



GENERAL AGREEMENT FOR COLLABORATION
By and Between
THE ARISTOTLE UNIVERSITY OF THESSALONIKI
And
THE UNIVERSITY OF SOUTH FLORIDA

This General Agreement for Collaboration is entered into as of October 1, 2021 (the “**Effective Date**”), by and between The University of South Florida Board of Trustees, a public body corporate (“**USF**”), located in Tampa, Florida, United States of America, on behalf of its Patel College of Global Sustainability, and The Aristotle University of Thessaloniki (“**AUTH**”) located in Thessaloniki, Greece on behalf of its School of Chemical Engineering.

RECOGNIZING the mutual interest in the fields of education, research, training and development and dissemination of knowledge and also

RECOGNIZING the importance of institutions of higher education’s role in promoting international collaboration

RECOGNIZING that the parties first began their scientific cooperation by signing a “General Agreement for Collaboration” on November 4, 2016

THE PARTIES HEREBY agree to establish collaboration according to terms and conditions set out in the articles following hereunder.

ARTICLE I: SCOPE OF THE COLLABORATION

The purpose of this Agreement is to facilitate academic and research cooperation between the parties hereunder based upon the principles of mutual benefit and may include the following general cooperation areas:

General Areas of Collaboration

1.1 Joint educational and research activities.

1.2 Exchange of visiting scholars for the purpose of conducting research. The individual visitors will be responsible for the cost of such accommodation and for their own travel costs. If visiting

scholars register in academic course(s) they will be required to pay the normal tuition fees to the host institution.

1.3 Discussion for the exchange of undergraduate and graduate students for collaborative or independent research based on the policies of both institutions.

1.4 Exchange scholarly information including research papers, indices to theses, books and magazines on relevant subjects and potential joint projects where possible and appropriate.

1.5 Extend invitations for attending scholarly meetings and national and international conferences.

1.6 Neither institution is responsible for any financial support under this Agreement. Individual scholars will make all arrangements by written agreement, which will be applicable to each particular situation.

ARTICLE II: THE AGREEMENT

2.1 At USF, this Agreement will be administered by the Patel College of Global Sustainability. At AUTh, this Agreement will be administered by the School of Chemical Engineering.

2.2 This Agreement may also involve other colleges or institutes by mutual consent, which may be added later by written addendum to this Agreement.

2.3 **As specific projects in education or research are developed, each will require a separate written agreement which will set forth the terms and conditions of the project(s) including but not limited to intellectual property ownership and funding sources. These agreements must be approved and signed by appropriate administrators at each institution.**

ARTICLE III: GENERAL TERMS

3.1 This Agreement does not permit the exchange of students at the undergraduate or graduate level.

3.2 This Agreement is not intended to, and does not create any right, benefit, or trust responsibility, substantive or procedural, enforceable at law or equity, by either party, its officers, employees, or agents against the other party, its officers, employees, or agents.

3.3 Nothing in this Agreement obligates either party to commit or transfer any funds, assets, or other resources in support of projects or activities between the parties.

3.4 The activities of this Agreement must be carried out in accordance with appropriate laws and regulations existing in each country and institution.

3.5 With regard to intellectual property, each institution will adhere to the intellectual property laws of its respective nation. Intellectual property developed during the visit of a faculty or student visitor will be governed by the rules of the host institution unless otherwise specified by an alternate agreement. In general, the two institutions shall jointly own jointly developed intellectual property resulting from clearly defined collaborative projects. Whenever one institution receives any information from the partner under a clearly defined non-disclosure agreement, necessary steps will be taken to protect the intellectual property received, to the extent permissible by law.

3.6 Neither party may use the name, logo or trademarks of the other party, nor of any of the party's employees, agents, or affiliates, in any advertising, promotional or sales literature, or other publicity, public announcement or suggestion of endorsement without the prior written approval

3.7 No default, delay or failure to perform on the part of either party shall be considered a default, delay or failure to perform otherwise chargeable, hereunder, if such default, delay or failure to perform is due to causes beyond either party's reasonable control including, but not limited to, strikes, lockouts, actions or inactions of governmental authorities; declared state of emergency; epidemics; pandemics; acts of terrorism; war; embargoes; fires; earthquakes; hurricanes; acts of God; or default of common carrier. Unless impossible or unreasonable based on the circumstances causing such default, delay or failure to perform, any date or times by which either party is otherwise scheduled to perform shall be extended automatically for a period of time equal in duration to the time lost by reason of the excused default, delay or failure to perform. The parties hereby acknowledge some defaults or failures to perform may not be cured by additional time.

ARTICLE IV: DURATION

This Agreement may be modified only by mutual written consent. The Agreement will be in effect from the Effective Date for a period of five (5) years. It shall be renewed upon mutual written agreement. This Agreement may be terminated by either side at ninety (90) days written notice.

[Signature page to follow]

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties hereto have executed two (2) copies of this instrument, each of which shall be considered an original.

FOR THE UNIVERSITY OF SOUTH FLORIDA BOARD OF TRUSTEES, a public body corporate

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Final approval for the University of South Florida Board of Trustees, a public body corporate

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Hilary Black, JD, MPH
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FOR THE ARISTOTLE UNIVERSITY OF THESSALONIKI

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Name: Nikolaos G. Papaioannou
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2.12.2021

