



**Letter of Understanding
For Scientific Collaboration
between**

**The Imam Al-Kadhim College of Islamic Sciences (IKUC), Republic of Iraq
and
Ferdowsi University of Mashhad ((FUM), Islamic Republic of Iran.**

The Imam Al-Kadhim College of Islamic Sciences in Republic of Iraq represented by the Dean of the Faculty of the Imam al-Kadhim (AS), the first party aspires to consolidate a partnership with Ferdowsi University of Mashhad, In Islamic Republic of Iran, the second party, hereafter referred to as the two contracting parties. The two contracting parties intent to enter into a binding agreement to build relationships in scientific, cultural, administrative fields, and to exchange experiences through the mutual use of the abilities establishing foundations of sustainable scientific cooperation and achieving common interests and mutual benefit, including education, training, and research programs between the two parties. The two contracting parties agreed to sign this LOU according to the following articles:

Article One

The two parties shall share in the work to achieve the following aims:

- 1- Exchanging scientific expertise, scientific researchers, academics, and through scientific and training, visits and any other possible facilities that do so.
- 2- Cooperating to prepare curricula in compliance with the scientific development, review syllabus items, and provide textbooks that best meet the solid scientific criteria.
- 3- Exchanging faculty members of different scientific specializations to give lectures and seek their experience. On the condition that each faculty member has to afford all the necessary expenses, including but not limited to traveling and visas.
- 4- Exchanging information to develop the policy and regulations of different levels of education and training.
- 5- Cooperating to exchange management expertise and programs for the management of educational institutions.

- 6- Holding training courses to elevate the efficiency of all administrative staff. Each student or researcher will have to pay for the necessary fees of participation and traveling.
- 7- Exchanging experience in the field of evaluation, revision, and quality assurance.

Article Two

For the purpose of graduate students exchange, the two contracting parties aim at achieving the following:

- 1- Co-supervising master theses and Ph. D. dissertations as well as co-examining them.
- 2- Seeking scientific advice from academic experts, researchers, and students.
- 3- Adoption of the sabbatical for various academic titles namely, lecturer, associate professor, assistant professor and professor, according to the existing legislation of both contracting parties.
- 4- Exchanging visiting scholars to give lectures to graduate students in specializations needed by the two contracting parties. Each student or researcher will have to pay for the necessary fees of participation and raveling.
- 5- Training courses lasting from one to three months for training teachers and administrators according to the resources available for both contracting parties.
- 6- Exchanging scientific evaluations and assessments of theses and dissertations.

Article Three

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

- 1- Inviting and hosting the teaching staff from different the scientific specializations to deliver lecture for postgraduate students and seeking their expertise in all specialties that required by our university on the condition that each faculty member will afford all the necessary expenses including not limited to: visas and ravelling.
- 2- Developing research centres and research units via mutual scientific cooperation.
- 3- Training faculty members by holding a short-term, one month and long-term, three months training workshops and courses in different topics and specializations determined by the two contracting parties. Each faculty member have to pay for all the necessary expenses.
- 4- Utilizing the existing material facilities in research centers and units to carry out mutual researches.
- 5- Cooperating in the fields of symposia, seminars, conferences, and any other scientific activities.
- 6- Exchanging information and expertise in research fields within full time education.

Article Four

The two parties will seek to achieve cooperation in the field of evaluating and publishing research papers, supporting and printing referred academic journals of research centers reliable for academic promotion.

Article Five

Forming a committee from the two parties to follow up implementing LOU, the committee must be provided with addresses and websites of both parties for the purpose of communication and collaboration.

Article Six

The two contracting parties must make all the necessary commitments to facilitate obtaining visas in accordance to the traveling legislation in both countries.

Article Seven

- 1- The validity of any amendment in the articles of this memorandum will be conditioned by the time of adjustment and the agreement of the two contracting parties and it will not be retrospective. Any amendment must not affect the rights of the two contracting parties prior to that adjustment.
- 2- The amendment is deemed effective from the date agreed upon and consent of the authorities in both contracting parties, shall not be retroactively prejudice the rights of the parties that have been proven before the amendment

Article Eight

Any resulting disagreement implementation or interpretation of any article of this memorandum between the two contracting parties shall be resolved reaching a suitable solution. And in the case of failure to reach an amicable solution to resolve the issue of disagreement, then forming a coordinating committee for resolving which the two contracting parties disagree about. Failing to reach any resolution by the committee will result in the termination of the LOU.

Article Nine

Neither party may assign any article of this LOU, whether partially or wholly to a third party.

Article Ten

- 1- Both of the contracting parties will be responsible for the financial support for the activities to be held and that they agree upon. In addition, each faculty member, researcher, students are responsible for funding the necessary expenses, including not limited to: traveling, visas, and participation.

- 2- Financial and managerial matters shall be agreed upon through direct contact between the two contracting parties, and all the details shall be specified in an executive program and shall be an integral part of the memorandum of understanding. Any such implementation agreements will form appendices to this LOU

Article Eleven

The protection of intellectual property rights shall be enforced in conformity with the laws and regulations of the two countries.

Article Twelve

The IKUC and FUM reserved the rights, for reasons related to national security, national interest, public order or public health to temporarily suspend work wholly or in part, the implementation of this LOU.

Article Thirteen

If this LOU terminated or suspended, the two parties shall agree to keep implementing the activities that they started until be finished.

Article Fourteen

This LOU comes into force starting from the signing date by the two contracting parties conditioned by necessary formal approvals from the specialized authorities in both countries. It is valid for five years and could be renewed into a similar period if agreed by both parties unless any of the contracting parties wishes to amend or abolish it by written notification before (6) months from the date of abolishment.

This LOU was signed in the city of Mashhad dated on 5/14/2018 in two original copies and in Arabic, Persian and English languages all with the same legal authenticity. In the case of any dispute and interpretation, however, the English language will be the valid reference.


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