



MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING
BETWEEN THE
UNIVERSITY OF KENTUCKY
IN LEXINGTON, KENTUCKY, USA
AND THE
ARISTOTLE UNIVERSITY OF THESSALONIKI
IN THESSALONIKI, GREECE

THIS MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING (hereinafter “MOU”) is entered into by and between

the UNIVERSITY OF KENTUCKY, a public institution of higher education in the Commonwealth of Kentucky, with headquarters in Lexington, Kentucky, USA, for its College of Engineering (hereinafter “UKY”)

and

ARISTOTLE UNIVERSITY OF THESSALONIKI, with headquarters in Thessaloniki, Greece (hereinafter “AUTH”)

either of which may be referred to as “Party,” or collectively as “Parties” throughout.

In recognition of existing relationships and mutual interest in expanded collaboration among faculty, staff and students at UKY and AUTH, and wishing to promote a cooperative relationship through mutual assistance in the areas of education, research, and engagement, the Parties enter into this MOU in order to establish and recognize a formal connection between these institutions, and agree to support and promote this connection for mutual benefit.

ARTICLE 1. SCOPE OF COLLABORATION

1.1 *General Scope.* Each institution may offer to the other opportunities for activities and programs, such as teaching, research, exchange of faculty and students, and staff development that will foster a collaborative relationship.

1.2 *Specific Activities.* Specific activities and programs implemented under authority of this MOU shall be subject to availability of funds and the approval of each institution’s authorized representatives. The institutions contemplate implementation of programs or activities such as: (a) joint educational, cultural, and research activities; (b) exchange of faculty members and students for research, lectures, and discussions; (c) participation in seminars and academic meetings; (d) exchange of academic materials, publications, and other information; and (e) special, short-term academic programs.

1.3 *Separate Agreements.* Prior to initiating any specific activity or program, the parties will negotiate and enter into a separate agreement, signed by each party's authorized signatory, describing the terms of the arrangement, including the budgets. Each party will designate a Liaison Officer to develop and coordinate specific activities or programs, as specified in Article 3.4, "Notices," below.

ARTICLE 2. EFFECTIVE TERM, RENEWAL AND AMENDMENT

2.1. *Term.* This MOU will take effect upon the date of last signature by the authorized representatives of each Party, and will remain in effect through June 30, 2024, unless terminated early by either Party.

2.2. *Early Termination.* Either Party may terminate this MOU in advance of the agreed upon termination date by providing written notice to the other Party at least 90 days in advance of the intended early termination date. Unless otherwise negotiated and agreed upon, students, faculty, and/or staff of either Party who are engaged in collaborative activities or exchanges at the intended time of early termination will be permitted to complete these activities or exchanges in accordance with the intention and spirit of this MOU.

2.3. *Renewal.* This MOU may be renewed by mutual agreement of the Parties, in writing and signed by the duly authorized representatives of both Parties prior to the agreed upon expiration date, in the form of an addendum to this MOU. All such addenda shall be considered integral parts of this MOU.

2.4. *Amendment.* The terms and conditions stipulated in this MOU may be modified or appended by mutual agreement of the Parties, in writing and signed by the duly authorized representatives of both Parties prior to the agreed upon expiration date, in the form of an amendment to this MOU. All such amendments shall be considered integral parts of this MOU.

ARTICLE 3. GENERAL PROVISIONS

3.1. *Use of Names.* Beyond promoting the activities supported by the terms and conditions of this MOU among its faculty, staff, and students, neither Party shall use the name of the other in any other form of advertising or publicity without express written permission from the other Party. For instances of name use that exceed the terms of this MOU, each Party must seek permission from the other by submitting a draft of the proposed use at least 60 days in advance of the proposed use to the other Party's representative, designated in "Notices" below.

3.2. *Counterparts.* The Parties may sign this MOU in counterparts, all of which together shall constitute the complete MOU. Duplicate or facsimile signatures shall be accepted as originals for all purposes.

3.3. *Non-discrimination.* Eligibility for participation in the collaborative activities developed under the auspices of this MOU will be determined without regard to race, sex, color, religion, sexual orientation, marital status, national origin, age, or beliefs. UKY does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, ethnic origin, religion, creed, age, physical or mental disability, veteran status, uniformed service, political belief, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity, gender expression, pregnancy, marital status, genetic information, social or economic status, or whether a person is a smoker or nonsmoker, provided that the person complies with UKY policy concerning smoking.

3.4. *Notices.* To be enforceable, all notices and official communications related to this MOU must be in writing, and delivered to the Party's representative named below either by (a) confirmed electronic transmission; (b) certified mail, return receipt requested; or (c) commercial carrier with delivery receipt. Notices are effective upon receipt by the designated representative. All communications will be sent to the addresses set forth below or to such other address as designated by either Party via written notice to the other:

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3.5. *Binding Obligations.* With the exception of Articles 2 and 3, this MOU is not intended to create any legally binding obligations on either institution but, rather, is intended to facilitate discussions regarding potential areas of cooperation.

3.6. *Authorized Signatories.* The individuals signing this MOU on a Party's behalf represent that they have the requisite authority and intent to bind that Party to this MOU.

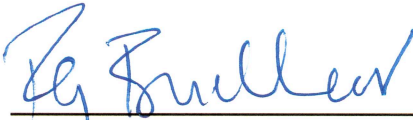
**FOR THE UNIVERSITY
OF KENTUCKY**



Susan Roberts, Ph.D.
Associate Provost for Internationalization

Date: January 31st 2020

Recommended by:



Rudolph G. Buchheit, Ph.D.
Dean, College of Engineering

Date: 1/29/2020

**FOR ARISTOTLE UNIVERSITY OF
THESSALONIKI**

Nikolaos G. Papaioannou
Rector



Date: January 10, 2020

**FOR THE FACULTY OF
ENGINEERING**

Prof. K. Katsifarakis, Dean, Faculty of
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Date: January 10, 2020

**ADDENDUM 01 TO THE MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING
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IN LEXINGTON, KENTUCKY, USA
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**IMPLEMENTATION PLAN
IN GEOTECHNICAL ENGINEERING**

This implementation plan in the technical field of Geotechnical Engineering is set forth to advance the goals and enhance collaboration between the University of Kentucky, USA (hereinafter “UKY”), and Aristotle University of Thessaloniki (hereinafter “AUTH”), as articulated in the *Memorandum of Understanding* signed by the authorized representatives of both institutions as of January 10, 2020, and in effect through June, 2024. Once signed by the authorized representatives of both institutions, this implementation plan in the field of Geotechnical Engineering will comprise Addendum 01 to that Agreement and subject to all general provisions therein.

ONGOING AND PLANNED COLLABORATIVE ACTIVITIES

Faculty in the College of Engineering at the UKY and Engineering faculty at AUTH propose a series of collaborative activities in Geotechnical Engineering, by leveraging distance learning and communications technologies, during the 2023-24 academic year, and plan to continue and expand upon these activities as deemed mutually beneficial throughout the academic years supported by the *Agreement of Cooperation*, as follows:

1. *Virtual Faculty Exchange for Guest Lectures.* Faculty from the Department of Civil Engineering at UKY and the School of Civil Engineering at AUTH, Laboratory of Soil Mechanics, Foundations & Geotechnical Earthquake Engineering shall implement a series of virtual guest lectures in various upper-level classes for students at both institutions in Geotechnical Engineering. Based on mutually agreed upon schedules, academic staff from each institution shall deliver at least one virtual guest lecture per semester for faculty and/or graduate students at the other institution in any subject of Geotechnical Engineering. Guest lectures will be delivered in English.

2. *Graduate Student Exchange.* As travel conditions permit, one graduate student per academic year from either institution may conduct a short-term research visit to the other institution, to conduct mutually developed and agreed upon research projects in Geotechnical Engineering under the supervision of the faculty at the host institution, and in collaboration with faculty supervisors from their home institution. While in principle each graduate student will be responsible for all travel and living expenses during the research exchange period, potential funding sources are to be explored prior to any graduate student exchange that will be mutually agreed upon.
3. *Faculty Short-Term Visits.* Academic staff from Geotechnical faculty from each institution will be encouraged to visit the other institution, to foster increased faculty mobility, the exchange of ideas, and the exploration of new areas for mutual beneficial collaboration, such as virtual seminars and courses and joint research activities. It is anticipated that at least one faculty member from each university will visit the other. Such visits may coincide with professional conferences of mutual interest being held in the host country, to maximize the benefit of faculty travel. Funding in support of these visits is yet to be determined; however, in general, the sending institution will be responsible for travel costs of their employees. The hosting institution may assist with local accommodations and expenses, as mutually agreed upon prior to the visits.

In addition to the above planned collaborative activities in the field of Geotechnical Engineering, the two universities and their faculty will continue to explore other opportunities for expanding and enhancing the existing cooperation to include other departments in the College of Engineering at UKY and other schools at AUTH as appropriate and as deemed mutually beneficial and sustainable.

The primary points of contact for the two institutions for matters related to this collaboration in Geotechnical Engineering are set forth as follows:

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Susan Roberts, Ph.D.
 Associate Provost for Internationalization

Date: November 30th, 2023

Recommended by:



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 Dean, College of Engineering

Date: 11/30/2023

FOR ARISTOTLE UNIVERSITY OF
 THESSALONIKI



Dimitrios S. Koveos, Rector

Date: 28.7.2023