



UNIVERSITEIT VAN PRETORIA
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In the name of God

**Memorandum of Understanding
Between
Ferdowsi University of Mashhad, Islamic Republic of Iran
And
University of Pretoria, Republic of South Africa**

(Preamble)

Whereas Ferdowsi University of Mashhad (FUM), represented by Dr. Mohammad Kafi, Chancellor of FUM; and University of Pretoria (UP) represented by Prof. Tawana Kupe, Vice-Chancellor and Principal, hereinafter referred to as "Parties", have agreed to develop their relationships of academic exchange and cooperation, this Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) is entered into by and between the Parties in accordance with the following terms and conditions:

ART.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 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;
- 5) Exchanging experiences, skills, capabilities and information in entirety of scientific fields;
- 6) Organizing workshops for students and professors; and
- 7) Expansion of Persian language teaching at UP with the support of FUM and South African languages teaching at the FUM with the support of UP.

ART.2 (Obligations of the Parties)

This Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) 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; and
- 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 via signed agreement by the administrative authorities of both Parties.

ART.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, unless either Party request for termination of the MOU through a written notice. A minimum period of six months notice will be required from either party wishing to terminate 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 till their completion.

ART.4 Entry into Force

This MOU, signed on 18, NOV. 2020, FUM, IRAN, is drawn up with one preamble, four articles and one note in English languages; each Party has received one original copy bearing the same force and effect.

Ferdowsi University of Mashhad

Dr. Mohammad Kafi,
Chancellor

M. Kafi



Date 18/11/2020

University of Pretoria

Prof. Tawana Kupe
Vice-Chancellor and Principal

T. Kupe

Date 04/02/2021