



PROTOCOL ON INTERNATIONAL EDUCATIONAL COOPERATION

BETWEEN

RECEP TAYYIP ERDOĞAN UNIVERSITY
RIZE, REPUBLIC OF TURKEY

AND

GJILAN "KADRI ZEKA" UNIVERSITY
GJILAN, KOSOVA

In order to promote further the existing cultural and educational cooperation between Republic of Turkey and Republic of Kosova, Gjiilan "Kadri Zeka" University and Recep Tayyip Erdoğan University join in the following protocol on educational and scientific cooperation.

The two universities will endeavor to cooperate in education and research in areas of mutual interest. To the extent feasible, both universities will encourage direct contact and cooperation between faculty members, departments, research programs and students.

I. AREAS OF COOPERATION

Specific areas of cooperation between the two universities may include, but are not limited to, the following:

1. Exchange of faculty members;
2. Exchange of students;
3. Joint research activities, lectures and lectures via-e-learning;
4. Participation in seminars and academic meetings;
5. Exchange of published academic materials and other information;
6. Special short-term academic programs.
7. Use of Library.
8. Dual degree, Joint Degree

II. EXCHANGE OF FACULTY

1. Travel expenses and living costs of exchange faculty and research scholars are not the obligation of the host institution and are not compensated by the host institution.
2. The host institution shall provide access to libraries and other facilities.

3. Unless otherwise agreed upon, all exchanges are on the basis of reciprocity within the same academic year.
4. Faculty/scholar exchanges will normally be for duration of one or two semesters; however, shorter stays are possible, subject to mutual agreement.
5. Faculty/scholar exchanges remain subject to the approval of the host institution.
6. Each professor remains on salary with the home institution during the exchange, and remuneration for special projects are subject to special negotiation.
7. Visiting professor/scholars must carry medical health insurance in accordance with the rules and regulations of the host institutions and/or the host government.
8. Teaching course loads and working hours and conditions shall normally be in accordance with established rules and practices of the host institution, subject to prior negotiation and agreement.

III. EXCHANGE OF STUDENTS



1. Applications for exchange students will be honored by Gjilan "Kadri Zeka" University and Recep Tayyip Erdoğan University on the principle of reciprocity and in accordance with this Protocol on International Educational Cooperation.
2. Exchange students shall be admitted for a period of one or two semesters (fall or spring), or for both semesters, and for a maximum of one academic year.
3. After the exchange, the host institution shall issue a transcript and grades for exchange students under the same rules and regulations as for its students.
4. Exchange students shall be recommended by the sending institution, be subject to acceptance by the host institution, and follow established rules and procedures set forth by the host institution.
5. Travel and living expenses for exchange students are borne by the students themselves, by a sponsor, or by the sending institution.
6. Gjilan "Kadri Zeka" University students are required to obtain the proper visas prior to coming to Turkey so that it will be possible to acquire the Long Term Residence Permit in Rize. Recep Tayyip Erdoğan University students are required to obtain the proper visas and other documents prior to coming to the Kosova.
7. An affidavit of Financial Support (AFS) for living expenses must be submitted in advance to the host institution by the exchange student(s).

IV. RENEWAL, TERMINATION, AND AMENDMENT

1. This Protocol on International Educational Cooperation is to be signed and authorized by the official representative of both universities in a number of copies, as specified below.
2. Except where specified and agreed upon, this Protocol will impose no financial obligation on the host institution.
3. The two institutions will evaluate each application in accordance with items pertaining to the implementation of the exchange programs based on this Protocol. The period of validity of this Protocol is for 3 (three) years. During the initial period or thereafter, if both parties agree, it shall be renewed for an indefinite period of time which shall continue until either party provides a 6 (sixth) month notice of intent to terminate. This protocol may be terminated by either party by written notice at least 6 (six) months in advance.
4. This Protocol will, after the, approval of the Council of Higher Education in Turkey, become effective at the time it is signed by the authorized representatives of both institutions.



This Protocol is signed in 2 (two) originals copies, in English, in the city of Rize, Republic of Turkey and in the city of Gjilan, Republic of Kosova, and all of them having the same legal validity. Each party holds 1 (one) original signed Protocol.

<p style="text-align: center;">On behalf of</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Recep Tayyip Erdoğan University</p> <p style="text-align: center;"> Prof. Dr. Hüseyin KARAMAN Rector Recep Tayyip Erdoğan University Rize, TURKEY</p> <p style="text-align: center;">.... / ... /</p> 	<p style="text-align: center;">On behalf of</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Gjilan "Kadri Zeka" University</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Assoc. Prof. Dr. Bajram KOSUMI Rector Gjilan "Kadri Zeka" University Gjilan, KOSOVA</p> <p style="text-align: center;">... / ... /</p>
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