MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING (MOU)

BETWEEN

VIRGINIA POLYTECHNIC INSTITUTE AND
STATE UNIVERSITY
BLACKSBURG, VIRGINIA, USA

AND

BASKENT UNIVERSITY
ANKARA, TURKEY

Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University (hereafter referred to as Virginia Tech), represented by its President or Provost, and Baskent University, represented by its President, have agreed to the following terms:

1. That this MOU is intended to facilitate all exchanges and cooperative initiatives between the universities in the area of instruction, exchange, development, research, and community service.

2. That the parties recognize that implementation of any agreement will depend upon the academic interest and expertise of individual faculty members and upon the availability of financial resources.

3. A variety of cooperative approaches shall be employed, such as:

   Exchange of undergraduate and graduate students
   Exchange of faculty members
   Exchange of research personnel
   Technical assistance and/or training
   Exchange of scholarly and pedagogical materials
   Joint Research
   Other cooperative efforts set forth in separate Implementing Agreements.
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4. That the initial focus of this linkage agreement will be upon exchange of students.
5. That financial and/or funding considerations shall become the subject of specific
discussion and agreement within the framework of a separate Implementing
Agreement negotiated at the College/Departmental level. No financial commitment
whatever on the part of either signatory to this general document is intended or
implied.

6. That specific projects to which this MOU may lead will be subject to joint and
periodic evaluations by appropriate authorities within the respective universities.

7. That this MOU will be in effect for a period of five years and is subject to revision
or modification by mutual agreement. It is also understood that either institution
may terminate the agreement upon one year’s notice. It is assumed that such action
would be taken only after mutual consultation in order to minimize potential
inconvenience to the other party to the agreement.

8. That such Memoranda of Understanding are not intended to be legally binding
documents. Rather, they are meant to describe the nature and cooperative
intentions of those institutions involved, and to suggest guidelines for cooperation.
Nothing, therefore, shall diminish the full autonomy of either institution, nor may
any constraints be imposed by either upon the other.

Charles W. Steger
President
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5/24/00

Prof. Dr. Mehmet Haberal
President
Baskent University
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