COOPERATIVE ARTICULATION AGREEMENT

Between

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

And

TURGUT OZAL UNIVERSITY AND ITS SCHOOL OF ECONOMICS AND
ADMINISTRATIVE SCIENCES,
ANKARA, TURKEY

In order to improve the educational experiences and cultural understanding of their students and faculty, J. Mack Robinson College of Business ("RCB") at Georgia State University, Atlanta, Georgia, United States of America ("Georgia State" or "GSU"), and Turgut Ozal University and its School of Economics and Administrative Sciences, Ankara, Turkey ("TOU") recognize each other as education centers for teaching and research in their respective countries. Each institution recognizing that a collaborative effort would be of mutual benefit and would serve to establish enduring ties of cooperation, agree to follow the terms and conditions set forth in this agreement ("Agreement").

Georgia State and TOU hereby agree as follows:

1. Description of Cooperation

This agreement ("Agreement") describes the nature of arrangements between the partner institutions. The cooperative agreement provides a path for students enrolled in TOU’s Bachelor of Business Administration (BBA) program to earn a Master of International Business (MIB) degree from J. Mack Robinson College of Business. The Agreement provides for a one-way, non-reciprocal flow of students from TOU to Georgia State on a fee paying basis.

TOU will ensure that students participating in this program have completed all coursework to receive the TOU BBA program. TOU students accepted to the MIB program will come to RCB for one full year starting the program each spring semester. Students may apply for admission to the MIB program before they have completed the final 18 credit hours for the TOU BBA degree. Prior to satisfying TOU graduation requirements for the BBA, accepted TOU students will have conditional admission to the MIB
program and will receive full admission status upon notification from TOU that all BBA graduation requirements have been satisfied. TOU may, at its full discretion, accept RCB graduate courses to satisfy the final 18 hours of the TOU BBA degree. In order to be awarded the RCB MIB degree, TOU students in the MIB program must have graduated from their TOU BBA program and successfully completed all the Georgia State degree requirements for a RCB MIB.

2. **Term and Academic Years**

This Agreement becomes effective on the date it is duly signed by representatives of both institutions ("effective date") and shall be in effect for five (5) years, unless earlier terminated by either party pursuant to Section 14 below. This Agreement may be renewed for additional five year renewal terms, upon the advance written agreement of both parties.

The academic year for the cohort MIB program at Georgia State consists of one full year including spring, summer, and fall semesters, running from January through December. Under this Agreement, the enrollment of students at Georgia State is limited to the one-year MIB program.

3. **Number of Students**

Starting spring 2014, Georgia State will consider for acceptance, qualified students from TOU each year who meet its MIB conditional admissions criteria.

This Agreement does not require reciprocity, as Georgia State is willing to accept students on a one-way, inbound only student arrangement where students pay tuition and fees directly to Georgia State.

4. **Units Involved in the Cooperation Agreement**

Applicants to the GSU MIB program will be drawn from the BBA Program at TOU. Students must meet admission standards of the MIB program.

5. **Requirements for Participation**

Students who wish to participate in the Program will be screened for eligibility by TOU, and all students must meet the admission requirements and program requirements of Georgia State. Georgia State shall have final authority over decisions regarding admission of students to its program.

   a. TOU shall provide RCB academic records and a letter certifying each candidate’s good academic standing and completion of all BBA degree requirements except for 18 credit hours of final semester coursework. Students will be nominated and recommended in writing by an official representative of TOU.
   
   b. Students will complete the appropriate Georgia State application to be accepted into the MIB program.
   
   c. Students should either achieve a total score on the GMAT in the range of 550 or above, or on the GRE scores in the range of 150 or above in each section.
   
   d. Students will be required to comply with Georgia State’s standard rules, regulations, and enrollment restrictions in the selection of courses, including the requirement of language proficiency. Students from TOU will be required to submit a TOEFL iBT score in the range of 90 or above, or TOU students must submit an International English Language Test System (IELTS) proficiency score of at least 6.5 for all bands. These language requirements apply only to the students and not to their spouses and dependents.
c. Students will be required to comply with Georgia State’s enrollment restrictions regarding health documentation. TOU students must submit immunization documentation, including but not limited to Measles, Mumps and Rubella or MMR, Tetanus, Diphtheria, Varicella, Hepatitis B for enrollment.

d. Documentation of sufficient financial resources for one year of study in the United States is required, including tuition, fees, and living expenses. Forms will be provided by Georgia State.

6. Academic Counseling, Credits and Reports

a. Georgia State and TOU will notify each other each year of any substantive changes in requirements or in the curriculum required for their degree programs.

b. TOU students upon confirmation by TOU as completing its BBA graduation requirements will be admitted fully into the GSU MIB program.

c. Students will register for and carry a normal load of classes appropriate to their visa status and equivalent to full-time status each semester while enrolled at Georgia State.

d. Students must pursue the approved course of study for the agreed period. Course work undertaken by TOU students at Georgia State may be recognized by TOU for transfer, at the full discretion of TOU.

e. TOU students shall complete the full thirty (30) credits at Georgia State to fulfil requirements for the RCB MIB degree.

f. TOU students shall have the same rights and privileges regarding the facilities and amenities of Georgia State as other RCB Master’s students.

g. RCB shall assess satisfactory completion of the forgoing academic requirements in accordance with the standards it applies to all of its MIB students.

h. At the end of each semester or academic term, students will follow appropriate procedures at GSU if they wish to send their academic records/transcript to TOU.

i. TOU students having graduated from TOU who satisfactorily complete the academic requirements set forth in the preceding sections shall be entitled to receive the RCB MIB degree.

NOTE: Georgia State is accredited by the Commission on Colleges of the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools to award bachelors, masters and PhD degrees. TOU is not accredited by the Commission on Colleges and the accreditation of Georgia State does not extend to or include TOU or its students.

7. Student Responsibilities and Expenses

Unless otherwise indicated in an appendix hereto, students in this Program will be responsible for the following:

a. Payment of admission application fees: $50 for 2014, subject to change in future years.

b. Payment of tuition, all mandatory fees, and any insurance charges directly to Georgia State at the full tuition rate.

c. TOU students must obtain an F-1 visa and other documents required by the government of the Host Institution, including any guaranty that they have the financial resources to meet all expenses.

d. Costs of food, housing, international and local travel/transportation, books, fees for class materials and other educational and personal expenses;

e. Obtaining health/hospitalization insurance for the time period of their involvement in the Program in order to meet Georgia State regulations, as set forth in Section 9 below;

f. Submitting any health or immunization records required by the Georgia State.
8. **Visa Requirements**

Georgia State will provide the necessary documentation (e.g., official letters of admission, immigration documents) for students to obtain a visa to enter and study at Georgia State. This documentation enables Georgia State to sponsor the students as part of this Agreement, but does not commit the institution to any financial support. In order to produce this documentation, Georgia State will rely on the receipt of necessary student information four to five months before the start of the Program. Georgia State will update annually the data and documentation required. It is each student’s responsibility to obtain the appropriate visa, as required by the host country. TOU students coming to Georgia State are required to obtain an F-1 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 Georgia State’s International Student and Scholar Services (ISSS).

9. **Insurance Requirements**

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

10. **Housing**

The Host Institution may offer advice to participating students regarding accommodations, but it is the responsibility of the student to make living arrangements in the U.S.

11. **Employment**

This Agreement allows employment of TOU students on campus only, and the student must receive authorization from ISSS prior to engaging in any employment. Georgia State shall not be responsible for finding employment for TOU students.

12. **Compliance with Rules and Regulations**

Students will be subject to the rules and regulations of Georgia State, and the laws and procedures of the state in which the institution is located. Georgia State will assume no responsibility for a student’s conduct or lack of compliance with any U.S. laws. Georgia State reserves the right to dismiss any student at any time for academic or personal misconduct in violation of established regulations provided. The dismissal of a student shall not abrogate this Agreement, or arrangements regarding other students.

13. **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 national laws regulating the export of technologies may prohibit participation by students on specific research projects in the U.S. 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 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 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 students will be bound by the confidentiality and nondisclosure terms of such agreement. Students pledge to disclose any intellectual property developed as a result of joint research to both Georgia State and TOU unless such disclosure is unlawful under the law of the country.

14. Modification, Termination, Renewal of Agreement

This Program will be evaluated annually, and will be formally reviewed and evaluated before each renewal.

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 students in the 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.

15. 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 therein 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 J. Mack Robinson College of Business

By: [Signature]
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Dean
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By: [Signature]
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