

UNIVERSITA' DEGLI STUDI DI MESSINA

COOPERATION AGREEMENT between THE UNIVERSITY OF MESSINA and THE UNIVERSITY OF

The University of Messina (Italy) legally represented by the Rector, Francesco Tomasello, And

The University of Gaziantep legally represented by the Rector,

hereby "the Parties"

wishing to enhance relations between the two Universities and to develop academic and cultural exchanges in the areas of education, research and other activities; agree upon a cooperation agreement which is regulated by the following clauses.

Art. 1

The Parties aim at developing common educational projects and at sharing experience in teaching activities of common interest.

Art. 2

For the purpose of achieving the aims set out in the previous article of this agreement, both Parties agree to the following specific provisions:

- Ensure international mobility of faculty members (full or associate professors), researchers (either tenured or non-tenured), in order to favour the attainment of joint research projects, seminars, conferences and teaching activities.
- Ensure international mobility of PhD students for study and research activities.
- Ensure international mobility of students for the attendance of classes, internships or other academic training activities.
- In the event of exchange of undergraduate students, the home institution shall recognize and give credits for the academic results obtained by its students at the host institution in accordance with the programme of studies initially developed and agreed upon by both institutions.

- On the base of reciprocity, students who participate in the exchange programme shall not be required to pay tuition and fees to the host institution.
- Undergraduate students shall be required to abide by the rules and regulations of the host institutions.

Art. 3

The University of Messina appoints Mrs. Grazia De Tuzza, Head of the Unit Further Education, Scientific Research and International Relations (FESRIR) as its coordinator.

The University of Gaziantep appoints Prof.

as its scientific coordinator.

Both coordinators are to guarantee the execution in good faith of the agreement.

Art. 4

The Parties shall provide faculty members (full or associate professors), researchers (either tenured or non-tenured), PhD students and undergraduate students with access to classrooms, laboratories, faculty libraries and other resources as appropriate for education. In case of damage to University property or equipment, the relevant University will be held responsible for costs incurred in replacing damaged property or equipment.

Art. 5

Faculty members (full or associate professors), researchers (either tenured or non-tenured), PhD students and undergraduate students shall be responsible for covering personal travel expenses.

The Parties, on the base of reciprocity, shall provide housing accommodations in a university residence hall or other university housing.

Board and lodging costs shall be applied according to current costs for incoming students. These costs may be periodically reviewed and the host University undertakes to inform the partner University with nine months notice of any increase.

Art. 6

Faculty members (full or associate professors), researchers (either tenured or non-tenured), PhD students and undergraduate students who participate in the exchange programme shall have and show proof of medical insurance and/or liability coverage of a primary nature from their home institution, prior to arrival at the host institution, which shall remain in force for the duration of the stay.

Art. 8

This agreement is established for a period of 5 years and will be effective from the date of signature. Thereafter it shall be automatically extended for an additional period of 5 years at each expiry date, unless any party provides written notice to terminate the agreement, at least six months prior to the expiry date.

Under no circumstances may the present agreement be terminated before the Faculty members (full or associate professors), researchers (either tenured or non-tenured), PhD students and undergraduate students have completed any ongoing exchange programme. The present agreement is written and signed in original copies, in English and Italian.

Date:

ON BEHALF OF THE UNIVERSITY OF MESSINA

FRANCESCO TOMASELLO Rector

University of Messina

Date: 13 AUGUST

ON BEHALF OF **GAZIANTEP**

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University of Gaziantep