



SAR ANNEX - 7

**Invitation letter and visit program for the
International Advisors**

**ANKARA, TURKEY
15.04.2022**

Ankara, June 14, 2021

Dear Dr. Franklin,

I formally invite you to the Turkish Higher Education Quality Council (THEQC), Turkey, as a visiting researcher in June 2021.

THEQC is a public legal entity with administrative and financial autonomy. It was founded in 2015 to evaluate the quality levels of higher education institutions' education and research activities and administrative services following the national and international quality standards. THEQC also coordinates the authorization/recognition of national/international independent external evaluation agencies.

In this scope, I greatly appreciate your academic accomplishments and achievements in the field of external evaluation and accreditation at both national and international levels. Hence, it is of great importance for THEQC to have your valuable support and expertise to improve its Institutional Accreditation Program (IAP). Moreover, I believe that the THEQC will benefit from your experiences on international best practices in quality assurance methods and discussions on developing new methodologies for future applications through a continuous exchange of ideas.

We firmly consider that this project-based collaboration will enable the enhancement of institutional ties between Turkish and American agencies, operating in quality assurance in higher education, and provide new opportunities in building significant and continuous international collaboration networks and alliances.

We are looking forward to meeting you in Ankara in June 2021.

Sincerely,



Prof. Muzaffer Elmas

President of THEQC

Ankara Office - Visit Program

Date	Meeting Topic	Methods	Attendees
07.07.2021	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • How should program evaluations at universities be conducted to be more effectively in processes of change? • What headings should be included in the trainings? 	Presentation & Discussion	<p>Prof. Muzaffer Elmas, President, THEQC</p> <p>Prof. Sibel Aksu Yıldırım, Vice President, THEQC</p>
08.07.2021	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • How can THEQC improve its evaluation processes and criteria as an agency? • How can we incorporate the change themes that you have mentioned into our criteria? 	Presentation & Discussion	<p>Prof. Douglas Franklin, Ohio University</p> <p>Prof. Teresa Franklin, Ohio University</p> <p>Prof. Buket Akkoyunlu, THEQC Advisor</p>
14.07.2021	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • How can THEQC foster skills related to micro-credentials and other related skills? • How can THEQC foster skills and competencies that universities will need in the future? 	Presentation & Discussion	<p>Assist. Prof. Deniz Kozanoğlu, THEQC Advisor</p> <p>Ömer Faruk Yıldız, Branch Manager</p> <p>Assoc. Prof. Dilek Avsaroğlu, THEQC Expert</p> <p>Assoc. Prof. Salih Bardakcı, THEQC Expert</p>
15.07.2021	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • How can THEQC foster skills and competencies that universities will need in the future? 	Presentation & Discussion	<p>Ayhan Koçer, THEQC Expert</p> <p>Erdem Sarıaydın, THEQC Expert</p> <p>Dr. Yasemin Yelbay Yılmaz, THEQC Expert</p>
26.07.2021	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Suggestions regarding THEQC's Institutional External Evaluation and Accreditation Criteria 	Presentation & Discussion	
27.07.2021	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Final discussions 	Interactive	

