



MEMORANDUM of UNDERSTANDING on INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION

between

KARADENIZ TECHNICAL UNIVERSITY (KTU), TRABZON, TÜRKİYE

UNIVERSITY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGIES (USAT) TAŞKENT, UZBEKISTAN

In order to establish and further promote cooperation, Karadeniz Technical University (Trabzon, Türkiye) and University of Science and Technologies, (Tashkent, Uzbekistan) join in the following Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) on bilateral educational and cultural cooperation.

The two parties will endeavor to cooperate in education and research in areas of mutual interest. To the extent feasible, both parties will encourage direct contact and cooperation between academic staff, research institutions and students.

I. AREAS OF COOPERATION

Specific areas of cooperation between the two universities may include, but are not limited to, the following:

- 1. Exchange of academic staff;
- 2. Exchange of students;
- 3. Joint research activities, lecturing, supervision of postgraduate theses (in-person or online);
- 4. Participation in seminars, conferences and academic meetings;
- 5. Co-organization of short-term training programs and workshops;
- 6. Exchange of published academic materials and other information;
- 7. Internship of postgraduate students;

II. EXCHANGE OF ACADEMIC STAFF

- 1. Academic staff are responsible for their expenses during the period they are affiliated with the host institution (e.g., accommodation, visa expenses, R&D material, health insurance, etc.)
- 2. The host institution shall provide office space and give access to libraries and other facilities.
- 3. Duration of academic staff exchanges will be evaluated on an individual basis.
- **4.** Academic staff exchanges remain subject to the approval of the host institution.
- 5. Academic staff's salary is continued to be paid by their home institution and the host institution is not responsible for salaries.

III. EXCHANGE OF STUDENTS

- 1. The student exchange period consists of at least one semester. It cannot exceed one academic year.
- 2. Exchange students are responsible to adjust to the host institution's academic calendar.
- 3. Exchange students may take courses for credit, and the host institution shall issue a transcript and grades for exchange students under the same rules and regulations as for its own students.
- 4. Exchange students might be recommended by the home institution and follow established rules and procedures set forth by the host institution.
- 5. Students who apply at least three (3) months in advance may be offered accommodation, subject to availability, at the same rate as participants in international exchange programs such as Erasmus.
- **6.** Other all potential expenses (e.g., fees, visa expenses, accommodation, health insurance, etc.) are the responsibility of the students.

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IV. COLLABORATION ON RESEARCH AND ON OTHER SCIENTIFIC EDUCATIONAL ACTIVITIES

- 1. Both parties will make every effort towards the development, materialization and application of research projects in fields which are of mutual interest.
- 2. Both parties shall take part in the organization of the international conferences through consultations, joint panels and common publications (depending on the availability of funds). These academic events can particularly encompass all topics related to social-cultural, political, environmental, and technical aspects, especially in light of the latest international scientific developments and the significance both universities attach to them.
- 3. This MOU shall last for five years from the date of signature and shall be reviewed and evaluated after this period. Either institution may terminate this MOU upon written notice to the other institution three months prior to the actual termination. Under such termination circumstances, the programs under way shall be allowed to be completed according to the terms that have been agreed upon.

V. RENEWAL, TERMINATION, AND AMENDMENT

- 1. This Memorandum of Understanding shall be signed in person by the official representatives of both organizations and both parties shall retain a signed copy.
- 2. Except where specified and agreed upon, this MOU will impose no financial obligations on the host institution.
- 3. This MOU shall remain in force unless either side provides a three-month notice of intent to terminate.
- 4. This MOU will become effective at the time signed by the authorized representatives of both parties.
- 5. Permission is given to University of Science and Technologies to use the official marks of Karadeniz Technical University, specifically the institutional name and/or institutional logo solely for the purposes of promoting and administering the collaborative activities between the institutions; provided, however, University of Science and Technologies shall comply with partner university policies.
- 6. Permission is given to Karadeniz Technical University use the official marks of University of Science and Technologies, specifically the institutional name and/or institutional logo solely for the purposes of promoting and administering the collaborative activities between the institutions; provided, that Karadeniz Technical University shall take all such reasonable degree of care as an institution of good ethical and normal prudence would expect in its own case.
- 7. This MOU aims joint capacity building, knowledge sharing and sustainable development academic work units under the headings of Quality Education, Gender Equality, Decent Work and Economic Growth and Partnerships for the Goals within the framework of the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals.
- 8. Items not covered by this MOU may be determined and negotiated separately by both institutions without abrogating this MOU.

On behalf of

Karadeniz Technical University

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Date: 24. 10. 2025

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