



## ACADEMIC/SCIENTIFIC COOPERATION PROTOCOL BETWEEN BİLECİK ŞEYH EDEBALI UNIVERSITY (REPUBLIC OF TURKEY) AND PALESTINE AHLIYA UNIVERSITY (STATE OF PALESTINE)

### AIM

**ARTICLE 1- (1)** The purpose of this Protocol is to support the cooperation between Bilecik Şeyh Edebali University and Palestine Ahliya University collaboration in the field of academic/science and to support the establishment of this cooperation in a way that will create a common educational area.

### THE PARTIES

**ARTICLE 2- (1)** The parties to this Protocol are Bilecik Şeyh Edebali University and Palestine Ahliya University. All kinds of notification and communication addresses of the parties are given below. In case the address information changes, the parties shall notify each other in writing within 1 (one) week at the latest after the change. Otherwise, the notification to the old address will be considered valid.

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## COOPERATION AREAS AND TOPICS

**ARTICLE 3 - (1)** The parties have agreed that the two universities should cooperate on the following subjects academically/scientifically.

1. Instructor exchange programs,
2. Student exchange programs,
3. Distance education programs,
4. Scholarship student invitation,
5. Academic/scientific research projects,
6. Short-term academic/scientific education programs,
7. Organizing conferences, seminars, and panels,
8. Exchange of books, educational and research materials,
9. Short-term vacation and preparation of social activity programs for instructors and students,
10. Summer school programs.

## PRINCIPLES OF ACADEMIC AND SCIENTIFIC COOPERATION

**ARTICLE 4 - (1)** The cooperation subject to this protocol will be carried out on the basis of reciprocity.

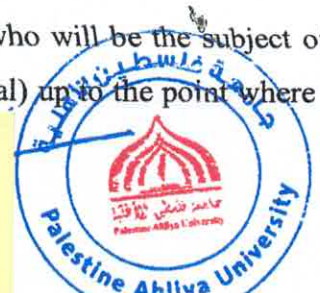
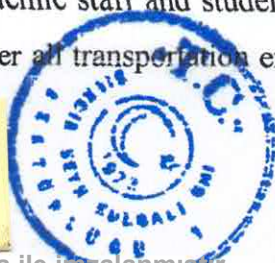
(2) Within the scope of the exchange program to be carried out for the implementation of the academic/scientific cooperation program, the sending country will cover the sending (round-trip) transportation costs, and the host country will not be responsible for these costs. The costs after arrival in the host country (accommodation, meals, and domestic travel expenses in the host country where the cooperation program takes place) will be borne by the host country.

3) By meeting in May every year (formal or online), the parties will consult together on which subjects they will cooperate in the next academic year, which exchange programs they will carry out, which joint projects they will develop, and what the reached point is in the ongoing projects. These meetings will be held on the basis of reciprocity, once in Palestine Ahliya University and once in Bilecik Şeyh Edebali University.

(4) Rectors of the participating universities and senior managers to be determined on the basis of reciprocity may make mutual visits and hold meetings from time to time, again on the basis of reciprocity, in order to review the status of this protocol and the studies within the scope of the protocol and to see it on the spot.

## PRINCIPLES OF EXCHANGE PROGRAMS

**ARTICLE 5 - (1)** The academic staff and students of the sending country, who will be the subject of the exchange program, will cover all transportation expenses (departure and arrival) up to the point where they





will participate in academic/scientific cooperation activities in the host country. The host country will not be responsible for this expense.

(2) Faculty members and students at the host university will meet their own health needs.

(3) The right to choose the instructors and students to participate in the exchange program will belong to the sending university, and the criteria and conditions from the host university will be taken into account in the determination of these individuals.

(4) The host university shall accept that the teaching staff to be determined by the sending university and the student have the qualifications to follow the program to be attended.

(5) Exchange programs will be valid for associate, undergraduate, graduate, and doctorate programs and summer school.

(6) Students who will be subject to exchange programs will not be charged any tuition fees.

(7) The host university will not make any additional payments under the name of salaries and wages to the faculty members who will take part in exchange programs.

(8) The accommodation of the lecturers and students who will participate in the exchange programs will be provided by the host university.

(9) The parties undertake to take the necessary measures to protect the copyrights of the information with commercial value to be obtained from the joint projects they will develop within the scope of this Protocol.

(10) Instructors and students who will be the subject of the exchange program will be subject to the visa regulation of the host country.

(11) Students' exchange program will be on a semester basis and will not be more than two consecutive semesters.

## **PRINCIPLES ON IMPLEMENTATION OF THE PROTOCOL**

**ARTICLE 6 - (1)** This protocol is executed by the senior managers of the participating universities.

(2) The parties will each determine an authorized personnel who will work continuously and be in mutual contact on how this cooperation protocol will be implemented. These authorities will make all kinds of preparations for the implementation of the protocol and will oversee the implementation. The contact addresses of the authorities will be exchanged mutually.

(3) Within the scope of the implementation of this protocol, all kinds of documents (including student transcripts) to be given to the instructors and students who will participate in the exchange programs will be issued in two languages (Turkish and English).

(4) In the projects that have emerged under this protocol, a third party will not be able to participate in the projects unless the parties agree.





(5) Except as specified in this protocol and also in cases to be agreed upon as a result of negotiations, this protocol will not impose any financial obligations on host universities and the provisions of the protocol will not be interpreted in a way that imposes any financial obligations.

## **EXPIRY, RENEWAL, TERMINATION, AND MODIFICATION OF THE PROTOCOL**

**ARTICLE 7- (1)** The duration of this protocol is determined as 5 (five) years. If the parties do not inform their desire to terminate the protocol in writing 6 (six) months before the expiration of this 5 (five)-year period, the protocol will be renewed for a period of 5 (five) years with the same conditions. In case of notification of termination in writing 6 (six) months before the expiration of the five-year period, at the end of the 5<sup>th</sup> (fifth) year, the protocol will terminate spontaneously without the need to take any further action.

(2) The parties have the right to terminate the protocol unilaterally, provided that they give written notice at least 3 (three) months in advance. Withdrawals that will cause the termination of the protocol do not impose a legal obligation on the parties.

(3) In case of termination of the Protocol in any way;

1. If there are ongoing and time-bound projects, the responsibilities of the parties will continue in this regard until the completion of these projects.

2. In the event of the termination of the protocol, the parties will show the necessary sensitivity to the protection of copyright in respect of information obtained from the implementation of the protocol up to that date.

(4) The parties will be able to meet at any time to discuss the problems that may arise in the implementation of this protocol and issues that are not foreseen in the protocol. For this purpose, it will be essential that the parties submit a written request. Within 30 days following the submission of a request by one of the parties, the parties will meet. If there are no results within the next 30 days, the parties will be able to request the termination of this protocol, if they wish. In this case, the notice of termination period of 6 (six) months will run.

(5) This protocol has been prepared in two copies in both Turkish and English languages, each of which is equally valid. In case of any disagreement, the Turkish text will be taken as the basis.

## **AMENDMENT OF THE PROVISIONS OF THE PROTOCOL**

**ARTICLE 8- (1)** Amendments and additions to the protocol may be made with the written agreement of the parties if deemed necessary. These amendments and/or additions shall be valid from the date they are made, provided that they are made in writing and signed by authorized representatives of the parties.

(2) Nothing in this agreement shall constitute any legal or financial relationship or commitment between the two parties.

(3) The parties shall take the necessary measures for these business associations to be established and carried out in a healthy manner.





(4) The business associations to be established under this protocol shall be put into practice through the signing of additional protocols or by a written notification that the proposal of one of the parties has been approved by the other party.

## **PRIVACY AND INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY RIGHTS**

**ARTICLE 9-** (1) The articles of this protocol on the protection of privacy and personal data, as well as articles related to intellectual property and financial rights, shall remain valid and binding indefinitely after the protocol expires.

(2) The protection of intellectual property rights shall be carried out in accordance with the relevant national laws, rules, and regulations of the parties and other international agreements signed by both parties.

(3) Neither party may use the other's name, logo, and/or official emblem in any publication, document, and/or paper without prior written consent.

(4) The research results obtained by the joint activities of the parties shall be the joint property of the parties in accordance with the mutually agreed conditions. The research results obtained by the parties alone and separately belong to the party that obtained the results and have the right to refuse to share the results with the counterparty if the results have commercial applications.

(5) Both parties, during the implementation of the protocol and indefinitely after the termination of this protocol, commit and accept that they know directly or indirectly obtained information on any of the parties and persons is confidential, to ensure the confidentiality of such information, to take the necessary measures in this regard, and to take whatever measures necessary to prevent the use of this information by unauthorized persons and that they will not give or disclose this information to third parties or organizations in any way.

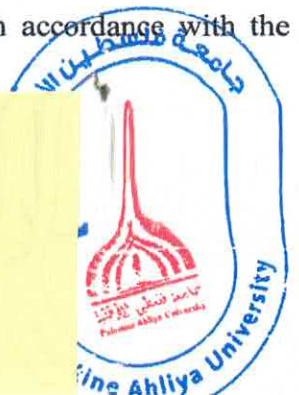
(6) The parties are obliged to take the necessary precautions and approvals while recording, using, and transferring the personal data of relevant persons. If one of the parties causes damage to the persons or the other party by acting contrary to the confidentiality or protection of personal data, that party is responsible for all damages arising from this situation.

## **STATE OF DISAGREEMENT**

**ARTICLE 10-** (1) Business disputes arising from the implementation of this protocol shall be resolved between the parties in accordance with the principles of decency, mutual understanding, and reconciliation.

## **EXECUTIVE**

**ARTICLE 11-** (1) The provisions of this protocol are fulfilled by Bilecik Şeyh Edebali University and Palestine Ahliya University. In the execution of the protocol, each of the parties applies its own law. The parties are responsible for obtaining the necessary internal or similar approvals in accordance with the legislation to which they are bound.



## ENFORCEMENT

- ARTICLE 12-** (1) This protocol shall be deemed to have entered into force with the signature of the authorized representatives of the parties after approval by the authorized institutions.
- (2) This protocol consists of 12 (twelve) articles, 6 (six) pages and has been prepared in two copies in Turkish and English languages, each of which is equally valid.
- (3) The current protocol was signed at Bilecik on 28.08.2023.

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Rector



On behalf of Palestine Ahliya University  
Dr. Emad Daoud Hasan Al Zeer  
President

