

**AGREEMENT OF COOPERATION  
BETWEEN  
UNIVERSITY OF MESSINA  
AND  
CHUO UNIVERSITY**

UNIVERSITA' DEGLI STUDI DI MESSINA	
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**On behalf of its Faculty of Science and Engineering / Graduate School of Science and Engineering**

The University of Messina, Messina, Italy and Faculty of Science and Engineering / Graduate School of Science and Engineering of Chuo University, Tokyo, Japan, wishing to enhance relations between the two Universities and to develop academic and cultural interchange in the areas of education, research, and other activities, agree to cooperate and work together toward the internationalization of higher education.

The areas of cooperation will include any programs offered at either University that are felt to be desirable and feasible for the development and strengthening of cooperative relationships between the two Universities. However, any specific program shall be subject to mutual consent, availability of funds, and approval by each University. Such programs may include:

- a. Exchange of faculty members
- b. Exchange of students
- c. Joint research projects
- d. Joint conferences
- e. Joint cultural programs

The terms of such mutual assistance and cooperation shall be discussed and agreed upon in writing by the appropriate responsible officers of both Parties prior to the initiation of any particular program or activity.

This Agreement shall be effective upon approval from the date of the last signature. Any amendment shall be made in written by the Parties. At the end of the period of 5 years the framework cooperation agreement may be renewed in written; however, either University may terminate the Agreement at the end of a given year by giving six-month notice of such intent in writing. Any termination will not interfere with activity or activities already in progress.

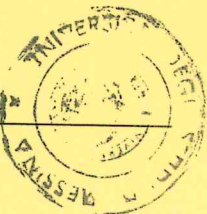
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UNIVERSITY OF MESSINA

Giovanna Spatari

Prof. Giovanna Spatari  
Rector

Date: Dec 16, 2024



CHUO UNIVERSITY

Kazunori Umeda

Kazunori UMEDA  
Dean of the Faculty of Science and  
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Date: Nov. 18, 2024



# MEMORANDUM ON STUDENT EXCHANGE

## BETWEEN

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## AND

CHUO UNIVERSITY

On behalf of its Faculty of Science and Engineering / Graduate School of Science and Engineering

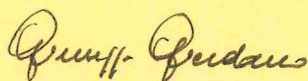
In order to implement, in accordance with the general Agreement of Cooperation, a program of student exchange between The University of Messina (UniME), Messina, Italy and Faculty of Science and Engineering / Graduate School of Science and Engineering of Chuo University (Chuo), Tokyo, Japan, the two Universities hereby agree that:

1. The exchange program shall be administered through the International Cooperation Unit - International Relations Office of UniME and the Office of the Faculty of Science and Engineering of Chuo.
2. Each University may send undergraduate and graduate students each year. In principle, the number of students accepted by each University under this Memorandum will be limited to two over the period of one year. However, this number may vary in any given year, provided a balance of exchanges is obtained over the term of the Memorandum.
3. The period of study at the host university is in principle one semester or one academic year: UniME will accept students from Chuo for one semester or one academic year from September or from February; Chuo will accept students from UniME for one semester or one academic year from April or from September. All exceptions to this practice will require consent on the part of the host university.
4. Students in any field of study are eligible for the exchange, provided that the host university offers courses compatible with the student's course of study. Participating students must meet the entry requirements of the host university and possess suitable language and other skills for the pursuit of their program of study. While students nominated by the home university will normally be accepted by the host university for exchange, the host university retains the right to review the students nominated for exchange and to make final decisions concerning admission.
5. Each University will forward to the other each year a list of students nominated for the exchange program, together with all appropriate documentation required by the host university. The host university will inform the other of the final admissions decision as soon as possible.
6. Each host university will issue the appropriate documents for visa purposes in accordance with current laws, although it is the responsibility of the individual students to obtain a visa in a timely manner.
7. Students accepted by UniME will hold the status of Incoming student (full-time non-degree student). Students accepted by Chuo will hold the status of *Senkasei* (full-time non-degree student) at the undergraduate level or the status of *Senkasei*

- (full-time non-degree student) or *Kenkyusei* (full-time non-degree research student) at the graduate level.
8. Any academic credit that students receive from the host university may be transferred back to the home university in accordance with procedures determined by the home university.
  9. Each host university will provide exchange students with a waiver of tuition fees for formal university courses.
  10. Participating students shall provide for themselves the costs of all living expenses, transportation, insurance, passports, visas, books and personal expenses. All exchange students to Chuo must enroll in the Japan National Health Insurance system upon arrival.
  11. Both Universities will assist participating students in all practical and academic matters, in particular with respect to accommodation and academic integration.
  12. Each University reserves the right to dismiss any participating student at any time for academic or personal misconduct in violation of established regulations. The dismissal of a participant shall not abrogate the agreement for the arrangements regarding other participants.
  13. Upon completion of the study abroad program at the host university, participating students are required to return to their home university. No extension of stay will be authorized unless otherwise specified by the home university.
  14. This Memorandum shall remain in effect from the date of the last signature. Any amendment shall be made in written by the Parties. At the end of the period of 5 years the framework cooperation agreement may be renewed in written; however, either University may terminate the agreement by giving six-month notice of such intent in writing, except that any student already enrolled at either university under this Memorandum will be permitted to complete their studies under their original conditions.
  15. This Memorandum is signed in two original copies in English, one for each signing Party.

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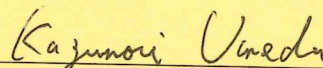
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**MEMORANDUM ON FACULTY EXCHANGE  
BETWEEN  
UNIVERSITY OF MESSINA  
AND  
CHUO UNIVERSITY**

**On behalf of its Faculty of Science and Engineering / Graduate School of Science and Engineering**

In order to implement, in accordance with the general Agreement of Cooperation, a program of faculty exchange between The University of Messina, Messina, Italy and Faculty of Science and Engineering / Graduate School of Science and Engineering of Chuo University, Tokyo, Japan, the two Universities hereby agree that:

1. The parties to the Agreement shall — for a duration to be determined on a case-by-case basis and after mutual agreement — exchange faculty for teaching and/or research visits. Visiting faculty must have a sufficient command of the language of instruction, if they are invited to teach.
2. The Parties to the agreement shall undertake efforts to raise funds from outside sources for the exchange of lecturers and/or researchers.
3. The parties to the Agreement shall inform one another regularly about the curricular programs offered by each, and especially with regard to research seminars, colloquia, conferences, and symposia organized by each. They shall exchange documentation and publications issued from these proceedings.
4. Each faculty exchange participant must submit proof of medical insurance coverage during the exchange period. It is understood that the host university accepts no responsibility or liability for providing health care services or health care insurance for visiting scholars.
5. Exchange faculty shall be responsible for obtaining any necessary visas and for otherwise complying with all immigration laws and regulations of the country of the host university. The host university shall cooperate in such efforts, but shall not have any responsibility to assure the granting of any visas, permits or approvals.
6. Should any faculty collaboration result in any potential for intellectual property, the Parties shall immediately communicate through designated representatives and seek an equitable and fair understanding as to ownership and other property interests that may arise. All such discussions shall at all times strive to preserve a harmonious and continuing relationship between the parties.
7. The host university will arrange full access to its university libraries. Other campus facilities will be made available as they are to regular faculty members.
8. This Memorandum shall be effective upon approval from the date of the last signature. Any amendment shall be made in written by the Parties. At the end of the period of 5 years the Memorandum may be renewed in written. However, either university may terminate the agreement by giving six-month notice of such intent in writing, except that visiting scholars already staying at either university under this memorandum will be permitted to complete their teaching and/or research visits under their original conditions.
9. This Memorandum is signed in two original copies in English, one for each signing Party.

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Date: Dec 16, 2024



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