MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING
BETWEEN
University “Hëna e Plotë” (BEDËR)
AND
Süleyman Şah University

In accordance with a mutual desire to promote further cooperation and understanding between the United States and Turkey and to enhance the intellectual and experiential resources of our two institutions, the Curators of the University “Hëna e Plotë” (BEDËR) and Süleyman Şah University (SSU) voluntarily join this agreement on cultural and educational cooperation.

Article 1
This Agreement is to establish opportunities for inter-institutional exchanges and cooperation between BEDËR and SSU. Both agree to promote education and research cooperation between the two institutions on the basis of mutual respect for their autonomy, and under the laws and regulations in force in each country and institution, and within their available resources. Both institutions will cooperate in fields of teaching and research to be agreed upon. Within these mutually designed fields of study both institutions agree to the following general forms of cooperation:

- Joint research and educational activities at both the bachelor and graduate levels;
- The exchange of invitations to scholars (faculty, research personnel and graduate students) to participate in lectures, conferences, and symposia;
- The exchange of faculty, staff, and research personnel for study and research;
- The exchange of graduate and undergraduate students; specific tuition and other fees to be charged those students as well as the admission requirements shall be arranged according to the policies of each of the partner institutions.
- The exchange of academic and scientific information of mutual interest;
- Any other mutually agreed upon activity that would benefit both parties.

Article 2
The parties agree that this Agreement will provide the foundation and framework for the particular projects developed by academic and administrative units from the two institutions and that other and future implementing project agreements will supplement or amend this Agreement. Individual Departments or units of BEDËR and/or SSU that wish to engage in collaborative activities must negotiate a Supplementary and Specific Agreement (Memorandum of Articulation, or MOA) to this MOU. To be valid, every MOA must be signed and approved by the relevant department or unit, college, academic affairs officer, and the institutional designated person(s) for binding contracts. The terms of the MOA may not, directly or by default, contradict the terms of this General MOU between SSU and BEDËR.

Every MOA negotiated between participating departments or units at BEDËR and SSU must clearly and fully identify the following elements:

- The scope, schedule, and objectives of the activity in detail;
- The responsible parties within the particular departments or units that are initiating the MOA. The individual(s) named will be directly responsible for the implementation and oversight of the
proposed activity in the MOA. Changes to the personnel involved may be made at the discretion of the department or unit head, in coordination with institutional points of contact at BEDÊR and SSU

- The commitment of resources, if applicable, and the attendant financial obligations of the respective departments at the partner institutions. The General MOU does not obligate either party to support any new financial commitment unless expressly agreed upon in the manner by the collaborating departments.
- The allocation and disposition of any intellectual property resulting from this collaboration, such as ownership of industrial rights patents, certificates of invention, registry of models, and copyright of written materials.

Article 3
Each institution shall designate an official representative who shall be the contact for all discussion associated with the initiation of the relationship, and who shall be responsible for maintaining oversight of the Memorandum of Understanding, and approving changes. For BEDÊR depending on the nature of the agreement, this representative shall be either the Director of International Student Affairs, or the Director of International Academic Programs, or their appointee. For SSU this representative shall be the Director of International Relations Office or a specialist from International Relations Office.

Article 4
This agreement will become valid upon signature by both parties and shall remain in effect for a period of three (3) years from its effective date. It may be renewed or amended at any time before the actual expiration date by a written agreement signed by authorized representatives of both parties.

Article 5
This agreement may be terminated by either party upon three (3) months prior written notice to the other party; however, termination shall not affect the implementation of activities that have already commenced pursuant to a Specific Agreement (MOA). Those MOAs will remain in effect until the required associated activities are completed.