

MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

For Academic and Research Collaborations

Between

Aristotle University of Thessaloniki (AUTH)

Thessaloniki

Greece

and

College of Engineering

TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY (TAMU)

College Station, Texas

United States of America

and

TEXAS A&M ENGINEERING EXPERIMENT STATION (TEES)

College Station, Texas

United States of America

Whereas the above named institutions recognize that this Agreement will replace the Memorandum of Agreement between AUTH and TEES that was fully executed on April 17, 2018, the Agreement between AUTH and TEES that was fully executed on October 13, 2016, and the Agreement between AUTH and TAMU that was fully executed on November 21, 2016.

This Memorandum of Understanding will be of mutual benefit and will provide opportunities for faculty and student exchanges, research internships, and research collaborations.

Definitions

“Host Institution” refers to the institution that is accepting the faculty and student under this Memorandum of Understanding

“Home Institution” refers to the institution that is sending the faculty and student under this Memorandum of Understanding

“MoU” refers to this Memorandum of Understanding

Students Enrolling in Academic Programs

1.01 TAMU and AUTH will promote the enrollment of qualified undergraduate and/or graduate students in the other’s academic programs. Each student involved in these programs will be subject to the admission requirements and tuition and fees of the Host Institution. Language competency must be at a level that will allow participating students to attend classes in the language of the Host Institution.

- 1.02 TAMU has sole responsibility as the Home Institution for U.S. Title IV financial aid processing, disbursement, and record keeping for any TAMU student participating in programs described by this MoU, as well as for adherence to relevant principles of accreditation.

Student Research Internship Exchange Program

- 2.01 Research Internship Exchange, for the purpose of this MoU, is defined as an exchange of *research intern students* who are engaged on a research project under the guidance of a faculty member at the Host Institution.
- 2.02 As research intern students, there will be no tuition and fees paid to the Host Institution because research intern students are not registered for classes at the Host Institution.
- 2.03 This program is open to undergraduate and graduate degree-seeking students at their Home Institution.
 - 2.03.1 Students participating in a research internship program will not enroll in any coursework at the Host Institution. TAMU research intern students will register for zero credit course at TAMU when participating in the program and are expected to follow all the TAMU rules and regulations governing enrolled students.
 - 2.03.2 The Host Institution will provide the necessary visa information and documentation to the research intern students they agree to host. Students must meet all visa, insurance, and immigration policies as visiting research student interns at the Host Institution. Length of stay must be determined prior to the issuance of documents related to student visas and should not exceed one (1) year.
 - 2.03.3 All research intern students are expected to comply with rules and regulations of the Host Institution in regards to their engagement in research activities.
 - 2.03.4 Research intern students shall be responsible for complying with all requirements, expectations and deadlines for the research internship exchange program.
 - 2.03.5 Research intern students are responsible for all costs associated with their travel, food and lodging, health insurance, and other expenses.
- 2.04 Details related to number of research intern students participating, their length of stay, their work locations, financial support (where available), and logistical support will be outlined and agreed upon annually by the Designated Coordinators from the Host and Home Institutions. The Designated Coordinators are responsible for oversight of the program for their respective institutions.

- 2.05 Once a Host Institution faculty member has agreed to host the research intern student, the Host Institution agrees to issue an official invitation letter to the research intern student which will outline the hosting and funding details.
- 2.06 Both institutions will work to achieve a balance in the number of research intern students exchanged annually. However, such balance is dependent upon the availability of faculty willing to host research intern students and may result in small imbalances in some years.

Research Collaborations

- 3.01 This MoU sets forth increased collaboration, cooperation, and interaction and does not create any legally binding commitments. If the institutions later agree to engage in joint activities that require the expenditure of funds or project plans that set forth specific arrangements for program implementation, the institutions will execute separate implementing agreement(s) that provide all of the necessary terms and conditions applicable to the particular transaction including each institution's contributions, deliverables, and budgets. Such agreements may include Research Agreements, Teaming Agreements, Nondisclosure Agreements, Visiting Scientist Agreements, etc.
- 3.02 The institutions intend to integrate and complement their capabilities available for the creation of strategic plans to promote entrepreneurship, innovation, and development and technology transfer.
- 3.03 The institutions intend to define projects and pursue collaboration in areas of interest. They will also encourage collaboration and cooperation of projects involving exchange of faculty members and researchers.

Term

- 4.01 This MoU will become effective on the final date of signing by the authorized representatives of the institutions and shall be valid for three (3) years.
- 4.02 This MoU may be terminated by any of the parties by providing a six (6) month written notice to the other party without assigning any reason whatsoever.
- 4.03 The terms of this agreement will supersede any previous MoUs that were signed between AUTH on one side and TAMU or TEES on the other side.

General

- 5.01 Expenses incurred by TAMU or AUTH under this MoU will be the sole responsibility of the appropriate department of the respective institutions and all activities will be dependent upon budgetary appropriations of the parties.
- 5.02 Each institution agrees to comply with the host country's immigration guidelines in support of exchanges of international students and/or faculty.

- 5.03 All activities conducted under this MoU will be in accordance with all applicable rules and regulations of the Home and Host Institutions, and all applicable federal, state and local laws, rules and regulations.
- 5.04 Any possible ambiguity regarding this MoU will be clarified through amicable discussion between the two institutions.

Designation of Coordinators

- 6.01 Each institution designates the following officials to serve as Coordinators under this MoU. The individuals designated as Coordinators may be revised by either institution by providing written notice to the current Coordinators.

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The Parties have executed this Memorandum of Understanding on the date and year last specified below:

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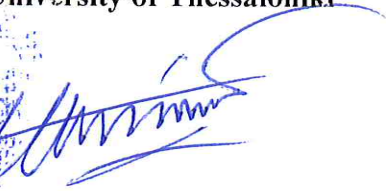


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