



Memorandum of Understanding

Between

University of Babylon, Republic of Iraq

And

Ferdowsi University of Mashhad, Islamic Republic of Iran



Parties

This Memorandum of Understanding (hereinafter referred to as "MoU") is made and entered into on this day ___ of _____ 2023 by

the **University of Babylon** (hereinafter referred to as "UoB") represented by its Chancellor **Prof. Dr. Qahtan Hadi Hussein**,

and

the **Ferdowsi University of Mashhad** (hereinafter referred to as "FUM") represented by its President **Prof. Dr. Ahad Zabett**,

hereinafter collectively referred to as "the contracting parties", with the objective of promoting and expanding cooperate academic activities within the fields of common interest.

Preamble

Based on the mutual desire between the first party (University of Babylon) and the second party (Ferdowsi University of Mashhad) to promote scientific, cultural, and educational cooperation and to establish joint educational training programs, the two parties (the two universities), agreed to cooperate in accordance with the articles of this MoU below. The main aim of entering this Scientific Cooperation is to enable both universities to excel in the fields of cultural and scientific research, community service and development, and the continuous improvement of higher education and research overall. This can be achieved through the focus on the students themselves as well as the opportunities to serve local communities and exchange common experiences, so as to create an enhanced academic environment that might raise both universities to distinct ranks internationally. **This MoU is an embodiment of the aims and purposes of the intended cooperation between both parties, and it is hereby emphasized that this preamble to the Memorandum of Understanding is considered to be an integral part of it and is to be read with it as a single unit for all purposes and objectives.**

Article One

The two parties agree to enter into a reciprocal program of cooperation and coordination in order to achieve the following objectives:

1. Exchanging faculty members and researchers between both universities;
2. Exchanging laboratory and library services, as well as academic resources;
3. Developing joint and interdisciplinary research projects whereby researchers and faculty members of both universities are involved so as to exchange expertise and develop practical skills;
4. Developing joint seminars, workshops, webinars, and conferences (either in-person or virtually) wherein the academic staff of both universities take part, hosting the academic staff of different scientific specializations to give lectures and seek their experience;
5. Exchanging expertise and experiences for the management of educational institutions, and holding training courses to elevate the efficiency of all administrative staff,
6. Exchanging experience in the fields of evaluation, revision, and quality assurance,
7. Exchanging information to develop the policy and regulations of different levels of education and training.

Article Two

The two contracting parties seek to achieve cooperation in conducting scientific research and training through the following:

1. Developing student exchange programs for both under-graduate and post-graduate studies to train them and enable them to conduct research. The duration of this program should not be less than four weeks, and the host university will enable the visiting students to use the equipment and tools necessary for training and conducting research without the incurrance of any fees.
2. Supporting and encouraging mutual activities, and exchanging student visits for both undergraduate and postgraduate studies between the two universities, and establishing joint student activities, as well as scientific debates and competitions in the field of sports and arts.
3. Exchanging visits between academic leaders and inviting and hosting teaching staff from different scientific specializations to deliver lectures in the areas required by the other party for a period no longer than (one academic term), given that the hosting university is in no case responsible or liable for any costs or expenses.
4. Training faculty members by holding short-term (one month) and long-term (three months) training workshops and courses in different topics and specializations determined by the two contracting parties.
5. Developing and enhancing research centers and research units via mutual scientific cooperation, and utilizing the existing material facilities in research centers and units to carry out mutual research.

6. Participating in the publication of research papers and scientific books, in addition to encouraging scientific publishing in journals and periodicals issued by both universities.

Article Three

For the purpose of exchanging expertise for graduate students, the two contracting parties aim at achieving the following:

1. Co-supervising master theses and PhD dissertations,
2. Seeking scientific advice and consultations from academic experts, researchers, and students,
3. Holding training courses lasting from one to three months for the faculty members and staff according to the resources available for both contracting parties,
4. Exchanging scientific evaluations and assessments of theses and dissertations,
5. Co-examining master theses and PhD dissertations, and encouraging faculty members of both universities to participate as external examiner during viva.

Article Four

Both parties shall be obliged to regulate the administrative and financial aspects of this MoU as follows:

1. The two contracting parties agree to facilitate the visa application process of the visiting scholar, researchers, students, and faculty members from either party and assist them in finding appropriate accommodation.
2. The financial support of the activities of common interest shall be agreed upon based on mutual consent or either party's approval. Additionally, the faculty members, researchers, and students are responsible for funding the necessary expenses.
3. The signing of this MoU does not imply any form of financial commitment from either institution.
4. In order to ensure the efficient management of this MoU, each party will appoint a person within it as a coordinator to be in charge of the day-to-day operation of this program.

Article Five

This MoU shall be construed and governed in accordance with the laws of both countries, as follows:

1. For each of the activities included in this MoU, a separate implementation agreement should be drafted and signed by the parties.
2. The protection of intellectual property rights shall be enforced in conformity with the laws and regulations of the two countries.
3. The parties agree to solve any controversy arising from the interpretation of the present agreement in a friendly manner. In the event that the disagreement cannot be resolved, the issue(s) will be submitted for arbitration; each party will appoint a member of the arbitration panel and an additional member will be chosen by mutual consent.

Term of MoU

- a) This MoU is effective upon the day and date last signed and executed by the authorized representatives of the parties to this MoU, and shall remain in full force and effect for **five years**. It will be renewed automatically for a similar period unless one of the two parties expresses their wish to terminate the MoU upon written notice. This MoU may be terminated for convenience at any time and for any reason, by either party upon a six-month written notice.
- b) The termination of this MoU shall not affect the implementation of the activities that have been undertaken prior to such termination, unless agreement is achieved in this regard.

Amendments

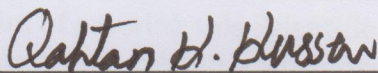
Any changes, modifications, revisions, or amendments to this MoU which are mutually agreed upon by and between the two contracting parties shall be incorporated by written instrument, and are effective from the time they are signed by both parties as stated in Article Five of this MoU.

Signatures

This MoU is signed in the city of _____ dated _____ / _____ / 2023, and is written in two original copies in English.

SIGNED

For and on behalf of the University of Babylon by an authorized signatory



Prof. Dr. Qahtan Hadi Hussein

Chancellor of the University of Babylon / Republic of Iraq

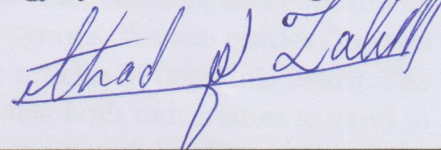
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