



Scientific Co-operation Agreement
Between
Damascus University in the Syrian Arab Republic
and
North-Caucasus Federal University (FCFU) in Russian
Federation

Damascus University in the Syrian Arab Republic and North-Caucasus Federal University (FCFU) in Russian Federation, hereinafter referred to as the "Parties", aiming at further enhancement and development of scientific cooperation and student, academic and administrative exchange for the purpose of establishing a long-term mutual benefit,

Have agreed as follows:

Article /1/

Objective of the Agreement

This agreement aims at promoting scientific and research cooperation between the Parties on the basis of mutual respect and sovereignty, in accordance with the related laws, regulations and national policies enforced in each country and within their respective available resources.

Article /2/

Fields of Cooperation

The Parties shall take all the necessary steps to promote cooperation in the following areas:

- a. Exchange of academic staff, researchers, and students for the purposes of teaching, research, or the development of course curricula or programs. Each exchange activity shall be approved in advance by both Parties.
- b. Exchange of publications, scientific materials, scholarly papers, and available research information between the both Parties.

- c. Development of joint co-operation projects and research programs between the both Parties.
- d. Participation in meetings and scientific conferences held in each country.

Article /3/

Implementation Mechanism

In order to achieve the objectives of this Agreement, the Parties shall work on the following:

- a. Sign Executive Programs which identify, according to the mutual desire and available resources of both Parties, the mechanisms and details of the implementation of this agreement.
- b. Facilitate the entry to stay in, and leave from the host country for the participants in the programmes within the framework of this Agreement, in cooperation with the relevant authorities in both countries.
- c. Provide access for the sending Party representatives to the host Party laboratories, research facilities, that may be necessary to perform the activities listed in Article /2/ of this Agreement, in accordance with the provisions of Article /1/.
- d. Affirm the commitment of the Parties to the principles of equal opportunities and non-discrimination. Participation in the exchange activities referred to in this Agreement shall be based only on the level of scholarly or academic ability and performance of the candidates.

Article /4/

Financial Commitments

Each Party will bear its own costs and expenses for the implementation of the items of this Agreement.

Article /5/

Protection of Intellectual Property Rights

- a. The Parties shall undertake to protect intellectual property rights in conformity with the respective national laws, rules and regulations of their countries, and as per the enforced Agreements between them.
- b. The use of the name and official emblem of any of the Parties on any documents, publication, and/or prints is prohibited without a prior written approval of that Party.

Article /6/

Dispute Settlement

Any dispute that may arise between the Parties regarding to the interpretation or application of this Agreement shall be settled amicably by direct consultations and negotiations between the Parties, or through diplomatic channels without referring to any third Party.

Article /7/

Confidentiality

- a. Each Party shall undertake to observe the confidentiality of all documents, information and other data, which are disclosed, in writing or orally, by the disclosing Party to the receiving Party.
- b. Each Party shall undertake not to use any documents, information and data in any way except for the purposes of this agreement or its annexes, each party has no right to let a third party look at the agreement without preliminary permission, and has to deal with it and respond confidentially
- c. Both Parties shall abide by the continuation of the provisions of this Article after the termination of this Agreement.

Article /8/

Final Provisions

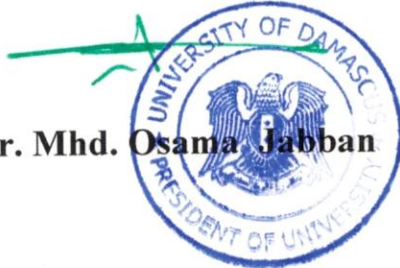
- a. This Agreement shall enter into force from the date of receiving, the last written notifications in which one Party notifies the other through diplomatic channels, about the completion of the internal procedures necessary for its entry into force, and shall remain valid **for five years**, and may be renewed for similar period by a mutual written consent between the two Parties through diplomatic channels.
- b. Each Party may terminate this Agreement at any time by presenting through the diplomatic channels to the other Party a written notification, expressing its wish to terminate it, six months prior to the date of termination. The ongoing activities and programs will still be valid until their accomplishment.
- c. Either Party may amend, change and add any item or article to this Agreement by mutual written approval signed by authorized representatives through diplomatic channels. These amendments changes and additions are considered an integral part of this Agreement, and they enter into force in accordance with the procedures of the first section under this article. and will be considered an integral part of this Agreement.

d. The implementation of this Agreement is subject to the laws and regulations in force at both Parties.

This Agreement done and signed in Damascus, on 17/10/2022, in two original versions, in Arabic, Russian and English languages, each of them being equally authentic. In case of any divergence in interpretation, the English text shall prevail.

**For Damascus University
In the Syrian Arab Republic
President**

Prof. Dr. Mhd. Osama Jabban



**For North-Caucasus Federal
University
In Russian Federation
Rector**

Prof. Dr. Dmitrii Bepalov

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