



**Memorandum of Understanding
Between
Ministry of Higher Education and Scientific Research\ Al-Muthanna
University, Republic of Iraq
and
Ferdowsi University of Mashhad, Islamic Republic of Iran**

Ministry of Higher Education and Scientific Research\ Al-Muthanna University, Republic of Iraq, hereinafter referred to as (First Party), and Ferdowsi University of Mashhad in the Islamic Republic of Iran, hereinafter referred to as (Second Party), who are hereinafter referred to as (the two parties), both agreed on the following:

Article 1

This Memorandum of Understanding embodies all the intentions and objectives stated of the parties. Its articles are read as unitary and the introduction section shall be treated as an integral part of this MoU.

Article 2

The parties agree to cooperate in the following areas:

- a. Exchange of information, curricula, and scientific research for publication purposes.
- b. Organization of joint academic and scientific activities.
- c. Organization of training workshops for faculty and students.
- d. Encouragement of joint academic supervision.
- e. exchanging university professors to conduct joint scientific research, deliver lectures in their specialized fields, and undertake other tasks characteristic of university professors, all of which would benefit both parties.
- f. The exchange and training of undergraduate, master's, and doctoral students for the purposes of joint academic studies and research
- g. Training of the faculty members of one party to familiarize them with the higher education standards of the other party.
- h. Opening specialized training courses for the employees of both parties according to the available specialties of each party.
- i. Cooperation in the fields of academic accreditation, quality assurance, and exchange of experiences between the two universities to enter international university rankings.
- j. Exchange of information, books, scientific research, research and scientific documents, and student theses in the educational, research, and technological fields.

Article 3

The parties shall coordinate and cooperation in the following areas:

First: Facilitating entry visa for visiting delegations from both universities in accordance with relevant legislation in force in both countries.

Second: Conducting remote communication and virtual meetings periodically.

Article 4

Formation of a Joint committee of the two parties comprising experts and competent staff to develop a follow-up mechanism for the implementation to the articles and provisions of the MOU and open up new horizons of cooperation, and meet periodically once a year, alternating between the two countries on an as-needed basis.

Article 5

Financial and administrative matters are agreed upon by direct contact between the two parties enhanced written in taking into consideration that its details, under the agreements or annexes containing all the agreed items with costs, timetable and predicted output should be implemented by both parties and be considered as an integral part of this MOU.

Article 6

It is not permissible to change, amend, reconsider or add provisions to this MOU without the written consent of both parties during its validity period and it becomes an integral part of it and enters into force according to the same procedures mentioned in article (6) of this MOU.

Article 7

1. Each party retains all intellectual property rights of its employees, students, and clients under this Memorandum, and each party grants the other a permanent, irrevocable license, as agreed upon, to use this property for the purposes of implementing this memorandum.
2. In the event that both parties are responsible for creating the intellectual property together, then the intellectual property is for both parties according to the innovative contribution provided by each party, and if the intellectual property is subject to exploitation, neither party can exploit it without the consent of the other party and according to agreed terms.
3. Neither party shall disclose or leak any information about the outcomes of this memorandum before publishing it in the relevant scientific forums or registering the resulting intellectual property.

Article 8

The two parties agree that information shared is only used for its intended purposes they had agreed. No information shared is to be passed to a third party without written consent of the two parties.

Article 9

Disputes resulting from the implementation or interpretation of the memorandum of understanding shall be resolved by direct agreement between two parties. If the parties cannot reach a solution, they shall submit the dispute to their Governments for settlement through negotiations. If the committee does not reach a solution, the work of the memorandum of understanding shall be terminated.

Article 10

In the event of cancellation or suspension the memorandum of understanding, both parties agree on carrying out their activities approved earlier until the ended from it.

Article 11

This MOU shall come into force upon the date of its execution and upon notice thereof to the other Party, and shall remain in effect for a period of (3) years, subject to renewal for similar periods upon mutual agreement of the Parties. This Program shall be subject to annual review, and either Party may terminate this Memorandum by giving the other Party (6) months' prior written notice of its intention to terminate.

This MOU was signed on / / 1446 AH, 18/1/2025 AD, in two original copies (Arabic and English), all texts being equally authentic. In case of any divergence in interpretation, the English text shall prevail.

First party

Al-Muthanna University

The Ministry of Higher Education and Scientific
Research, Republic of Iraq

Prof. Dr. Hussein Kamel Jaber Al-Shaher

University's president

Date: / / 2025

Jan. 1, 2025

Second party

Ferdowsi University of Mashhad

Islamic Republic of Iran

Professor Dr.

University's president

Date: 18/1/2025

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