



ARISTOTLE
UNIVERSITY OF
THESSALONIKI

STUDENT EXCHANGE AGREEMENT

Between

**THE UNIVERSITY OF MASSACHUSETTS BOSTON
Boston, Massachusetts, USA**

And

**ARISTOTLE UNIVERSITY OF THESSALONIKI
Thessaloniki, Greece**

This Student Exchange Agreement ("SE Agreement") is made by and between the University of Massachusetts Boston ("UMass Boston") and Aristotle University of Thessaloniki ("AUTH") (individually a "Party" and collectively the "Parties").

WHEREAS, the Parties wish to enter into an agreement of cooperation to establish a program of exchange and collaboration in areas of interest and benefit to both institutions; and

WHEREAS, the primary objective of this SE Agreement is to create a means for cooperative efforts between UMass Boston and AUTH to facilitate academic exchange of faculty and students between the two institutions;

NOW THEREFORE, in contemplation of the relationship to be established and for good and valuable consideration, the Parties agree as follows:

1. Definitions

- A) For the purposes of the agreement, "home" institution refers to the institution which a student is enrolled in and intends to graduate from, and "host"

institution refers to the institution which has agreed to host the student for a termed period.

- B) Semester or academic year shall normally refer to the period relevant to the host institution.

2. Responsibilities of Participating Institutions

Each institution shall undertake all those measures as deemed reasonable to promote and administer this exchange program so that this will strengthen the partnership between the two institutions.

- A) The home university will identify and select candidates of their choice, with excellent academic record and performance, who are interested and can adapt quickly to the host environment to participate in this exchange program.
- B) Each institution will send to its counterpart completed applications for their students at least sixteen (16) weeks prior to the start date of the entry semester. The host institution reserves the right of final approval on the admission decision of a student.
- C) The host institution will make the final decision on admission for each candidate, based on academic requirements for the proposed course work.
- D) Each institution agrees to accept and enroll exchange students as full-time, "non-degree" students for the duration of their exchange. Exchange students will be exempt from the host institution's tuition.
- E) Each exchange student will be provided with same/similar academic resources and support services that are available to all students at the host institution.
- F) The host institution agrees, whenever possible and prior to the student's arrival, to assist the student in course selection and registration. At the student's request, a transcript of course work will be provided to the student upon completion. Prior to the exchange, the home institution will determine the appropriate number of credits to be transferred for each case.
- G) The host institution will be responsible for assisting students to find adequate accommodation on-campus or in a location adjacent to campus.
- H) The host institution agrees to prepare any required paperwork for the exchange student to obtain a valid entry visa.
- I) The host institution will provide the exchange student with information regarding health insurance requirements and assist with purchase of suitable health insurance.

3. Responsibilities of Participating Students

- A) Students must be enrolled as regular students in their home institution, and thus will be exempt from paying any tuition and application fees to the host institution, except for continuing education courses offered by the College of Advancing and Professional Studies (CAPS) at UMass Boston.

- B) Exchange students must pay tuition and fees and other relevant expenses to the home institution, but cover any mandatory student fees, meals, insurance, and accommodation costs at the host institution. Students will also be responsible for round-trip and local transportation costs.
- C) It is the responsibility of each exchange student to obtain official pre-approval from his/her home institution for course(s) taken at the host institution.
- D) It is the responsibility of each exchange student to ensure that he/she obtains a copy of his/her official statement of transcript or result(s) for course(s) taken during the period of exchange. In addition, each host institution will forward a copy of the statement of transcript or result(s) to the exchange student's home institution.
- E) Exchange students will be subject to the rules and procedures as specified by the host institution for the academic period in which the student is enrolled. The home institution will assume responsibility for all matters concerning credit for courses taken.

4. Number of Participants

- A) AUTh and UMass Boston commit to admit no more than two (2) exchange students per academic year or two-semester units for the duration of the agreement.
- B) In the event that the number of students who qualify to participate in this exchange program from the two universities is not equal, each university will endeavor to accommodate those students selected for that academic year and to ensure that the number of participants is equal by the end of the three year exchange period.
- C) The agreement remains valid even when there are no students from one or both universities on exchange.

5. Eligibility and Enrollment of Students

It is expected that only highly motivated students of acceptable academic credentials will be selected to participate in this exchange program. The home institution will screen applications from its student body for this exchange. Undergraduate and graduate students are eligible to participate if they:

- A) have completed at least one year of study at their home institution;
- B) are enrolled at their home and host institutions for the full period of exchange;
- C) have an enrollment academic study plan, approved by their home and host institutions, and the student is deemed academically qualified to successfully complete the nominated course(s) or study program(s) at the host institution. Each institution will inform the relevant international office of availability of course(s) and/or study program(s), including enrollment limitations and conditions;

- D) have obtained approval from their home academic department/college/institution, that upon successful completion of course(s)/program(s) at host institution, full credit will be granted towards the degree at their home institution, and have satisfied any language proficiency requirements of the host institution.

6. Financial Responsibilities of Institutions

Exchange students will be provided by the host institution, at no cost to the student, with the following:

- tuition and academic fee waiver at host institution
- orientation program
- reports and 'Statement of Results'
- required VISA document(s)

7. Financial Responsibilities of Exchange Students

- tuition, fees, and other costs due to the home institution
- applicable student fees at host institution
- travel costs to and from the host institution
- books, stationery, and other supplies
- travel documentation, visa, and other relevant materials
- accommodation and living expenses
- health insurance coverage compatible with the requirements of the host institution and country, if required
- personal travel costs within the host country

The home institution should be satisfied that a candidate for exchange has the ability to meet all his or her financial responsibilities as detailed above.

8. Accommodations

The host institution does not guarantee accommodation on campus for incoming students. However, every effort will be made to assist students to obtain either on- or off-campus accommodation within a reasonable distance from the campus. It is recognized that on-campus accommodation may not always be possible, and students should be made aware of this possibility as soon as possible. As of now, UMass Boston does not currently have student residence halls.

Students will also be made aware that they are responsible for all costs associated with accommodation, including utility accounts and bond monies.

9. Exchange Student Families

It is not anticipated that spouses and dependents will accompany an exchange student. Where such an arrangement is proposed, it is subject to the approval of the host institution on the understanding that all additional expenses and workload are the responsibility of the exchange student.

11. Exchange Program Review

Both institutions will be responsible for a regular review after three years from the time of activation. The review is essential in order to make appropriate and mutually agreed modifications as may be required, and to identify new opportunities for cooperation in scholarship and research.

12. Period of Agreement

This SE Agreement will come into effect from the date of signature by both parties, and will remain in force for an initial period of five years. The Agreement may be terminated by either party provided six months written notice is given to other party.

13. Exchange Program Officer

Each institution shall identify/appoint an exchange program officer that handles all day to day affairs of exchange students. The contact information of the program officer is:

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14. Notices

Any notice or other communication under this SE Agreement shall be given in writing and delivered by hand, sent by pre-paid post, by facsimile transmission, or sent electronically by email as a PDF document.

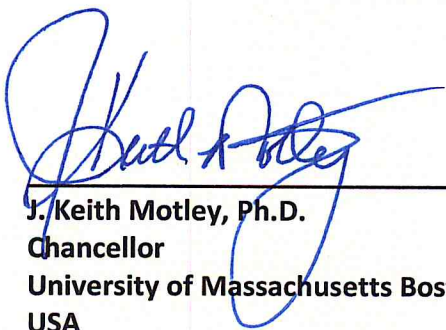
The address to any such notices should be sent to:

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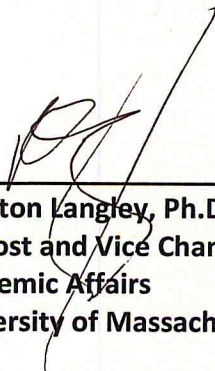
15. Signatures

This SE Agreement constitutes the entire agreement between the parties. No amendments, consent, or waiver of terms of this SE Agreement shall bind either party unless in writing and signed by both parties.



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