



**ACADEMIC AND SCIENTIFIC COOPERATION AND EXCHANGE AGREEMENT
BETWEEN BILKENT UNIVERSITY, ANKARA, TURKEY
AND
THE REGENTS OF THE UNIVERSITY OF NEW MEXICO, ALBUQUERQUE, NM, USA
GENERAL AGREEMENT**

This Agreement is made and entered into between Bilkent University (BU) and the University of New Mexico (UNM).

Whereas, the parties believe that international understanding, educational opportunities for their students, and professional opportunities for their academic staff would be enhanced by an academic and scientific cooperation and exchange agreement; and

Whereas, the purpose of this Agreement is to establish a framework within which cooperation and exchanges may develop between the parties.

This Agreement shall be identified as the parent document of any specific program agreement between the parties;

Now, therefore, the parties agree as follows:

SECTION 1: Types of Cooperation

- 1.1 The parties indicate their willingness in principle to cooperate in the promotion of teaching and research activities. The types of cooperation may include:
- Reciprocal exchange of students;
 - Setting up of diploma partnerships (double diplomas or joint-diplomas);
 - Hosting of short-term study abroad students;
 - Reciprocal exchange of staff and faculty;
 - Collaborative research projects;
 - Exchange of publications, reports, and other academic information;
 - Collaborative professional development; and
 - Other activities as mutually agreed.
- 1.2 Each type of cooperation shall proceed as mutually agreed upon in a specific program agreement identifying the governing conditions of that activity, added on a case-by-case basis to this Agreement. The program agreement shall provide details concerning the specific commitments made by each party and shall not become effective until it has been reduced to writing, approved, and executed by the parties' duly authorized representatives.

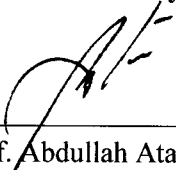


- 1.3 The scope of the activities under this Agreement shall be determined by the funds regularly available at both institutions for the types of collaboration specified in the program agreements, and by the amount of financial assistance obtained by either institution from external sources. Each institution shall be responsible for expenses incurred by its employees under this Agreement, except as may be stipulated in any program agreement.

SECTION 2: Term, Renewal, Amendment, Termination, and Dispute Resolution

- 2.1 This Agreement shall become effective on the date of its signing by both parties, and continue thereafter for five years, subject to revision or modification by mutual written agreement. It may be tacitly renewed for the same period in the absence of termination by one of the parties.
- 2.2 Termination by one party shall be effected by giving the other party at least 180 days advance written notice of its intention to terminate, but any students who have been accepted at either university at the date of termination may complete their courses of study. Termination shall be without penalty. Any amendment to this Agreement shall be made with acknowledgement in writing from both institutions.
- 2.3 This Agreement is signed in good faith and in accordance with the administrative rules and procedures governing each party. Therefore, by virtue of this good faith, any conflict that may arise with respect to its interpretation, formalization, and fulfillment will be resolved amicably by agreement between the parties.

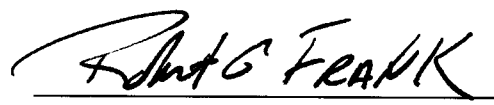
Bilkent University



Prof. Abdullah Atalar, Rector

Sept 30, 2013
Date

Regents of the University of New Mexico



Robert G. Frank, President

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Date