

## MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT

Between

**Texas A&M University-Commerce**  
Commerce, Texas  
United States of America

And

**Yildiz Technical University**  
Istanbul, Turkey

This Memorandum of Agreement is made and entered into by Texas A&M University-Commerce, a member of The Texas A&M University System, an agency of the State of Texas, United States of America, located at 2600 South Neal Street, Commerce, Texas 75428 (hereinafter referred to as "A&M-Commerce") and Yildiz Technical University, an institution of higher education duly organized under the laws of Turkey, located at Istanbul, Turkey (hereinafter referred to as "Yildez Tech"). Whereas the above name institutions affirm their intent to establish ties of cooperation and friendship for the purpose of promoting mutual understanding and academic, cultural, and personnel exchange, it is agreed the institutions will explore:

1. Student exchange/study abroad programs for students,
2. The exchange of faculty for the purposes of teaching and research,
3. The joint development of collaborative research programs in fields of mutual interest,
4. The participation of students and faculty in joint seminars, workshops, lectures, training and academic meetings,
5. Research/consulting contracts.

The institutions may enter into a single Program Agreement or a series of Program Agreements, depending on the nature of the proposed exchange(s). When the discussions and activities contemplated by this Memorandum of Agreement have progressed to the point that specific details of a proposed exchange between the institutions have been identified and agreed upon, the institutions will enter into a Program Agreement that will identify the parameters of the exchange.

The institutions acknowledge and agree that as they move to the development of a Program Agreement, the following issues must be addressed:

- a. Exchange of students: The Program Agreement must include details about admission requirements, degree requirements, health insurance, incidental personal expenses, Internet access, language proficiency requirements, length of exchanges, library privileges, numbers of students involved in exchanges, recruitment and selection procedures for students, room and board, textbook costs, transcript reports, travel costs,

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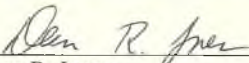
tuition and fees, type of students involved in the exchange (undergraduate, graduate, or both), and visa requirements.

- b. Exchange of academic personnel: The Program Agreement must include details in regards to accommodations, course load, health insurance, incidental personal expense, Internet access, language proficiency requirements, length of exchanges, library privileges, living expenses, recruitment and selection procedures for faculty, research requirements, salary requirements, type of exchanges (faculty development, lectureship, and research), travel costs, and visa requirements.
- c. Other considerations: The Program Agreement must include clear statements that faculty and students will abide by the laws of the host country, adhere to the rules and regulations of the host university, and study and work according to their own plan for professional improvement and research.
- d. Program administration: Each institution must designate a Liaison/Contact Officer for general program administration. Further, all Program Agreements must be reviewed and approved by the relevant university authorities respectively before signature, and shall become effective upon signature by both institutions.

This Memorandum of Agreement does not commit either institution to any prescribed course of action and shall not require expenditures or other commitments of resources by either institution. The cooperation described above will be in every case dependent upon the availability of necessary funds and resources and approval from the respective institution. This Memorandum of Agreement, subject to amendment, renewal, or cancellation by mutual consent, shall remain in effect for a period of five years from the date of the last signature on the document ("Anniversary Date"). Either institution may terminate the Memorandum of Agreement by giving written notice of its intention to discontinue no less than one year in advance of the then-current Anniversary Date. After the initial five-year period, this agreement may be renewed by mutual written consent.

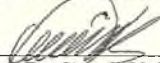
IN WITNESS THEREOF, we sign this Memorandum of Agreement in recognition of our intent to foster genuine and mutually beneficial academic collaboration.

Texas A&M University-Commerce:

  
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Dr. Dan R. Jones  
President  
Texas A&M University-Commerce

Date: 10 September 2012

Yildiz Technical University:

  
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Professor Dr. Ismail Yuksek  
President  
Yildiz Technical University

Date: 10 September 2012

