

UTAA is the unique University in Turkey specializing in aviation and aerospace with 3 institutes, 4 faculties, and 2 vocational schools. The fundamental objective of UTAA is to educate open-minded and research-oriented students.

Being a part of the Erasmus programme is of utmost importance for our University in that we attach great importance to broaden the horizons of our students and academics. With this aim in mind, we're quite committed and determined to carry out Erasmus programme requirements and participate, in particular, in the decentralized project activities to be able to accomplish the goals.

Despite having two-year experience we have a high potential for conducting multilateral projects. So far, we've had several bilateral international agreements for staff and student mobility and have been conducting scientific research with some Universities in the world as listed in our website. We are determined to bring a European dimension to our University and being a part of the Erasmus programme is the most crucial step of this endeavour. We are aware that internationalization and bringing a European dimension can be achieved through the realization of the requirements of the Bologna process.

With a view to achieving this, we organized a Bologna Co-ordination Commission, which is responsible for policy related to EU. We have already completed the ECTS and the internationalization of curricula. Hence, the incoming students will have no difficulty in their credit transfers. What's more, this commission is currently working on preparing a diploma supplement for the Bachelor degrees. It is projected that the first graduates will have their diploma supplement. We have a clear strategic plan for the next 6 years to make our University more international and multicultural. Plus, we have high motivation to participate in European research and educational projects within Erasmus. In line with the budget allocated for us, we anticipate that at least 15% of our students will have been mobile and 25% of our academic staff will have either taught abroad or participated in multilateral projects by 2015. To specify, once we were awarded the EUC in 2012 to be in effect as of 2013, we initiated bilateral agreements with several universities in Germany, Poland and Romania. As of June 2013, a total of 25 students/staff will start mobility program which will enable to use all the budget allocated for us. In the mean time, we will have the first incoming mobility staff from Poland in May 2013.

Erasmus for All programme is the core element of our international strategy. Thanks to this programme, we project to be amore colorful, mobile and multicultural University and also contribute to international cooperation. UTAA has established the Office of International Relations (UTAA-OIR) not only to guide the UTAA's participation in the EU's Framework Programmes but also to assist the progress of its involvement in exchanges funded through Erasmus and to lead the structure and procedures of these programmes. This office also assists and guides the incoming and outgoing students and informs them about the facilities of the University. The OIR has prepared an Information Package for the incoming students to inform them about life in UTAA, Ankara and Turkey.

Internationalization is the leading principle of our university. Students are definitely evaluated according to their academic performance and there is no any kind of religious, color, ethnic or race discrimination. In 2012-2013 academic year we had 82 students from 45 different countries both from EU and non-EU countries. These students have brought the unique culture to our University, which in turn contributed to making our University a blend of cultures and an international environment.

We are in search of international projects and mobility activities regardless of the geographical area. Namely, universities and enterprises all around the world, in particular in the field of aviation and engineering are within the scope of our University. Yet, the main focus is on Europe and bringing a European dimension to our endeavors.

Once a potential partner is found, negotiation process starts and a draft agreement is sent to the other institution. After acceptance the agreement by both parties, the agreement is signed and becomes effective.

The most important objectives of the mobility activities are to prepare graduates of UTAA for the international job market, and to ensure the strong adaptation of international students, academic and administrative staff. Besides, providing all interested participants with the possibility to gain high quality international experience through the period of study/training/workabroad is vital. The target groups for mobility activities are basically first cycle students and academic staff projected to be extended to second and third cycles and short cycle vocational school via Erasmus mobility on vocational education.

If applicable, please describe your institution's strategy for the organisation and implementation of international (EU and non-EU) cooperation projects in teaching and training in relation to projects implemented under the Programme. (max. 2000 characters)

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Endorsement of the application

I, the undersigned, legal representative of the applicant institution,

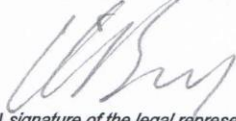
certify that the information contained in this application is complete and correct to the best of my knowledge. All Programme activities will be implemented on the basis of written agreements with the relevant authorities of the partner institutions;

agree to the content of the Erasmus Charter for Higher Education (ECHE) application outlined above and commit my institution to respect and observe these obligations;

agree to the publication of the Erasmus Policy Statement by the European Commission

Place: Ankara/TURKEY Name: Prof. Dr. Ünsal BAN Date (dd/mm/yyyy): 14/05/2013

I have read and accept the Privacy statement



Original signature of the legal representative of the Institution (as identified in section A.2 above)

Original stamp or seal of the Institution

