



Agreement of Student Exchange

between

**National University of Sciences And Technology
Islamabad, Pakistan**

and

Aristotle University of Thessaloniki, Greece

Aristotle University of Thessaloniki (AUTH) and National University of Sciences and Technology (NUST) agree to implement an Agreement of Student Exchange in accordance with the principles and guidelines set forth below. The purpose of this document is to enhance the educational experience and the cross-cultural understanding of students and faculty from both institutions.

Student Exchange Criteria

It is agreed that:

Article 1: Home and Host Institutions

Within the framework of this exchange, "home institution" will mean the institution in which a student is formally enrolled as a degree candidate, and "host institution" will mean the institution that has agreed to receive students from the home institution for a period of study on a non-degree basis.

Article 2: Taking Courses at the Host Institution

The purpose of each student exchange will be to enable students to take classes at, but not to pursue a degree from, the host institution. Courses passed at the host institution may be accepted for credit towards the degree at the student's home institution. It will be the responsibility of each participant in the student exchange program to obtain pre-approval from his/her home institution for courses taken at the host institution.

Article 3: Academic Year

"Academic year" in the context of this document is defined as fall and spring semester/term and may include the summer session that follows the spring term. At NUST the Fall Semester begins early September while the Spring semester begins in the mid of January.

At Aristotle University of Thessaloniki (AUTH) the Fall Semester begins in October 1st while the Spring semester begins in May 1st.

Article 4: Admission Requirements

Exchange students who are accepted for a semester or full academic year must be in good standing (2.5 GPA) upon the completion of each term at the host institution, in accordance with the host institution's academic requirements for its regularly enrolled students. Students will be screened for eligibility for

admission by the home institution. Each university shall respect the admission requirements and enrollment constraints of the host institution.

Participants will be subject to the standard rules, regulations, and enrollment constraints of the host university in the selection of courses. The host institution shall have final authority on admission decisions.

Article 5: Language Proficiency

- (a) The medium of instruction at NUST is English for all programs. Hence, the students from Aristotle University of Thessaloniki (AUTH) are expected to have adequate English proficiency. A certificate of English language proficiency by either of the university will be considered good enough for acceptance of students.
- (b) NUST students may join only in those courses where the language of instruction is English.

Article 6: Balance

A maximum of two [2] students each way, per academic semester, will be exchanged. The maximum number of students for exchange may be amended by mutual consent. Every effort will be made to maintain an evenly balanced exchange from year to year. It is recognized, however, that circumstances may preclude an even exchange of students in a particular year.

Article 7: Academic Performance

Participants in the exchange will be governed by the same regulations and performance standards that pertain to other students at the host university. If the exchange student voluntarily withdraws or is dismissed for disciplinary reasons before the end of the term, it will be considered as a completed exchange from the home institution. In addition, the host institution reserves the right to require the withdrawal of any exchange student whose academic standing or conduct warrants such action. The host institution will consult with the home institution before finalizing such action. The host institution will notify the home institution of the student's last date of attendance.

Article 8: Access to Academic and Social facilities

Students shall be entitled to participate in any introductory or orientation courses or programs that may customarily be arranged for students at the host institution and shall have the same rights of access to academic and social facilities provided by the host institution as do host institution students.

Academic achievement reports will be sent to the student's home university at the conclusion of each semester generally within one, but in no case later than three, weeks after the last day of final examinations. In most cases, this will be a university transcript, to be used at the discretion of the home institution. By participating in an exchange, students are automatically authorizing the transmittal of this transcript.

Article 9: Visa Support Services

The host institution will assist its guest students, to the fullest extent possible, in obtaining visas and other documents required by the government of the host country. Host University's designated office/s will provide the student with an Acceptance letter to apply for a Student Visa. The partner institution will ensure that exchange students comply with immigration regulations of the host country.

Article 10: Student Responsibilities and Expenses

- (a) **Registration and payment of tuition**

The host and home institutions will require participating students to register at their home institution and pay tuition to their home institution. Participants will be exempted from paying tuition at the host institution.

(b) Payment of other Educational and Living Expenses

Participants will be exempted from paying tuition at the host institution. Participants will be responsible for the costs of books, fees, equipment, accommodation, board, travel, transportation or other personal expenses. The host institution will inform students, at the time of their acceptance, of the approximate costs they will be responsible for at the host institution.

(c) Housing

Each institution will assist participating students in securing housing for the period of time that they will be on the host campus; however, the students will pay the cost of accommodation and board.

(d) Health Insurance and Medical expenses

Student participants will be personally responsible for showing proof of international health/medical insurance covering the time period of their exchange. The host institution will assist incoming student participants in identifying available health insurance options.

The exchange participant shall provide emergency contact information. In the event that an exchange participant is involved in a serious accident or other circumstance of grave nature, or is subject to disciplinary action, the host institution will immediately notify the home institution.

Article 11: Review, Contacts, and Signatories

This Agreement is subject to review at the end of the first year and shall be effective for five academic years. It shall be subject to revision, modification or renewal by mutual written consent. Either party may terminate the Agreement by written notice submitted at least 90 days in advance of the next academic semester. Termination would not affect students already engaged in the Agreement. If the Agreement is not renewed by mutual consent, the Agreement will conclude at the end of the specified time period, or after activities in progress have concluded.

Aristotle University of Thessaloniki:



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Rector Professor Haralambos N. Feidas

National University of Sciences and Technology

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**Engr Javed Mahmood Bukhari, HI (M)
Rector**

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