



COOPERATION PROTOCOL

**TOKAT
GAZIOSMANPAŞA
UNIVERSITY**

(The Republic of TÜRKİYE)

**VIRSCEND
UNIVERSITY**

(United States of America)



COOPERATION PROTOCOL BETWEEN
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VIRSCEND UNIVERSITY



PROTOCOL

AIM

ARTICLE 1

1.1 This protocol comprises the joint scientific work and educational and cultural collaboration between Tokat Gaziosmanpaşa University and Virscend University.

SCOPE

ARTICLE 2

2.1 This protocol has been composed with the main aims of encouraging the research and educational approaches of Tokat Gaziosmanpaşa University and Virscend University between the teaching staff, assistants, researchers, experts and students of both universities, developing existing relations, enabling the joint use of research work results and publishing these results, and transferring the experiences of the parties in educational approaches and in the joint scientific organizations.

2.2 Both parties, Tokat Gaziosmanpaşa University and Virscend University, acknowledge and undertake the following articles that make up the whole of this protocol and the terms of its application for the realization of these articles.

2.3 Both parties will work in the fields they will collaborate with, within the framework determined above, and the criteria clearly determined below, and they will exchange scientific knowledge, technological know-how, and experience.

EXCHANGE OF PERSONNEL

ARTICLE 3

3.1 In this context:

- a) People who are subject to academic exchange are teaching staff, research staff, and experts.
- b) The main priorities of teaching staff, research staff, and experts should be aimed at joint research, the development and transfer of knowledge, and the organization of study meetings.
- c) The other party will be notified of the names proposed by the proposing party within a reasonable time, and the opinions of the other party concerning the candidate and its approval will be sent to the sending university at least two months in advance of the commencement of the scheduled visit.
- d) Each participant shall bear and be responsible for paying for his or her own travel, housing expenses, meal costs, health insurance, and other miscellaneous fees. Upon request, the host institution agrees to use its best efforts to assist the teaching staff, research staff, and experts in making advance arrangements for their accommodation.



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e) The visiting teaching staff, research staff, and experts will benefit from all campus libraries and will take advantage of them in accordance with the host university library regulations.

EXCHANGE OF STUDENTS

ARTICLE 4

4.1 In this context:

- a) Both universities will endeavor to provide an exchange for students with a scientific approach. The number of students to benefit from the exchange process will be determined by a joint commission to be formed following the signing of the protocol by both parties, based on mutual understanding. The host university will be notified of the names and fields of education of the students determined by sending the university at least three months beforehand, and the host university will announce its decision regarding applications to the other party at least 1 month before the commencement of the academic year.
- b) Both universities will exempt visiting students from charges such as education and registration fees. The principal procedure requires that such charges be paid at the institution to which the student is attached. All social payments other than education and registration fees will be met by students.
- c) Students - excluding tuition and registration fees - will be subject to the regulations of the host university. The sending university will accept the examinations of the host university and their results.
- d) For the application, students will present a document demonstrating his/her language proficiency meeting the terms and level required by the host university.
- e) Each participant will be responsible for his/her travel expenses and expenses incurred from travel documents. Upon request, the host institution will assist the visiting student with suitable accommodation. Accommodation costs will not exceed the prices paid by native students. Visiting students will also have the right to benefit from all the privileges of the campus (e.g., the use of libraries, student canteens, and social facilities, etc.) that native students have at the same prices.
- f) Each participant should obtain health and accident insurance against any medical problems or accidents that may be faced during their exchange period in their own country prior to their travel. The insurance company and the limit of the insurance should be valid in the host country.
- g) Necessary procedures will be implemented for the recognition of awards, certificates, and documents of attendance awarded to the visiting student for participating in seminars, courses, etc. during his/her stay at the host university.

OTHER PROVISIONS

ARTICLE 5

5.1 This agreement does not impose any financial obligations on the parties.



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DURATION AND TERMINATION
ARTICLE 6

6.1 After having been approved by official governmental authorities this protocol will be considered valid for five (5) years once signed by the appropriate officials of each university. Three months before the end of the protocol duration, the conditions of the protocol will be reviewed. Accordingly, the protocol will be extended for another five years or will be cancelled. Requests for withdrawal from the protocol must be in writing. This notification must be given at least one (1) year prior to the termination of the five (5) year program.

6.2 The Memorandum may be terminated at any time, whereby the party initiating the termination must notify the other party 6 months prior to the planned date of termination.

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