



**Memorandum of Understanding  
Between  
Ferdowsi University of Mashhad, Islamic Republic of Iran  
And  
Allama Iqbal Open University, Islamabad, Pakistan**

**(Preamble)**

Whereas Ferdowsi University of Mashhad (FUM), represented by **Prof. Masoud Mirzaei Shahrabi**, President of FUM and Allama Iqbal Open University, represented by **Prof. Dr. Nasir Mahmood**, Vice Chancellor of Allama Iqbal Open University, hereinafter referred to as "Parties", have agreed to develop their relationships of academic exchange and cooperation, this MOU is entered into by and between the Parties at Ferdowsi University of Mashhad with the following terms and conditions:

**Article .1 (Scope)**

This cooperation includes all aspects that are deemed appropriate by the Parties for fulfillment of their common interests with regard to scientific improvement and that helps to develop mutual cooperation with regard to science and knowledge and all related aspects and fields between the Parties. These aspects include:

- 1) Establishing and developing relationships based on which the Parties agreed on developing a proper strategy for exchanging and accepting under-graduate (Bachelor's) and post-graduate (Master's and Ph.D.) students and post-doctoral positions;
- 2) Creating opportunities for mutual supervision of scientific research, including Master's theses and Ph.D. dissertations between lecturers of both Parties;
- 3) Exchanging academic members, lecturers and researchers for presenting speech, developing skills, student courses, participation in scientific events such as conferences, seminars, meeting and discussions;
- 4) Forming common research groups between both Parties for performing the following scientific missions:
  - Exchanging experiences, skills, capabilities and information in entirety of scientific fields;
  - Organizing workshops for students and professors;



- 5) Expansion of Persian language teaching at the Allama Iqbal Open University and the support of Ferdowsi University of Mashhad.
- 6) Expansion of Urdu language teaching at Ferdowsi University of Mashhad and the support of the Allama Iqbal Open University

### Article.2 (Obligations of the Parties)

This Memorandum of Understanding contains the following:

- a) Each party shall assign a person as in-charge of coordination for follow-up and developing cooperation in related and agreed upon activity;
- b) Both Parties should coordinate for facilitating visa for visiting delegations of the other party;
- c) Amending or reviewing the MOU shall only be possible through mutual agreement in written of the Parties.

Note: This MOU does not create any financial obligation or commitment for action for the Parties. Any agreement concerning financial obligations or other obligations shall be done through entering into a separate action plan by the Parties, which will come into effect only upon consideration and confirmation of administrative authorities of both Parties.

### Article.3 (Duration and Termination)

- 1) The present MOU shall be enforceable from the date of signing and shall be valid for a period of five years and is automatically extended, unless either Party request for termination of the MOU through a written notice six months prior to terminating the implementation of the MOU;
- 2) In case of cancellation of the MOU or cessation of its implementation, the Parties shall agree to continue the activities that have already started until their completion.

### Article.4 (Entry into Force)

This MOU, signed on 01/20/2024, is drawn up with one preamble, four articles and one note in two original copies in English languages; each Party has received one original copy bearing the same force and effect.

Ferdowsi University of Mashhad

Prof. Masoud Mirzaei Shahrabi  
President

Date 20/01/24

Allama Iqbal Open University

Prof. Dr. Nasir Mahmood  
Vice Chancellor

Date