PROGRAM SPECIFIC AGREEMENT FOR A
STUDENT, FACULTY AND RESEARCHER EXCHANGE

Between

BOARD OF REGENTS OF THE UNIVERSITY SYSTEM OF GEORGIA
BY AND ON
BEHALF OF GEORGIA STATE UNIVERSITY AND ITS COLLEGE OF EDUCATION,
ATLANTA, U.S.A.

And

BAHÇEŞEHİR ÜNİVERSİTESİ AND ITS FACULTY OF EDUCATIONAL SCIENCES
İSTANBUL, TURKEY

In order to improve the educational experiences and cultural understanding of their students and faculty, the Board of Regents of the University System of Georgia by and on behalf of Georgia State University and its College of Education, Atlanta, Georgia, United States of America ("Georgia State" or "GSU") and Bahçeşehir Üniversitesi through its Faculty of Educational Sciences, Istanbul, Turkey ("BAU") agree to institute a student, faculty and researcher exchange in accordance with the terms and conditions set forth in this agreement ("Agreement").

Georgia State and BAU hereby agree to the following:

1. **Description of Program**

   This agreement ("Agreement") is established to facilitate an exchange program between students, faculty and researchers from each institution (collectively, the "Exchange Program"). The non-degree student exchange program enables students from one university to take classes at the other university while working towards a degree at the university where he or she is formally enrolled (individually, the "Student Exchange") and to encourage faculty member and researchers from each university to visit the other university and engage in certain activities (individually, the "Faculty/Researcher Exchange").

   **Faculty/Researcher Exchange:** this Exchange Program is intended to permit faculty members and researchers from each Home University to take advantage of the following opportunities:

   - Short visits in which to familiarize themselves with the Host University in conjunction with other activities
   - Joint research or supervision/participation in the teaching activities of the Host University
• Collaborative research and teaching activities that can be pursued more fully by the faculty member and researcher during a visit that is a year or more in length;

For purposes of this Agreement, with respect to the Student Exchange, the term “Home University” shall mean the institution in which a student is formally enrolled as a degree candidate, and “Host University” shall mean the institution that has agreed to receive students from the Home University for a period of study.

With respect to the Faculty/Researcher Exchange, as used herein, “Home University” shall mean the university where the faculty member and/or researcher is normally employed, and “Host University” shall mean the university that the faculty member and/or researcher is visiting.

2. Term and Academic Years

This agreement becomes effective on the date it is duly signed by representatives of both institutions. The term of the Agreement shall commence on the effective date and shall be in effect for five (5) years, unless earlier terminated by either party pursuant to section 8 below. The agreement is renewable for additional five-year terms upon the advance written agreement of both parties. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary contained herein, the term of this Agreement shall not extend beyond one academic year if Georgia State assumes any financial obligations by entering into this Agreement and, in no event shall the term of this Agreement extend beyond five academic years. This Agreement may be renewed for additional academic year or five year renewal terms, as applicable, upon the advance written agreement of both parties.

The academic year at Georgia State consists of two regular semesters: the first begins in August/September and runs through December, and the second begins in January and runs through May. In addition, there is a summer semester and an abbreviated Maymester. Faculty members/researchers and students from BAU may participate during any semester.

The academic year at BAU consists of two regular semesters: the first begins in September and runs through January, and the second begins in February and runs through June. Students from Georgia State taking classes at BAU may participate during any semester.

3. Number of Students, Faculty Members and Researchers

Starting in Fall 2014 and continuing for each year during the term of this Agreement, the two institutions will exchange faculty/researchers and both undergraduate and graduate students. For students, the exchange will be measured according to the following formula: one full-time semester student at Georgia State equals one full-time semester student at BAU. If an institution sends a student for the academic year, this counts for two semesters of that year’s total. Note: In general, the exchange should be undergraduate students for undergraduate students and graduate students for graduate students. Initially, each institution will exchange students at a maximum of 4 full-time semesters. These maximum numbers may be amended in writing by both parties.

BAU students studying at GSU will carry a normal load of classes appropriate to full-time status. Georgia State students studying at BAU will register for and take a minimum of 6 credit hours for undergraduate students and 3 credit hours for graduate students for each semester. The exchange will be measured according to the following formula: one full-time semester BAU undergraduate student equals two GSU undergraduate students enrolled for 6 credit hours each, one full-time semester BAU graduate student equals three GSU graduate students enrolled for 3 credit hours each and one full-time semester faculty member and/or researcher at Georgia State equals one full-time semester faculty member and/or researcher at BAU. Initially, a maximum of 2 faculty members and researchers will be sent to Georgia State and an equal number to BAU. These maximum numbers may be amended in writing by both parties.
Georgia State and BAU will endeavor to maintain an evenly balanced exchange during the term of this Agreement. However, if conditions exist that render such equity impossible to maintain during a particular semester, such imbalance shall be corrected in the immediate available semester to restore balance. In no event shall an imbalance in the exchange be carried forward beyond one semester. The exchange balance will be monitored throughout the term of this Agreement by both institutions. Either party to this Agreement may refuse admission to additional incoming students until the exchange balance is restored.

4. Units Involved in Exchange Program

Participants in the program will be drawn from College of Education at Georgia State, and Faculty of Educational Sciences at BAU at the discretion of both parties. Exchange students enrolled at Georgia State may take coursework in any department within the College of Education, and exchange students enrolled at BAU may take coursework in any department within the Faculty of Educational Sciences.

5. Student Exchange

A. Requirements for Students to Participate

Students who wish to participate in the Exchange Program will be screened for eligibility for admission by the Home University, which shall respect the admission requirements and enrollment constraints of the Host University. Students will be required to comply with the standard rules, regulations, and enrollment restrictions of the Host University in the selection of courses, including requirements of language proficiency, and health documentation.

Students must be proficient in the language of instruction for courses being taken at the Host University in order to participate. At Georgia State, the language of instruction is English, and at BAU the language of instruction in the relevant faculty is English. Students from BAU will be required to take the BAU proficiency exam as well as the English 1003 course, Communication Skills and Reporting, prior to studying at Georgia State. These language requirements apply only to the students and not to their spouses and dependents. Each Host University shall have final authority over decisions regarding admission of students to its courses. Each Host University shall have final authority over decisions regarding admission of students to its courses.

B. Academic Counseling, Credits and Reports

The school, department or unit involved in this Agreement at each Home University will provide academic counseling to its own students to ensure that the courses taken at the Host University are acceptable with respect to its own degree programs. The Host University will supply the Home University with course descriptions and other pertinent materials/non-privileged information to assist in determining course equivalency.

The exchange students must pursue the approved course of study for the agreed period. Course work undertaken by visiting students should be recognized as contributing to degree requirements at the Home Institution, but this remains at the discretion of the Home Institution. Georgia State students will receive institutional credits under this Agreement. At the end of each semester or academic term, students will follow appropriate procedures at the Host University to ensure academic records/transcript from the Host University are sent to the Home University.

C. Student Responsibilities and Expenses

Unless otherwise indicated in an appendix hereto, students in this Exchange Program will be responsible for the following:
1. Payment of admission application fees; n/a;
2. Payment of all student fees and tuition to the Home University. With the assistance of the Host University, obtaining the proper visas and other documents required by the government of the Host University, including any guaranty that they have the financial resources to meet all expenses;
3. The costs of food, housing, international and local transportation, books, fees for class materials, and other educational and personal expenses;
4. Purchasing the required health/hospitalization/liability insurance, including repatriation, for the time period of their involvement in the Exchange Program in order to meet governmental regulations, as well as the regulations of the Host and Home Universities, as set forth in section 9 below;
5. Abiding by the same regulations and performance standards that pertain to other students at the Host University;
6. Providing the appropriate exchange coordinator/director at the Host University emergency contact information; Submitting to criminal background checks and purchasing relevant insurance if they are participating in an internship at Host University; and
7. Submitting any health or immunization records required by Host University.

D. Visa Requirements

Each Host University will provide the necessary documentation (e.g., official letters of admission, immigration documents) for exchange students to obtain a visa to enter and study in the host country. This documentation enables the Home University to sponsor the students as part of this Agreement but does not commit the institution to any financial sponsorship. In order to produce this documentation, they will rely on the Home University communicating student information four to five months before the start of the Exchange Program. The Host University will update the Home University annually regarding the data and documentation required. It is each student’s responsibility to obtain the appropriate visa, as required by the host country. Exchange students coming to GSU are required to obtain a J1 visa, and therefore must provide documentation of sufficient financial resources needed to study in the U.S. Forms and detailed information about this process will be provided by GSU’s International Student & Scholar Services.

E. Insurance Requirements for Students

Personal health, hospitalization and accident insurance, including a repatriation & medical evacuation plan, as well as liability coverage, is required for all students participating in this Exchange Program. Students who already have insurance must submit proof of such coverage to the Host University for approval before departing from their home countries. The Host University will assist students in identifying available insurance options designed for international students, if necessary. Students from BAU who do not have appropriate insurance must obtain Georgia State’s international students’ insurance policy. Students from Georgia State must obtain Georgia State’s study abroad insurance coverage.

F. Housing for Students

The Host University may offer advice to exchange students regarding accommodations, but it is the responsibility of the students themselves to making living arrangements in the host country.
G. Employment

This agreement does not allow any type of employment of BAU and/or Georgia State students in the host country. Students will follow appropriate steps to obtain authorization of employment and will follow regulations of their student visas and host university.

H. Compliance with Rules and Regulations

Exchange students will be subject to the rules and regulations of the Host University, and the laws and procedures of the state or province in which the institution is located. The Host University will assume no responsibility for a student’s conduct or lack of compliance with any of the host country’s laws. Each institution reserves the right to dismiss any exchange student at any time for academic or personal misconduct in violation of established regulations provided, however that the Host University will, absent extenuating circumstances, attempt to consult with the Home University before implementing such action. The dismissal of a student shall not abrogate this Agreement, or arrangements regarding other students.

6. Faculty/Researcher Exchange

A. Requirements for Participation

Faculty and researchers who wish to participate in the Exchange Program will be screened for eligibility by the Home University and approved by the Host University.

Faculty and researchers should be proficient in the language of the Host University in order to participate. At Georgia State, the language of instruction is English, and faculty/researchers from BAU will be required to have proficiency in English. The language of instruction at BAU in the relevant faculty is English and faculty/researchers from Georgia State will be required to have proficiency in that language. Language requirements apply only to the faculty and researchers and not to their spouses and dependents.

Each Host University shall have final authority over decisions regarding the acceptance of faculty and researchers from the Home University to participate in research, teaching or other activities.

B. Faculty/Researcher Responsibilities

Each faculty member and researcher participating in this Exchange Program will be responsible for the following:

1. Payment of all expenses and fees that his or her Home University has not agreed to pay;
2. With assistance from the Host University, and any financial assistance from the Home University, obtaining proper visas and other documents required by the government of the Host University, including any guaranty that they have the financial resources to meet all expenses;
3. Purchasing the required health/hospitalization and liability insurance, including repatriation & medical evacuation coverage, for the time period of their involvement in the Exchange Program in order to meet governmental regulations, as well as the regulations of the Host and Home Universities, with any assistance offered by the Home University;
4. Abiding by the same regulations and performance standards that pertain to other faculty and researchers at the Host University;
5. Submitting to criminal background checks, if necessary;
6. Submitting any health or immunization records required by Host University; and
7. Complying with the Home University’s Travel and Safety Guidance, including observing applicable local and federal export control regulations.
C. Department/School/Unit Responsibilities

Participating institution units are responsible for identifying and arranging for a supervisory and reporting structure applicable to all visiting faculty and researchers participating in the Exchange Program.

D. Salaries and Expenses

Georgia State will pay the salary, air transportation, health insurance, passport and visa fees, and the cost of any procedures needed to adhere to the health regulations for any Georgia State faculty/researchers who participate in this Exchange Program. Financial assistance in paying for housing for any Georgia State faculty/researchers while participating in this Exchange Program may be negotiated by such faculty/researchers and the appropriate unit at Georgia State.

BAU will pay the salaries for any BAU faculty and researchers who participate in this Exchange Program. Financial assistance in paying any other expenses for BAU faculty and researchers while participating in this Exchange Program will be negotiated by such faculty/researchers and BAU. All faculty/researchers from the BAU who participate in this Exchange Program agree to undergo any procedures needed to adhere to the health regulations of the United States.

E. Visa Requirements

Each Host University will provide the necessary documentation for exchange scholars to obtain a visa to enter the host country. In order to produce this documentation, they will rely on the Home University communicating scholar information three (3) to four (4) months before the start of the Exchange Program. The Host University will update the Home University annually regarding the data and documentation required. It is each scholar’s responsibility to obtain the appropriate visa, as required by the host country. Exchange scholars coming to GSU are required to obtain a J1 visa, and therefore must provide documentation of sufficient financial resources. Forms and detailed information about this process will be provided by GSU’s International Student & Scholar Services.

F. Office Space and Support

Each Host University agrees to provide office space and appropriate administrative support for visiting faculty and researchers.

G. Compliance with Rules and Regulations

Exchange faculty/Researchers will be subject to the rules and regulations of the Host Institution, and the laws and procedures of the state or canton in which the institution is located.

The Host Institution will assume no responsibility for a faculty/researcher’s conduct or lack of compliance with any of the host country’s laws. Each institution reserves the right to dismiss any exchange faculty or researcher at any time for academic or personal misconduct in violation of established regulations provided, however that the Host Institution will, absent extenuating circumstances, attempt to consult with the Home Institution before implementing such action. The dismissal of a scholar shall not abrogate this Agreement, or arrangements regarding other scholars.
7. Research

To the extent allowable by law, the parties may engage in joint research, conference participation, publication of research results and other research-related activity. The parties understand and agree that certain research sponsors may prohibit participation by visiting students, faculty, and researchers on specific research projects in the host country. The parties further understand and agree to secure all Institutional and other required approvals prior to conducting research activities and to abide by all policies and procedures governing such activities.

If exchange faculty, researchers or students participate in research funded by a third party sponsor, the parties agree that such research activities will abide by the terms of the sponsorship agreement. If exchange faculty, researchers or students receive third party confidential information for research purposes that was provided under a written nondisclosure or confidential disclosure agreement, the parties agree that the exchange faculty, researchers and students will be bound by the confidentiality and nondisclosure terms of such agreement.

Exchange faculty, researchers and students pledge to disclose any intellectual property developed as a result of joint research to both the Host and Home Institutions unless such disclosure is unlawful under the law of the Host Institution’s country. If valuable intellectual property is created as a result of joint research, ownership of such intellectual property shall be determined in accordance with the law of inventorship or authorship of the country in which the research occurred and the Host Institution’s policies. The parties agree that the Host Institution will evaluate the intellectual property, in consultation with the other party, to determine whether formal patent, copyright, or other protection is desirable.

8. Modification, Termination, Renewal of Agreement

This Agreement may be modified, revised, or renewed but only upon the mutual consent of the parties in writing. Either party may terminate this Agreement by written notice submitted at least 90 days in advance of the next academic semester. Termination will not affect existing faculty, researchers or students in the Exchange Program. Unless renewed by mutual written consent, this Agreement will conclude at the end of the specified academic term or year (as defined in section 2 above).

9. Primary Contacts / Program Directors

The Primary Contacts/ Program Directors will ensure that the terms of this Agreement are carried out. They will serve as the contact persons at each institution, ensure the general welfare of program participants, ensure that necessary approvals are in place, and have administrative oversight of the program.

The primary contacts for the parties to this Agreement are the following:

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WHEREFORE the parties to this Agreement signify their acceptance of the terms and conditions contained herein by signing in the spaces below.

Board of Regents of the University
System of Georgia by and on behalf
of Georgia State University and its College
of Education

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Paul Alberto
Dean

Date: August 4, 2014

Bahçeşehir Üniversitesi and its
Faculty of Educational Sciences

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Dean

Date: August 15, 2014