

**Memorandum of Understanding
HACETTEPE UNIVERSITY - TURKEY
AND
UNIVERSITY OF PITTSBURGH – U.S.A.**

In order to promote mutual cooperation and to extend mutual understanding, **Hacettepe University of Ankara, Turkey, and the University of Pittsburgh of Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, U.S.A.** agree to enter into an agreement on the following articles.

I- Hacettepe University and the University of Pittsburgh agree to cooperate on the following items, within the extent of each country's regulations, resources, and facilities:

- 1) Both parties agree to promote collaborative research, training, and/or clinical activities, including the exchange of faculty, research personnel, and students. When feasible, these activities may include grant applications to conduct collaborative research.
- 2) The parties also agree to establish predoctoral and postdoctoral student exchange programs and to support programs granting dual degrees in conformity with the guidelines of both institutions.
- 3) The parties also agree to share scientific information, studies, academic research data, technical materials, and publications, provided, however, that all such information exchanged or shared shall be accomplished in compliance with applicable confidentiality and other restrictive agreements, policies, and regulations.
- 4) The parties agree to cooperate in publication activities and/or cultural activities.
- 5) The parties agree to organize joint academic and scientific activities such as conferences, seminars, symposia, and congresses, depending on the availability of resources to support such activities.
- 6) Each party will appoint a committee of three senior members to periodically review the progress of the collaborative endeavors and evaluate their positive impact on the two institutions. These findings will be shared with administrative leaders at both institutions.

II- Exchanges initiated within the joint research clause of this agreement shall be planned separately by taking into consideration each university's facilities and conditions.

III- The academic exchanges described above shall be limited to legislation in force in each country, academic guidelines of each partner institution, and to each partner's budgetary resources. The exchange of students, researchers, and/or professors outlined in this agreement shall be subject to all applicable immigration laws and regulations of Turkey and the United States of America and any limitations and/or restrictions related thereto, as determined by Hacettepe University and the University of Pittsburgh's Office of International Services. Any exchange visitor, scholar, fellow, or student who may be involved in collaborative activities provided hereunder shall be personally responsible for assuring that compliance is maintained with applicable visa and other immigration laws of both countries.

IV- This agreement shall not cause any binding financial obligation for either party. The host institution shall bear no financial responsibility whatsoever in respect to any expenses of an exchange visitor, including but not limited to general financial support for the duration of his/her stay, transportation, and any medical expenses.

V- Prior to initiating any specific activity or program, the Parties will negotiate and enter into a definitive agreement, signed by each Party's authorized signatory, describing the terms of the arrangement, including but not limited to, financial commitments, academic freedom commitments, immigration and compliance obligations, and details of the exchange or collaborative relationship. Execution of this agreement shall not cause any obligation for either party to enter into any specific agreement relating to cooperation between the two universities.

VI- In case research results affecting intellectual property rights are expected to arise in the course of collaborative projects within the scope of this agreement, the parties shall enter into an additional agreement governing the conditions regarding the treatment of intellectual property rights so arising prior to the start of the collaborative project in question.

VII- The execution of this agreement shall be subject to the laws in force for each party and its country. The parties are responsible for obtaining the required in-house, or similar, approvals in accordance with the legislation to which they are subjected.

VIII- In performing this agreement, the parties agree not to discriminate based on race, color, religion, national origin, ancestry, sex, age, marital status, familial status, sexual orientation, gender identity and expression, genetic information, and veteran status. To the extent it is internationally practicable, the parties also agree to reasonably accommodate individuals with disabilities.

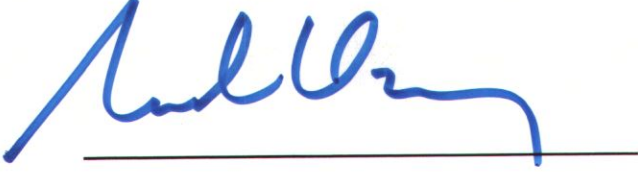
IX.- This memorandum of understanding (MoU) shall be effective on -----, and shall extend for three years thereafter, with automatic renewal for successive three-year terms, provided, however, that any party may terminate this MoU at any time without cause by providing at least 60 days' prior written notice to the other party of its intention to do so.

X. This agreement may be complemented or amended by the written and common consent of authorized representatives of both universities and additional agreements to this agreement. The Addenda or amendments will not be valid unless they are written and signed.

XI. Each university shall reserve the right to terminate the agreement by issuing a written notice to the other party 60 days in advance. In that case, ongoing projects shall be completed.

This agreement shall become effective after its signing by the authorized representatives of both universities.

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