



**MARMARA
UNIVERSITY**

**RENEWAL OF A 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 ANDREW YOUNG SCHOOL OF
POLICY STUDIES, ATLANTA, U.S.A.**

And

**MARMARA UNIVERSITY AND ITS FACULTY OF ECONOMICS AND FACULTY OF
POLITICAL SCIENCE
ISTANBUL, TURKEY**

In furtherance of the existing relationship established in November 2013, between the Board of Regents of the University System of Georgia by and on behalf of Georgia State University and its Andrew Young School of Policy Studies, Atlanta, Georgia, United States of America ("Georgia State") and Marmara University and its Faculty of Economics and Faculty of Political Science, Istanbul, Turkey ("Marmara"), both parties agree to renew a student, faculty, and researcher exchange in accordance with the terms and conditions set forth in this agreement ("Agreement").

At the time this agreement is signed, the COVID-19 pandemic has disrupted travel and academic operations. Therefore, the parties agree that before this agreement is implemented, each party must confirm that the timing and plans are acceptable. The implementation of the agreement may be postponed or cancelled at the request of either party.

Georgia State and Marmara hereby agree to the following:

1. Description of Program

This Agreement renews an exchange program at the partner institution with students, faculty and researchers from each institution (collectively, the "Exchange Program"). The purpose of this Agreement is to develop academic and educational co-operation and to promote mutual understanding between two academic institutions. The 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 members and researchers from each university to visit the other university and engage in certain activities (individually, the "Faculty/Researcher Exchange").

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 9 below. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary contained herein, the term of this Agreement shall not extend beyond one academic year if Georgia State or Marmara assume any financial obligations by entering into this Agreement and, in no event shall the term of this Agreement extend beyond five (5) academic years. This Agreement may be renewed for additional academic years or five (5) year renewal terms, as applicable, upon the advance written agreement of both parties.

The academic year at Georgia State consists of two regular semesters: Fall semester begins in August and ends in mid-December and the Spring semester begins in January and runs into May. In addition, there is an abbreviated Summer Term and Summer Institute. Faculty members/researchers and students from Marmara may participate during any term or any semester.

The academic year at Marmara consists of two semesters: Fall semester begins in September and ends in mid-January and Spring semester starts in February and ends in mid-June. Students from Georgia State taking classes at Marmara may participate during any semester.

The period of exchange is one semester.

3. Number of Students, Faculty Members and Researchers

Starting in Fall 2021 and continuing for each year during the term of this Agreement, the two institutions will exchange faculty/researchers, and students on a one-for-one basis, by credit hour count. However, in order to correct the imbalance of students under the previous agreement, in which Marmara sent one (1) more semester space than Georgia State, Georgia State will send one (1) additional semester space than it receives. Once balance is restored, the exchange will proceed on a one-for-one basis. Each academic year, the institutions will allocate semester spaces for the partner's full-time exchange students. 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 or graduate students for graduate students.)*

Both parties will endeavor to maintain an evenly balanced exchange during the term of this Agreement. However, if conditions exist which render such equity impossible during a particular semester, such imbalance shall be corrected in the subsequent available semester to restore balance. In no event shall an imbalance in the exchange be carried forward beyond one semester, nor should students currently enrolled in the program be removed to restore

balance. The exchange balance will be monitored annually throughout the term of this Agreement by both institutions. Either party to this Agreement may refuse admission to the additional incoming students until the exchange balance is restored.

For faculty/researchers, each institution will host the partner's full-time faculty/researchers for up to one (1) semester per academic year. These maximum numbers may be amended in writing by both parties.

4. Units Involved in Exchange Program

Participants in the program will be drawn from Andrew Young School of Policy Studies at Georgia State, and from the Faculties of Economics and Political Science at Marmara, at the discretion of both parties.

Exchange students enrolled at Georgia State may take coursework at the Faculty of Economics and Faculty of Political Science, and exchange students enrolled at Marmara may take coursework at the Andrew Young School of Policy Studies.

5. Student Exchange

A. Student Participation Requirements

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 Marmara the language of instruction is English. Undergraduate students from Marmara will be required to submit English language proficiency test scores appropriate for admission: a minimum TOEFL (Internet) score of 69 or minimum IELTS score of 6. Graduate students from Marmara will be required to submit English language proficiency test scores appropriate for admission (a minimum TOEFL (Internet) score of 100 or minimum IELTS score of 7) or proof of Baccalaureate or graduate degree completion from an accredited U.S. institution or institution outside the U.S. where English is the official language of instruction. At the discretion of the Program Director, undergraduate students from Marmara may submit the Georgia State English Language Proficiency Form in place of TOEFL scores. Students from Georgia State will not be required to demonstrate language proficiency. These language requirements apply only to the students and not to their spouses and/or dependents. 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-

confidential information to assist in determining course equivalency. Students will carry a normal load of classes appropriate to full-time status at the home and host institution(s).

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 transfer 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 all mandatory student fees and tuition to the Home University by published deadlines;
2. With the assistance of the Host University, obtaining the proper visas and other documents required by the government of the Host University, including any guarantee 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. When provided by the Host University, payment of housing and board costs to the Host University by the published deadlines;
5. Purchasing the required health/hospitalization/liability insurance, including a repatriation and medical evacuation plan and U.S. Affordable Care Act compliance 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 E below;
6. Submitting any health or immunization records required by Host University;
7. Abiding by the same regulations and performance standards that pertain to other students at the Host University;
8. In compliance with the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA), requesting official transcripts to be sent by the Home University to the Host University; and
9. Providing the appropriate exchange coordinator/director at the Host University emergency contact information.

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 Georgia State are required to obtain a J-1 visa, and therefore must provide documentation of sufficient financial resources, including health insurance coverage needed to study in the U.S. Forms and detailed information about this process will be provided by Georgia State's International Student & Scholar Services.

Exchange students coming to Marmara University should apply for a student visa as soon as they get the acceptance letter provided by Marmara University. Additionally, exchange students are required to apply for a residence permit after they arrive in Turkey. More information about residence permit and the required documents for the application can be found at <https://e-ikamet.goc.gov.tr/>.

E. Insurance Requirements for Students

Personal health, hospitalization and accident insurance, including a repatriation and medical evacuation plan, as well as liability coverage, and 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, and such approval is not guaranteed. The Host University will assist students in identifying available insurance options designed for international students, if necessary. Students from Marmara who do not have appropriate insurance must obtain Georgia State's international students' insurance policy, compliant with the U.S. Affordable Care Act. Students from Georgia State must obtain Georgia State's mandatory study abroad insurance coverage.

Exchange students coming to Marmara University should obtain a "Student Travel Health Insurance". Students may purchase the required insurance from a private insurance company located in Turkey. If the student decides to purchase health insurance from their home country, the Insurance Policy must have the minimum policy content required by the Directorate General of Migration Management in Turkey.

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 make living arrangements in the host country.

G. Employment

This agreement does not allow any type of employment of Marmara and/or Georgia State students in the host country.

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. If a student voluntarily withdraws or is dismissed for disciplinary reasons before the end of the Exchange Program, the program will be considered completed by the Host University with respect to that student. No replacements will be sent to the Host University for students who do not complete the Exchange Program. Furthermore,

each Host University reserves the right to require a student to withdraw from the Program if the student's academic performance or personal misconduct warrants such action, provided, however, 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. Faculty/Researcher Participation Requirements

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 Marmara will be required to provide proof of proficiency in English. The language of instruction at Marmara 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

Unless otherwise indicated in an appendix attached hereto, 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 by published deadlines;
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 guarantee that they have the financial resources to meet all expenses;
3. Purchasing the required health/hospitalization and liability insurance, including repatriation and 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 through its respective college will pay the salary for any Georgia State faculty/researchers who participate in this Exchange Program. Financial assistance in paying any other expenses for Georgia State faculty and researchers while participating in this Exchange Program (such as transportation, health insurance, passport and visa fees, and housing) will be determined by the appropriate unit at Georgia State.

Marmara will pay the salary for any Marmara faculty/researchers who participate in this Exchange Program. Financial assistance in paying any other expenses for Marmara faculty and researchers while participating in this Exchange Program (such as transportation, health insurance, passport and visa fees, and housing) will be determined by the appropriate unit at Marmara. All faculty/researchers from the Marmara 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 faculty member's/researcher's responsibility to obtain the appropriate visa, as required by the host country. Exchange scholars coming to Georgia State are required to obtain a J-1 visa, and therefore must provide documentation of sufficient financial resources, and adequate health insurance coverage. Forms and detailed information about this process will be provided by Georgia State'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 members/researchers will be subject to the rules and regulations of the Host Institution, and the laws and procedures of the state or province in which the institution is located.

The Host Institution will assume no responsibility for a faculty member's/researcher's conduct or lack of compliance with any of the host country's laws. If a faculty member/researcher voluntarily withdraws or is dismissed for disciplinary reasons before the end of the Exchange Program, the program will be considered completed by the Host University with respect to that faculty member/researcher. No replacements will be sent to the Host University for faculty members/researchers who do not complete the Exchange

Program. Furthermore, each Host University reserves the right to require a faculty member/researcher to withdraw from the Program if the faculty member's/researcher's academic performance or personal misconduct warrants such action, provided, however, the Host University will, absent extenuating circumstances, attempt to consult with the Home University before implementing such action. The dismissal of a faculty member/researcher shall not abrogate this Agreement, or the arrangements regarding other faculty members/researchers.

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 limit participation on specific research projects in the host country. The parties further understand and agree to secure all University 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. Travel Advisory Policy

Georgia State's Travel Advisory Policy governs international travel by Georgia State students, faculty and staff and may affect the ability of Georgia State to participate in the Program. Travel must be approved by specified Georgia State administrators.

9. 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 or approved 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).

10. 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 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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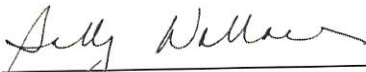
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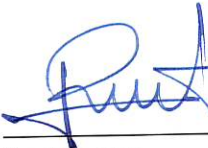
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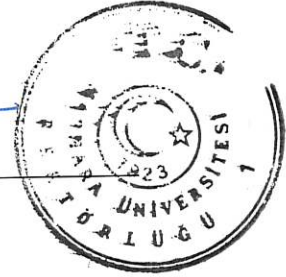
Board of Regents of the University System of Georgia by and on behalf of Georgia State University and its Andrew Young School of Policy Studies

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Dean

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Marmara University and its Faculty of Economics and Faculty of Political Science

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