



GENERAL PROTOCOL OF EDUCATIONAL AND SCIENTIFIC COOPERATION

between the
UNIVERSIDAD TECNOLÓGICA DE PANAMÁ
DRI-065-2021
(Panamá, Panamá)
and
ISTANBUL TECHNICAL UNIVERSITY
(Istanbul, Turkey)

Istanbul Technical University-Istanbul/Turkey, hereinafter referred to as ITU and Universidad Tecnológica de Panamá, whose legal representative is duly authorized to sign this document by virtue of Resolution No. CGU-R-04-2021 of the General University Council approved in session ordinary virtual No. 05 -2021 held on August 5, 2021, *“which authorizes the signing and execution of Agreements, Protocols, Memorandum of Understanding International and other similar ones, related to the implementation of International Cooperation Programs in the academic, scientific, investigative, cultural fields and the areas of Student, Teacher, Researcher and Administrative Mobility of the Technological University of Panama, and other provisions are adopted”*, Panama City / Panama, hereinafter UTP, considering their common interests in promoting mutual cooperation in the areas of education and scientific research, both parties therefore wish to formalize their partnership for collaboration and cooperation and have set forth the following General Protocol of Educational and Scientific Cooperation (General Protocol):

Article I: Purpose

The present General Protocol aims to establish the institutional and legal framework for the Parties to organize academic exchanges. The purpose of this General Protocol is to develop academic and educational cooperation based on equality and mutuality, and to promote friendship relations and mutual understanding between the people of the two countries.

Article II. Scope of the Cooperation

Both Parties agree to promote and develop their cooperation by the following means:

- a. Pedagogical collaboration and exchange of information and documentation in the field of methods and tools in Higher Education,
- b. The Exchange of faculty and students at all levels (undergraduate, graduate and post-graduate),
- c. Co-advising for thesis and dissertation of graduate students of both Parties (ITU and UTP),
- d. Development of dual and/or double degree programs.
- e. Exploring the possibility of joint cooperative research and innovation projects.
- f. Exploring the possibility of joint industrial approach and entrepreneurship program.
- g. Such other ways as may be mutually acceptable.



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Article III: Conditions of Implementation

Both Parties agree to identify relevant financial support in order to develop the joint activities proposed in this General Protocol.

Article IV: Agreement of Implementation

1. This institutional level General Protocol is designed to facilitate development of mutually beneficial programs and to promote research and educational relationships, and should not be deemed to create legal and financial obligations between Parties
2. Any specific cooperative agreement, referred to as a General Protocol of Educational and Scientific Cooperation (Protocol) shall include such items as:
 - A brief description of rationale and values of the initiative/program for both Parties.
 - Detailed terms and conditions involved.
 - Elaboration of responsibilities of each institution for the agreed upon terms.
 - Schedules for specific activity.
 - Budgets and sources of financing for each activity.
 - Any other items deemed necessary for efficient management.

Article V: Settlement of Differences

Any differing viewpoint and interpretations of this General Protocol shall be settled amicably by mutual consultations and/or negotiations.

Article VI: Amendments, Duration and Termination

1. Amendments to this General Protocol should only be presented in written form and should enter into force after given mutual consent by both Parties.
2. This General Protocol shall be in effect from the date of its signing and be valid for the duration of five (5) years from that date and may be renewed or amended at any time before the expiration date, by a written protocol signed by authorized representatives of both parties. This protocol may be terminated by either party upon ninety (90) days advance written notice to the other party.
3. This General Protocol may be terminated by either Party by written notice, at least, six (6) months in advance. Such notice of termination will not interfere with cooperative programs currently underway. Such programs will be allowed to continue until their conclusion.

Article VII: Administrative Supervision and Facilitation of the Partnership

1. Under the current General Protocol, all initiatives between the two institutions shall be appropriately facilitated and guided by each institution's official protocol for international affairs.
2. For administrative supervision and facilitation of this General Protocol, the Coordinator of International Relations at UTP, (relaciones.internacionales@utp.ac.pa) and the Coordinator of International Relations at ITU (international@itu.edu.tr) will coordinate official protocols.



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3. Either Party may change its own designated liaison by sending written notice to the other Party of such change.

This General Protocol is prepared in English and 2 original copies of this General Protocol are produced. These copies are authentic and recognized as formalized official documents. As witness of consent to this General Protocol, the appropriate authorities hereunto provide their signatures:

UNIVERSIDAD TECNOLÓGICA DE PANAMÁ

ISTANBUL TECHNICAL UNIVERSITY

Eng. Héctor M. Montemayor Á.

Rector

Date: **18/10/2021**

Prof. Dr. İsmail KOYUNCU

Rector

Date: **02/03/2022**

