



## Twinship Agreement and Mutual Cooperation between ( University of Sumer ) and ( Ferdowsi University of Mashhad )

Desired by the ( **University of Sumer** ) represented by its chancellor ( **Prof. Dr. Adil Radhi Jabir al-Zirgani** ) as the first party, and the ( **Ferdowsi University of Mashhad** ) represented by its chancellor ( **Prof. Dr. Ahsan Qabul** ) as the second party, and who are referred to later as ( the two parties ) to upgrade the two universities to the rank of the prestigious universities and in order to strengthen the ties of cooperation between them and open up new horizons of cooperation at the academic fields and to upgrade the scientific level and research, the articles of this agreement are issued between the two parties who agreed to sign this memorandum in accordance with the acting laws, rules and regulations and in accordance with the following items:

### **Article (1) – Teaching:**

**First:** Cooperation in the development of plans and modules and standardization of curricula for corresponding disciplines.

**Second:** The exchange of books and resources within the common disciplines

**Third:** Holding training workshops to develop the skills of academic staff and technicians in the areas of teaching methods.

**Fourth:** Cooperation in the field of summer training.

**Fifth:** Supervising the graduation projects of the final year students.

**Sixth:** Cooperation in the use of laboratories and workshops in the two universities.

**Seventh:** Cooperation in the field of e-learning.

Eighth: Delivering joint theoretical lectures for two subjects within the specialization for the post-first-year students.

Ninth: Doing students' joint exams for two subjects within the specialization for the post-first-year students.

### **Article (2)- Scientific Research:**

First: Carrying out joint specialized research and publishing in journals listed within the international collections.

Second: Research evaluation by university specialists.

Third: Holding joint scientific conferences.

Fourth: Joint supervision and discussions for postgraduate students.

Fifth: Academic Promotions.

Sixth: Using specialized laboratories for scientific research.

Seventh: Use of sources, books, scientific journals and theses.

Eighth: Establishing training workshops on how to write research and scientific publication in scientific journals listed within the international collections.

Ninth: Holding scientific courses and seminars.

### **Article (3) - Student Activities:**

Under the supervision of the teaching staff:-

First: The exchange of scientific visits for students.

Second: Establishing joint sports or other activities.

Third: Organizing exhibitions of scientific and artistic productions.

Fourth: Holding periodic scientific debates between students of corresponding majors.

#### **Article (4) - Management and Career Development**

First: Establishing training workshops in the field of laboratory quality and the reliability of a good laboratory according to the standards approved locally and globally.

Second: Exchange of experience in management.

Third: The exchange of various electronic programs according to work requirements.

Fourth: Engaging the private college teachers in the teaching methods courses that are held in the continuing education centers in universities / public colleges.

#### **Article (5) – Financial Aspect**

Financial spending should be according to the need and in accordance with Law of the Ministry of Higher Education and Scientific Research No. (40) for the year 1988 as amended and the Law of Private University Education No. 25 of 2016

**Article (6) - Enforcement of the Memorandum** This memorandum becomes valid from the date of signing the memorandum, and remains valid for a period of ( ) years, unless otherwise decided, and the memorandum is subject to extension unless one of the parties informs the other party in writing of its desire to terminate it (6) months before the date of expiry of the work of this memorandum. This memorandum is legally binding on both parties.

**Article (7) Cancellation of the Memorandum:** In case of cancellation of the Memorandum or termination of the Memorandum, the two contracting parties agree to continue the activities that had begun to be implemented until its completion, provided that the other party is notified of this six months before the cancellation.

#### **Article (8) Exploitation of Intellectual Property Rights:**

Each party owns all intellectual property rights of its employees and students pursuant to this memorandum and each party grants to the other party a permanent, irrevocable license to use this property for its own teaching and internal research purposes, and in the event that both parties

are responsible for creating the intellectual property together, the intellectual property belongs to both according to the innovative contribution provided by each party, and if the intellectual property is subject to commercial exploitation, any party can exploit it without the consent of the other party and under agreed terms.

**Article (9) Confidentiality:** It is not permissible to disclose or leak information about the outputs of this memorandum before publishing it in the specialized scientific journals, or registering the intellectual property rights resulting from it.

**Article (10) Amending the Memorandum:** It is not permissible to amend, reconsider, or add provisions to this Memorandum except with the written consent of both parties, and it becomes an integral part of it and shall enter into force in accordance with the same procedures.

**Article (11) Responsibility:** Disputes resulting from the implementation of the memorandum of agreement or its interpretation are resolved by direct agreement between the contracting parties. In the event that an amicable solution is not reached, the issue will be resolved through the formation of a coordinating committee formed for this purpose, and in the event that the committee does not reach a solution, the work of the memorandum of the twinning agreement will be terminated.

The agreement was signed on the day ( ) dated on 15/12/2021 and was drawn up in Arabic two copie, each with the same legal argument.



First Party:

**Prof. Dr. Adil Radhi Jabir al-Zirgani**

Second Party:

**Prof. Dr. Ahsan Qabul**

