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**AGREEMENT OF BILATERAL COOPERATION
BETWEEN
DAMASCUS UNIVERSITY
AND
BRIGHAM YOUNG UNIVERSITY**

Based upon the mutual wish of Damascus University, Damascus, Syria and Brigham Young University, Provo, Utah, USA, to establish academic and research cooperation and exchange, the two universities enter into the following agreement:

Both universities agree to establish ties of friendship and cooperation for the purpose of promoting mutual understanding and possible academic, cultural, humanitarian, and personnel exchange. The exchange of personnel could serve many purposes, including teaching, research, serving as external examiners, the exchange of relevant expertise, and so forth. Exchanges may be from any branch of learning and the duration of each stay at the host institution could range from several days to two academic years.

Opportunities for Students

1. Students who are graduates of Damascus University and selected by Damascus University as potential faculty members to pursue graduate studies shall receive careful consideration at BYU for admission to graduate programs, providing they are otherwise qualified and meet the criteria for admission to the program. BYU graduate programs are autonomous and will make final decisions regarding admissions and any possible financial support.
2. Damascus University agrees to facilitate, through negotiated agreements, the interest of Brigham Young University students who desire to pursue further short or long-term study or research in Syria, especially in the areas of Arabic language training and Islamic culture and civilization.
3. Such exchanges of students shall place no financial burden on the host university except as mutually agreed upon prior to the exchanges.

Opportunities for Faculty and Administrative Personnel

1. The two universities will cooperate in promoting post-doctoral fellowships and faculty exchanges for short and long duration. The host university will grant the guest visitors working privileges available to resident faculty and staff, particularly with reference to library services, computer time, and other academic services. In addition, the two universities shall jointly seek funding from external sources to support such activities.
2. The two universities will cooperate in developing and implementing joint research projects to be agreed upon by the two parties who will exchange project-related information through direct contact between faculties and departments concerned. In

addition, the two universities shall jointly seek funding from external sources to support such activities and shall encourage the joint publication of findings from such projects.

3. Humanitarian projects with legitimate and legally recognized organizations outside the university, but with meaningful connections to the work of the university, may also be pursued in Syria upon negotiation and agreement of appropriate officials at Damascus University.

Exchange of Scholarly Materials and Information

Both universities shall consider developing an exchange of appropriate books and reference materials published in their respective countries. They shall also consider developing conferences and other forms of academic activities for the exchange of current research and scholarly information.

General Issues

1. Any activity which may entail financial obligations (including health insurance or other social benefits) to either party shall be negotiated and settled by mutual consent prior to implementation.
2. In the event of the exchange of faculty, personnel, or students, or in the event of developing collaborative projects of research and studies to the mutual benefit of academic and/or administrative units on both campuses, both sides shall jointly seek external funding to support said activities.
3. Exchange personnel are expected to abide by the laws of the host country, and the rules and regulations of the host university, including at BYU, the Honor Code and Dress and Grooming Standards.
4. Program specific agreements between departments, colleges, or other academic units of the two universities are encouraged.
5. This agreement becomes effective when signed by the representatives of the two participating universities. This agreement shall remain in effect until it is terminated by mutual consent of the two universities or upon the request for termination by either university. In the event of termination, the universities agree to cooperate with each other to allow for exchanges in progress at the time of termination to be completed.
6. Any provisions in this agreement may be amended or revised by the two universities after consultation and mutual agreement. Any such amendment or revision must be in writing and must be signed by both parties. Any issues not addressed in this agreement shall be resolved through mutual discussion and agreement.
7. Nothing in this agreement shall be construed as creating any legal or financial

relationship between the parties. This agreement is meant to be merely a statement of intent to foster the possibility of genuine and mutually beneficial academic collaboration.

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