. Financial Arrangements

- 7.1. Exchange students will continue to pay the normal tuition fees and other compulsory fees required by their home university.
- 7.2. Exchange students will be exempt from tuition fees at a host university.
- 7.3. At the discretion of a host university, exchange students may be required to pay fees for course materials, access to computers, and any other fees normally charged by a host university to their regular student body.
- 7.4. Exchange students will be responsible for all other expenses incurred pursuant to their course of study at a host university. Such expenses will include national and international travel, accommodation, medical/health insurance, and all living expenses.

#### 8. Accommodation

8.1. A host university will provide an exchange student with information on the availability and cost of accommodation suitable for the duration of their stay at a host university.

#### 9. Visa Arrangements

- 9.1. Each exchange student will be responsible for obtaining a visa and all other related documents required for their period of study at a host university.
- 9.2. A host university will provide an exchange student with all of the necessary documentation to support their visa application.

## **10. Health Insurance**

- 10.1. Exchange students must have Medical and /or Health insurance coverage as required by a host university for the duration of their period of study.
- 10.2. Exchange students will be responsible for the cost of obligatory Medical and/or Health insurance.

## 11. Termination of a Student's Course of Study

- 11.1. In the event that an exchange student's academic work and/or behavior is judged by a host university to be below the standard that the host university determines to be acceptable, a host university may terminate an exchange student's course of study and order the student to return to their home university.
- 11.2. A host university will not invoke their right of termination without prior consultation with the student's home university.
- 11.3. In the event of an exchange student prematurely terminating their course of study at a host university, the host university will immediately inform the student's home university of its intended course of action.

### 12. Duration, Renegotiation and Termination of This Addendum

- 12.1. This addendum will enter into effect from the date duly signed by the designated officials of the respective institutions. The effective period is five years and it will be extended automatically as long as neither party expresses a desire to terminate or modify this addendum. Should either institution wish to terminate this addendum, a written notice should be given six months in advance of the desired termination date.
- 12.2. Either Party may, by tendering a six-month written notice of their intention, request the revision of a part of this addendum. The revision of any part of this addendum may only be made after joint consultation and with the subsequent mutual consent of the authorized representatives of the Parties.
- 12.3. Either party may, by tendering a six-month written notice of their intention, request the termination of this addendum in advance of its expiration date. Should such termination be mutually agreed by the Parties, all students who have already commenced studies under the terms of this addendum will be allowed to complete their studies under the conditions applying at the time when the notice was accepted.

(signature) Prof. Dr. Ömer COMAKLI Rector Atatürk Universit Date: November, 2018

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