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Memorandum of Understanding

between

An-Najah National University, Nablus,

Represented here by Prof. Maher Natsheh, Acting President, and hereof known as *An-Najah University*,
on the one side,

and

Ataturk University, Erzurum, Turkey

Represented here by Prof. Omer Comakli, Rector, on the other,

Agree to the following:

In accordance with a mutual desire to promote significant cooperation and exchange in science and academia between the Ataturk University duly represented by Prof. Omer Comakli, Rector and *An-Najah National University*, duly represented by Prof. Maher Natsheh, Acting President, the undersigned parties agree to mutual collaboration through research and study in furtherance of the advancement of learning as detailed below:

Article 1

Ataturk University and *An-Najah National University* agree to promote the following activities in order to enhance mutual educational, academic, and research activities:

- exchange of teaching staff and researchers;
- joint projects related to areas of mutual interest;
- joint development of research projects;
- joint organisation of scientific and cultural events, including conferences and seminars;
- interchange of information and of academic publications;



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- exchange of students, including advanced graduates and professional students for collaborative or independent research initiatives;
- exchange of members of their technical and administrative staffs;
- shared courses and subjects.

Article 2

Matters pertaining to the implementation of the exchange based on this Memorandum shall be negotiated and agreed upon by authorised representatives of the two parties. This agreement shall be effective upon signature by authorised representatives of the two parties for a period of five years.

Section 1: Teaching staff/researchers

- (i) Visiting Faculty Members/Researchers shall take part in conference, teaching and/or research activities, under stays which shall not exceed the extent of one academic year.
- (ii) Health insurance coverage must be arranged by the faculty member/researcher in his/her country of origin.
- (iii) Salaries shall be paid by the institution of origin.

Section 2: Undergraduate and Post-Graduate Students:

- (i) Students shall be pre-selected by their home institution based on their academic excellence. The host institution shall be responsible for the final acceptance.
- (ii) Students accepted by the host institution shall be deemed to be exchange students and shall be subject to all the rules and regulations of the host institution, and shall comply with them in the same manner as the regular students thereof.
- (iii) Students participating in the exchange programme shall be encouraged to acquire knowledge of the language of the country of the host institution, at a level compatible with the activities they are to carry out.



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- (iv) Each student shall follow a course of studies jointly agreed to between the two institutions.
- (v) The student's stay shall not exceed one academic year, except in the case of double degree programmes.
- (vi) Undergraduate double accreditation programmes and co-supervision of theses and dissertations shall be the object of a specific instrument to be executed between the concerned parties.
- (vii) The institutions shall mutually agree to the number of students to be involved in the exchange programme.
- (viii) Health insurance coverage must be arranged by the student in his/her country of origin before his/her arrival at the host institution.

Section 3: Members of the technical-administrative staff

- (i) For the purpose of encouraging the exchange of administrative experience and knowledge in fields of common interests, the institutions may select members of their technical-administrative staff to take part in the exchange programme.
- (ii) Health insurance coverage must be arranged by the staff member in his/her country of origin.
- (iii) Salaries shall be paid by the institution of origin.
- (iv) The activities conducted during the exchange period shall be consistent with the professional activities of the staff member at his/her institution of origin, and shall generate a report to be submitted to the host institution and to the institution of origin.

Article 3

This agreement neither commits nor implies any financial obligation on the part of either institution unless otherwise and specifically agreed to in writing and signed by both parties in this Memorandum.



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- (i) Each host institution will provide tuition and fee waivers to approved **non-credit** student (research) interns and research scholars.
- (ii) Each host institution will specify each year the tuition and fee obligations of visiting students who wish to take courses **for-credit** at the partner institution.
- (iii) Each of the Parties is responsible for working out funding mechanisms to pay for short-term visits, research exchanges of its respective scholars; as well as academic-year-long exchanges of doctoral student interns, and semester-long (or less) exchanges of master's and undergraduate student interns.
- (iv) The host institution will not be responsible for the following costs incurred by research scholars and student (research) interns:
 - transportation to and from the host institution;
 - expenses for room and board;
 - personal expenses;
 - passport and visa costs;
 - provision for adequate health insurance coverage.
- (v) Each home (sending) institution will require its students to register and pay any required tuition and fees at the home institution, and to possess adequate medical insurance coverage for the period of proposed study at the host institution.
- (vi) Each institution will make available its currently constituted international research scholar and student (research) intern support services to provide required host-institution documents in support of visa applications to host-country governmental authorities necessary to carry out those activities outlined in Clause 2 above that require a visa.
- (vii) At each institution, **scholars and interns** will have access only to those services available to non-enrolled students. Any additional services will be agreed to beforehand between the sending and receiving colleges of each institution as well as the proposed provider of the service at the respective institution.



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- (viii) At each institution, **for-credit** visiting students will have access to all regularly afforded services, as set forth in the institution's current brochures and documents.
- (ix) The Parties will provide timely information on available funding opportunities.

Each individual university is responsible for any expenses it may incur as a result of this Memorandum that are not indicated in the article 3 of this memorandum.

Article 4


Both institutions agree to review this Memorandum at the conclusion of the 6-months period following the date affixed to the signatures below. Furthermore, both parties acknowledge that this Memorandum is subject to revision and termination at any time through mutual consent or by 3 months originating from either party.

Ataturk University

Prof. Omer Comakli

Rector

Signature:


Date: 07/12/2017


An-Najah National University

Prof. Maher Natsheh

Acting President

Signature:

Date:


7/12/2017