



Memorandum of Understanding

This memorandum of understanding (MOU) is between:

Party 1: Al-Qasim Green University, a public university acting under the supervision of the Iraqi Ministry of Higher Education and Scientific Research and having its office at Hillah-Qasim Main Road, Al-Qasim Town, Babylon 51013, Iraq.

Party 2: Ferdowsi University of Mashhad, a public university having its office at Azadi Square, Mashhad, Razavi Khorasan Province, Iran.

The two institutions desire to establish academic and scientific collaboration and promote the level of scientific and cultural co-operation between them. Therefore, they have decided to sign this memorandum in accordance with the equality principle, the mutual interest, the applied law and order in both countries, and the available potentials.

1. The two parties encourage cooperation, scientific and cultural interaction, and mutual scientific visits between the two parties. They also encourage faculty members, researchers, and graduate students to collaborate with their peers in areas of common interest. The cooperation also includes the exchange of delegations in the scientific and cultural fields.
2. The two parties work to support scientific, research, and cultural projects implemented by faculty members, graduate students, and researchers. The two parties also encourage the exchange and support of faculty members and researchers.
3. The two parties encourage the exchange of expertise and experiences in the scientific, cultural and technical fields between the two parties. Further, they entuse holding conferences, seminars and scientific workshops to exchange scientific experiences.
4. The two parties co-work to establish joint scientific cooperation, and form joint research teams specialized in the science disciplines. Moreover, established teams can exchange the results of researches and studies.

5. The two parties provide training opportunities for scientific personnel, especially in the scientific fields, and exchange information regarding educational systems.
6. The two parties seek to exchange scholarships, academic seats, and student visits according to the regulations in force in both countries.
7. Visas for entry are issued in compliance with the laws of both nations.
8. This memorandum enters into force from the date of receiving the last notification to both parties confirming the completion of the legal procedures supporting its entry into force in accordance with the law of both countries. It remains valid for a period of five years, extendable for a similar period, provided that it subjects to revision after the first year of work unless one of the parties informs the other in writing of its desire to terminate it six months before the date of expiry of this memorandum.
9. The financial and administrative matters are agreed upon by direct communication between the two parties, provided that their details are specified in agreements or appendices that include all work items in detailed fields including costs, schedule and expected outputs for implementation of the agreed upon items. The two parties sign these matters later in a new memorandum or appendix, which is considered as an integral part of the MOU.
10. During the validity period of this memorandum, it is not permissible to change, amend, reconsider, delete, or add provisions to it without the written consent of both parties, and it becomes an integral part of it and enters into force according to the same procedures set forth in point (8) of this memorandum.
11. Any disagreements that arise as a result of the memorandum of understanding's implementation are resolved by direct agreement via negotiations between the contracting parties. If an acceptable solution cannot be achieved, the matter is settled through a coordinating committee established for this purpose, and if the committee is unable to reach a conclusion, the memorandum of understanding's activity is ended.
12. If the memorandum's work is terminated or suspended, it does not impact the continuance of existing collaborative activities and projects that have already begun and will continue until they are completed, unless the two parties agree otherwise.

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- I. The protection of intellectual property rights of both parties should be carried out in accordance with the legislations endorsed in both countries.
 - II. Each party owns all intellectual property rights belonging to it. Each party grants to the other a perpetual, irreversible license to use this property as agreed upon for its own internal teaching and research purposes. I
 - III. If both parties are responsible for producing the intellectual property together, then the intellectual property belongs to both sides according to the innovative contribution made by each party. Further, in case the intellectual property is vulnerable to exploitation, then neither party can implement it without the consent of the other party according to agreed upon terms.
 - IV. The two parties agree that the information exchanged between them will not be used except for the previously designed purposes in accordance with what they agreed upon. Besides, any of the exchanged information will not be transferred to a third party without the written consent of the other party.
14. Forming a joint committee between the two parties, comprised of experts specialists, to set up a mechanism to follow up on and implement the articles and provisions of this memorandum, as well as to open new horizons for cooperation. The committee annually meets alternately in both countries or as needed for.
15. This MOU is signed in the city of Mashhad on / / AD and is revised in three original copies in the languages (Arabic, Persian and English). Each version has the same legal authenticity. However, in the case of a disagreement on how the articles of this MOU and its appendices should be interpreted and implemented, the English-language text will be the main reference.

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The authorized signatory on behalf of Al-Qasim Green University is Prof. Dr. Hassan G. Al-Awady,
the president of the University
Date: 27 / 9 / 2023

The authorized signatory on behalf of Ferdowsi University is by Prof. *Ahad Zabett*
the president of the University
Date: *Ahad Zabett*

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