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MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

between

ALTINBAŞ UNIVERSITY

and

UNIVERSIDAD DE GUADALAJARA

Altınbaş University, Türkiye, and Universidad de Guadalajara, Mexico, agree to collaborate under the following statements and terms:

STATEMENTS

Altınbaş University declares that it is a public institution established by the Mehmet Altınbaş Education and Culture Foundation in accordance with Law No. 2547 on Higher Education and related legislation.

Initially established as Istanbul Kemerburgaz University under Law No. 5765, published in Official Gazette No. 26892 dated May 31, 2008, the institution's name was later changed to Altınbaş University under Law No. 7033, published in Official Gazette No. 30111 dated July 1, 2017.

Altınbaş University operates with an innovative, application-centered, and learner-focused approach, continuously updating itself in line with the needs of the world and Türkiye. Altınbaş University aims to promote innovation, provide opportunities and an environment for free research, make original contributions with a sense of social responsibility, and prioritize a solution-oriented approach.

The legal address of Altınbaş University is Mahmutbey Mahallesi, Dilmenler Caddesi, Mahmutbey Campus No: 26-28, Bağcılar/Istanbul. And, declares that it is represented by its President, Prof. Çağrı Erhan.

Universidad de Guadalajara (UDEG) declares that it is a public body, decentralized from the State Government of Jalisco, and a legal entity with full autonomy and property ownership rights, conforming to what is stated in Article 1° of its Organic Law, promulgated by the Local Executive on the 15th day of January, 1994, in the execution of the Decree number 15,319 of the Honorable Congress of the State of Jalisco.

As stated in Article 6°, Section III of its Organic Law, UDEG undertakes programs for teaching, research, and the diffusion of cultural awareness, in agreement with the principles and directions laid out in Article 3° of the Political Constitution of the Mexican United States. It indicates, as its legal domicile, the property located in Juárez Avenue, Number 976, C.P. 44100, in Guadalajara, Jalisco, México. And, declares that it is represented by its Rector General, Dr. Ricardo Villanueva Lomelí, assisted by the Secretary General, MSc. Guillermo Arturo Gómez Mata.

TERMS

1. Purpose

The Parties of this Memorandum of Understanding indicate their willingness in principle to cooperate in the promotion of teaching and research activities. Under this Memorandum of Understanding, the types of cooperation may include:

1. Exchange of students for study;
2. Exchange of faculty members for study, research and participation in educational programs;
3. Exchange of scholars for lectures, talks and sharing of experience;
4. Exchange of publications in fields of interest to both universities;
5. Collaborative professional development;
6. Joint educational programs;
7. Other activities as mutually agreed.

The Parties will exchange students, teachers, and researchers and will perform educational activities on the basis of broad reciprocity in those areas in which both institutions have mutual interest. The proposed programs, projects or work agreements derived from this Agreement shall be elevated to the category of specific collaboration agreements, once signed by their institutional representatives, and shall be considered annexes to this instrument.

2. Financial Terms

The funding of activities or specific projects related to this Memorandum of Understanding will be determined by a specific agreement that shall be approved by both Parties. Both Parties understand that all financial arrangements which are negotiated will depend on the availability of funds.

3. Duration

This MOU will be valid for five (5) years unless terminated by one of the Parties. Either institution may withdraw from this MOU, provided written notification of the withdrawal is given to the other institution at least six (6) months prior to the desired withdrawal date. If there are ongoing collaborative actions, they shall not be affected by the termination of this Agreement.

This MOU may be renewed for another period of five (5) years upon mutual written consent of the two institutions before the expiration date, in accordance with the applicable regulations and through the corresponding legal instruments, with the Parties being obligated to the new stipulations as of the date of signature.

4. Extension or modification

This Memorandum of Understanding may be modified or may be extended to other areas of cooperation with the written consent of the two Parties of this Memorandum of Understanding. Such modifications or extensions will take the form of an annex to this Memorandum of Understanding.



5. Effective Date

This Memorandum of Understanding will become effective upon the date of signature by the representatives of both institutions. In the event of separate signatures, the date of the second signature shall be taken as the initial date.

6. Implementation

The primary contacts for this MOU are Assoc. Prof. Fulya AKSU, Director of Alumni Relations and Internationalization Department, for Altınbaş University, and Dr. Ricardo Villanueva Lomeli, Rector General, for Universidad de Guadalajara. The Parties may enter into specific written agreements whenever appropriate to clarify and define the nature, extent, and terms of operation for the proposed collaborations, including intellectual property ownership and funding issues. Any agreement entered into by these two universities will require the approval of appropriate officers from each institution. All agreements and activities covered under this MOU or entered into by the Parties must comply with all applicable laws and regulations, including all Mexican and Turkish export control laws and regulations.

7. Gender Equality, Diversity and Inclusion

7.1. According to Article 10 of the Republic of Türkiye's Constitution, "Everyone is equal before the law, regardless of language, race, color, gender, political opinion, philosophical belief, religion, or sect." (Additional paragraph of Law No. 5170 of May 7, 2004) and Article 6 of Altınbaş University Constitution dated May 2016 "Respect for all kinds of differences such as ethnic origin, belief, political opinion, age, disability, gender, sexual orientation is the basis of equality and discrimination is not tolerated." the Republic of Türkiye and Altınbaş University guarantee equality before the law.

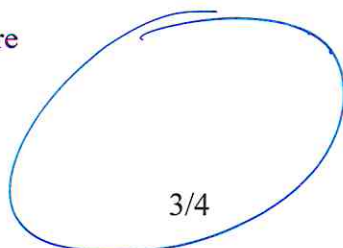
Additionally, gender equality will be protected by the Altınbaş University Gender Equality Action Plan, which was developed to promote gender equality under the guidance of the Council of Europe and adopted by the university senate on January 13, 2023.

(Please find The Action Plan and special units on <https://tokamer.altinbas.edu.tr/>.)

7.2. Institutions that have signed this agreement declare that they will act in accordance with the constitution and action plans outlined above.

8. *Read and ratified in all its parts, it is issued in duplicate, in English language, signed at the bottom and in the margin of each of the pages by which they intervene.*

Appendix: Circular of signature



Two blue ink signatures, one appearing to be "SA" and the other a more complex cursive signature.

Place: Istanbul, Turkiye

Date: 17.07.2024

**On behalf of
Altınbaş University**

Signature:

Prof. Dr. Çağrı ERHAN
President

Place: Guadalajara, Jalisco, México

Date: 06 JUN 2024

**On behalf of
Universidad de Guadalajara**

Signatures:

Dr. Ricardo Villanueva Lomeli
Rector General

MSc. Guillermo Arturo Gómez Mata
Secretary General

WITNESS

**Mtra. Valeria Viridiana
Padilla Navarro**
Coordinator for Internationalization

This signature page corresponds to the MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING between Altınbaş University, Turkey, and Universidad de Guadalajara, Mexico, which consists of a total of four (4) pages.