

Dear Sir or Madame:

I have had a distinguished career filled with interdisciplinary experiences in my life. I am an Aerospace Engineer as well as a Nuclear Engineer and I have travelled to 40+ countries in my life. I was born in Turkey, but all of my childhood was spent in USA, which makes me a bilingual person and I was engrained with global travel culture since my early childhood. My main passion is teaching, so I had a chance to globally teach at both high school level as well as at university level (undergraduate, graduate and at PhD level) and I saw that my emotional rapport with my students allows me to create the empathic and the pedagogic bond necessary for their future success. Furthermore, as a teacher I was known as a tough but fair teacher, though I was always easily approachable with my open-door policy and with my conviction to be fair and helpful to students. As a teacher I tried to refrain from any negative practices that I didn't like from my teachers when I was a student. I am happy to say that I was able to guide many students to success including those students who were deemed to be unsalvageable by the official system. I firmly believed that any student regardless of their background can be sufficiently motivated and trained to be successful even in advanced engineering fields. Thus, armed with this conviction, I always believed in making a maximum effort to understand my students, and to create a relational and pedagogic bond with them to help them achieve their dreams.

As a Professor, I had a chance to interact with hundreds of professors from various disciplines and from tens of different countries. Hence, I was able to create various programs in cooperation with these professors and I was also able to secure future higher study opportunities as well as internships and scholarship opportunities for my students. Many of my past students have gone on to Master's programs, PhD studies, Postdocs as well as to industrial and academic internships and they are currently employed in various international companies, organizations, laboratories and universities.

Due to my success in achieving these relationships, I was offered the post of Vice President in charge of International Affairs at University of Petroleum and Energy Studies (UPES) where I was responsible for creating an International Affairs Department from scratch including creating an International Student Office, Inbound and Outbound Student Mobility, Inbound and Outbound Faculty Mobility, Funded Exchange Programs, special exchange scholarships, dual degree programs and international internships. In no time, I was able to create the International Affairs Department from scratch and thus UPES was able to go from few partners to an international network of 500+ partners across the globe. I signed up hundreds of MoUs and made UPES to become a member of several crucial international education organizations such as International Association of Universities, Association of Commonwealth Universities, International Student Exchange Program (ISEP) as well as College Board. Furthermore, I was able to establish crucial relationships with Embassies of countries such as USA, France, Canada, UK, Russia and many others and as such I was invited to many national as well as international events for networking opportunities.

I was especially able to create advanced opportunities with the French Government, French Universities, companies and institutions, as I believed that various French opportunities were very suitable for my students for future job and academic opportunities for them. I worked very closely with the French Embassy and with various French organizations in tandem and as a result, I was able to establish the Indo-French Academic Alliance which was launched during the Second Knowledge Summit in Lyon, France with the support of Indian and French Governments. I am currently the Executive Coordinator of IFA (Indo-French Academic Alliance). During the Knowledge Summit, I was also involved in high level negotiations in the Aerospace Round Table and I was also tasked with supporting the initiative to create the Indo-French Aerospace Consortium, which would be formed by Indian and French Universities and Companies that focus on Aerospace.

During my tenure as VP of International Affairs and also As Director of International Student Office, I had a chance to work with multi-partnered university networks such as Laureates International and GUS which were basically global university conglomerates. Due to my efforts, I was also selected to be part of the Laureates International E10 Strategic Steering Committee in charge of the Global

Engineering and Information Technology Programs. We were able to standardize the first 2 years of engineering programs and incorporate substantial portion of hybrid education into the curriculum.

Furthermore, since my efforts as a scientist also continued, I was appointed to the Advisory Council of the UN Center for Space Science and Space Technology Education in Asia-Pacific Countries in 2015 and I have retained that position ever since. I regularly attend annual meetings of the NASA LEAG Summit every year and I communicate with space agencies across the world for furthering agenda and collaborations.

In addition, I have been involved in many companies and projects externally as well. This has caused me to be in Advisory Board of many companies and organizations and projects as well as startups. I have also actively been involved in many global research projects such as the Space Port initiative. I am also member of European Association for International Education (EAIE) as well as NAFSA for several years and I continue to be involved in international student matters, as I continue to mentor various young colleagues. I was also the member for Academic Council on United Nations Systems.

I believe that my unique background with diverse disciplines allows me to have a unique approach to internationality, which is unmatched by many others. My experience as a teacher, my experience as head of internationality and my experience as a researcher and finally my travel experience to over 40+ countries gives me the unique and empathetic outlook that can help me to understand the internationality needs of an organization and to steer those internationality efforts in a direction toward a more successful agenda and a productive future. I am at the stage of my life that I don't have to prove anything or to have any ambitions to use a workplace as a stepping-stone for better opportunities. Thus, I am looking for a unique place or organization where I can contribute to internationality in a meaningful way, but that place must be an organization that recognizes the need to take an initiative. I am always ready to take responsibility for my actions, just as I am ready to take the necessary initiative for the internationalization success of the organizations that I work for.

I am sure you can find many suitable candidates with perhaps more focused experience for your organization; but I believe that my unique and diversified experiential background can be more flexible for rapid growth in internationalization for your organization by working in an asymmetric pattern of growth.

I am ready to join at your convenience, if you feel that I can be of benefit to your internationalization efforts.

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- <https://drguven.com/>
- <https://aerospacelectures.com/>
- <https://nuclearlectures.com/>
- <https://student-exchange.org/>
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Regards

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