

MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING
BETWEEN
GRIGOL ROBAKIDZE UNIVERSITY
AND
"EREBUNI" MEDICAL ACADEMY FOUNDATION

A. PURPOSE AND SCOPE

In recognition of the value of international academic collaboration for students, faculty and staff, and with the aim of strengthening cultural and educational ties, **Grigol Robakidze University (GRUNI)** and the **"Erebuni" Medical Academy Foundation** enter into this Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) to facilitate bilateral academic and research cooperation.

Areas of cooperation may include, but are not limited to:

- 1) Exchange of students;
- 2) Internship programs for students;
- 3) Short-term academic programs;
- 4) Exchange of faculty and staff;
- 5) Joint research projects;
- 6) Participation in seminars, workshops and academic meetings;
- 7) Joint cultural programs;
- 8) Collaboration between Grigol Robakidze University's Center for Migration and Diaspora Studies and University of Latvia's Migration and Diaspora Research Center in joint research, conferences, and scholarly publications.

Cooperation will extend to any academic program deemed mutually beneficial by both institutions.

B. DEFINITIONS

1. "Exchange students" are students participated in the program outlined in this MoU, studying or conducting internships/project at the host institution for one semester or academic year without degree-seeking status unless otherwise agreed.
2. "Home institution" refers to the university from which the student originates: "host institution" refers to the university receiving the student.
3. "Faculty" includes academic personnel; "staff" includes administrative and technical personnel.

C. Programs:

a) Students from Grigol Robakidze University may participate in the following programs at "Erebuni" Medical Academy Foundation.

b) Students from "Erebuni" Medical Academy Foundation can participate in the following programs:

1. Each student may earn up to 30 ECTS credits per semester at the host institution. Courses will be finalized no later than one month before the start of the semester.

1. Both institutions operate within the ECTS framework.
2. Credits earned at the host institution will be transferred in accordance with the home institution's academic regulations.
3. Host institutions shall provide official academic records. Students must authorize release of records to ensure academic recognition.

1. Selection will be carried out by the home institution and subject to approval by the host institution.
2. Students must maintain full-time enrollment at the home institution and fulfill language proficiency requirements.
3. Students must have comprehensive health and travel insurance.
4. Tuition is payable to the home institution; host institutions will waive tuition fees.
5. Students cover all travel, accommodation, insurance, and living expenses.
6. Students must comply with host institution rules and national laws.
7. A minimum English proficiency level of B2 is required.
8. The host institution will support integration into student life.
9. GRUNI will adhere to Georgian Law on Higher Education¹, chapter 49², Paragraphs 3, protecting student status during exchanges.

1. Faculty and staff exchanges are encouraged and require mutual approval;
2. Selection is carried out by the home institution and subject to host institution approval;
3. Duration will be based on exchange purpose and institutional guidelines;
4. All terms, including financial responsibilities, will be agreed in advance.

G. COMMUNICATION

Each institution shall designate a liaison officer to coordinate activities.

GRUNI designates	"Erebuni" Medical Academy Foundation designates
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Designated officers may change with written notice. They are responsible for communication, coordination, and operational matters.

I. RENEWAL, REVIEW, TERMINATION AND AMENDMENT OF THE AGREEMENT

1. This MoU becomes effective upon signature by authorized representatives;
2. It is valid for five years and automatically renews for subsequent five-year terms unless terminated with six months' written notice;
3. Annual reviews will evaluate programs and explore new collaboration opportunities;
4. Termination requires six months' written notice. Ongoing exchanges will be completed;
5. Amendments require written agreement by both parties;
6. Any conflicting legal provisions will be null and void, without affecting the remainder of the MoU;
7. This MoU is signed in quadruplicate; each institution retains two original copies.

J. SIGNATURE

AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVE

Grigol Robakidze University
Prof. Mamuka Tavkhelidze
Rector
30.01.2026



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