



Memorandum of Understanding (MOU)
Between
Damascus University in the Syrian Arab Republic
And
Iran University of Medical Sciences (IUMS); in Tehran, The Islamic
Republic of Iran

Damascus University in the Syrian Arab Republic and Iran University of Medical Sciences in Tehran, The Islamic Republic of Iran, hereinafter referred to as the "Parties";

Based on the mutual desire to promote the academic cooperation and scientific research between them, in order to exchange knowledge and experiences,

The Parties have agreed as follows:

**Article /1/
Objectives of the MOU**

The aim of this Memorandum of Understanding is to establish and expand academic cooperation between the Parties.

**Article /2/
Areas of Cooperation**

The Parties shall agree to cooperate in the following areas:

- a. Carrying out joint research projects.
- b. Organizing joint educational and scientific activities, such as courses, conferences, seminars, symposiums, and lectures.
- c. Exchanging academic staff members, lecturers, and researchers for lecturing, professional development, seminars, and consultations on educational issues for the benefit of both Parties.
- d. Exchanging Students and young scientists for study and scientific training in areas of mutual interest.
- e. Exchanging publications and periodicals issued by the two Parties in areas of mutual interest.

- f. Any other areas mutually agreed upon by the Parties.
- g. For the purpose of implementing each specific cooperation activity, The Parties shall prepare a work program describing the forms, the means and the respective responsibilities, which shall thereupon be the object a Specific Program, to be executed by the concerned Parties.

Article /3/

Exchange of Visits and Students

- a. The Parties shall exchange the short-term visits of academic and administrative staff members with the aim of exchanging information and expertise and participating in various academic activities. This exchange should be subjected to the laws and regulations enforced in both countries.
- b. The Parties shall exchange the long-term visits of academic staff members as visiting professors or delegates in order to carry out academic research missions. Expenses shall be managed separately through official correspondence. The exchange of academic staff members should be subjected to the laws and regulations enforced in both countries, especially those of secondment, compensations, and residence.
- c. The Parties shall exchange students of all academic levels for the purpose of academic qualifying and training. This exchange should be under the registration and admission laws and the regulations governing student exchange and should be done on the basis of the principle of reciprocity.

Article /4/

Cooperation in the field of Academic Research and Postgraduate Studies

- a. The Parties shall implement and develop joint research projects upon which they agree and exchange relevant information through direct contact among the concerned faculties and departments. The intellectual property of these academic projects must be attributed to one of the Parties.
- b. Each Party shall express its readiness, upon a request from the other Party, to contribute to the joint supervision and participate in the examining boards of postgraduate students' theses in accordance with the higher education regulations in force at the host Party.

Article /5/

Exchange of Publications and Academic Documents

The Parties shall exchange their publications and periodicals under the intellectual property laws and regulations enforced in their respective countries.

**Article /6/
Commitments**

- a. Each Party shall exert its best efforts to procure funding from internal or external sources, so as to ensure the feasibility of the cooperation programs under this MOU.
- b. Each Party shall bear its own costs and expenses for the implementation of the items of this (MOU).
- c. The Parties shall undertake to support participants in the work programs by providing the required information and facilities for the cooperation and by settling problems related to organizational issues, which should be done in accordance with the enforced regulations in both countries.
- d. The Parties undertake to set items such as exchange conditions of students and staff, budgets, sources of financing, responsibilities of each Party for the agreed upon activities and other items necessary for the efficient and joint realization of activities and under subsequent Executive Programs, subject to the specific conditions of each case.

**Article /7/
Intellectual Property Rights**

- a. The intellectual property rights created under the present MOU will belong to the Party that created them.
- b. The Parties shall conclude a separate agreement that includes legal protection and utilization and ensuring of confidentiality of such intellectual property rights that jointly were created by the Parties.
- c. The Parties are committed to the protection of intellectual property rights in accordance with the relevant laws and the national rules and regulations and the agreements in force in the two countries.

**Article /8/
Dispute Settlement**

Any dispute that may arise between both Parties from the application or implementation or any provisions of this MOU shall be settled amicably by direct consultations and negotiations or through diplomatic channels.

**Article /9/
Final Provisions**

- a. This MOU shall enter into force from the date of signature, and shall be valid for a period of five years and may be renewed for similar period unless either of the Parties notifies the other in writing and through diplomatic channels, about its intention to terminate it six months prior to its date of expiration.

- b. The termination of this MOU will not affect any ongoing activities until their completion.
- c. Either Party may amend, change or add any item or article of this MOU by mutual written consent through diplomatic channels. These amendments, or changes or additions will enter into force according to the internal procedures that applied in both countries, and it will be considered as an integrated part of it.
- d. With the aim of implementation this MOU, the two Parties agree to sign Executive Programs, based on their desire and the available resources, to determine the mechanisms and details of implementation of the provisions of this MOU.
- e. Each Party may nominate a coordinator for the MOU through mutual official correspondence within a maximum period of three months from its entry into force.
- f. The execution of this MOU is subjected to the enforced laws and regulations in both countries.

Done and signed in Damascus on 13 /09/2022, and in Tehran on /09/2022, in two original copies in Arabic and English languages. Both texts have the same authenticity, in case of any divergence, the text in English prevails.

For Damascus University

**In the Syrian Arab Republic
President**



Prof. Dr. Mhd. Osama Jabban



**For Iran University of
Medical Sciences**

**In Tehran, Iran
President**



Prof. Dr. Abdolreza Pazouki

