

MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING
between
École de technologie supérieure, Montréal, Canada
and
Aristotle University of Thessaloniki, Greece

1. Preamble

- 1.1 Aristotle University of Thessaloniki (AUTH) and École de technologie supérieure (ÉTS), hereinafter referred to as the Parties, have been cooperating since 2018 and have developed a solid relationship based on trust and the realization of common objectives. Recognizing the mutual benefits to be gained through academic cooperation and understanding, the Parties enter this Memorandum of Understanding (hereinafter the **MOU**) and agree to the following:

2. Objectives

- 2.1 The objectives of this MOU is to enable the Parties to combine their efforts to promote education, training, research and exchange of ideas and people.
- 2.2 The Parties agree to cooperate in academic, scientific, technological and experimental activities that are relevant to them.

3. Modes of collaboration

The Parties mutually agree to:

- 3.1 Receive students from the sending Party as long as they meet the local admission criteria and the limit of available places of the host Party.
- 3.2 Encourage the exchange of professors and the mobility of administrative staff in order to develop joint academic and scientific collaborations.
- 3.3 Explore the possibilities to develop double or joint degrees as well as thesis co-supervision at Master or PhD levels.
- 3.4 Participate in international networks or projects.
- 3.5 Organize seminars or conferences.
- 3.6 Exchange documents or research material in the framework of joint scientific collaborations.
- 3.7 Elaborate an addendum to this MOU for each collaboration activity. Each addendum will be submitted to the competent authorities of both institutions for approval. It will include the nominative list of the persons responsible for each scientific, administrative and academic activity. The objectives, means and outcomes of each activity will be clearly defined.

4. Modes of operation and responsibilities

- 4.1 The institutions will each identify a person responsible for the administrative aspects of the MOU and more specifically, for the exchange of information, documents for professors, researchers and candidates for study programs.
- 4.2 The Parties agree to promote this MOU to their faculty members, administrative personnel and students.
- 4.3 The Parties will each provide a summary at the end of each academic year and discuss the possibilities to develop new collaboration activities.
- 4.4 The Parties will undertake all reasonable steps to acquire the necessary funding to implement this MOU.
- 4.5 Each Party will facilitate the reception and integration of students, professors and administrative personnel coming from the partner institution. The person or administrative unit responsible for these tasks will be communicated to the partner institution.

5. Student exchange

- 5.1 An exchange will have a maximum of one (1) academic year.
- 5.2 Prior to an exchange, the Parties will assess the students' academic level and language ability to ensure that they meet all the requirements for a successful stay at the partner institution.
- 5.3 No tuition fees will be charged by the host institution during the exchange.
- 5.4 Exchange students will register and pay tuition fees at their home institution, but will enjoy all the privileges offered at the host institution.
- 5.5 The Parties agree to facilitate the reception and the cultural and social integration of the students within their institution and society.
- 5.6 In case of termination or cancellation of this MOU, the Parties will do their utmost to minimize the impact on the students' stay at the host institution.

6. Professor and staff exchange

- 6.1 The Parties may designate professors and staff members to visit the partner institution. The purpose of these visits may be to give lectures, to supervise thesis work, to undertake joint research, to be involved in seminars, conferences or to discuss topics of common interest. The duration of the visit will be decided jointly.
- 6.2 The visit will be subject to approval by the host institution.
- 6.3 The Parties must ensure that professors and staff members who visit the partner institution have the necessary financial means to do so.
- 6.4 Visiting professors and staff members shall be given access to all the facilities of the host institution.

7. Academic and research projects

- 7.1 The Parties will explore the possibilities to develop double or joint degrees as well as short training programs.
- 7.2 The Parties will explore the possibilities to develop joint research and to participate together in international research networks or projects.
- 7.3 The Parties will support applications made by their students, professors and staff members for external funding to support activities that are part of this MOU.
- 7.4 The Parties will welcome applications from students who wish to participate in laboratory research internships at either institution and have secured supervision for their internship. The internship must be supervised by a local professor and authorized by both Parties.

8. Intellectual property

- 8.1 The Intellectual Property Rights (IPR) that arise as a result of any collaborative research or activity under this MOU will be subject to the legal provisions applicable and to the specific procedures laid down by the Parties. The individuals involved in the completion of the work will receive due recognition according to the institutional practices and intellectual property policies of the host institution.

9. Oversight and management of the MOU

- 9.1 The units below are responsible for the MOU's oversight and management:

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10. Dispute

10.1 Any dispute concerning the interpretation or enforcement of this MOU that could not be resolved amicably shall be brought to the competent territorial jurisdiction agreed by the Parties.

11. Duration

11.1 This MOU replaces all previous written or verbal agreements that could have occurred between the Parties

11.2 This MOU comes into effect as of the last date on which it was signed and will be valid for a period of five (5) years.

11.3 Its period of validity can be extended with the mutual consent of both Parties. This MOU can be cancelled by one of the Parties before its completion through a written notice, provided that written notice to this effect is given at least six (6) months in advance.

11.4 If this MOU is not renewed at the end of the period or if this MOU is canceled, both Parties agree to respect and maintain the rights of students and professors involved in any specific project under way.

12. Signatures

12.1 Upon reading, being informed and agreeing on these terms, both Parties sign the present document in two (2) copies, both of which share the same content and validity.

For **École de technologie supérieure**

For **Aristotle University of Thessaloniki**

Kathy Baig
Director General

Professor Haralambos N. Feidas
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