



Academic Cooperation Agreement
between
Damascus University in the Syrian Arab Republic
and
Philipps-Universität Marburg in Germany

Damascus University in the Syrian Arab Republic and Philipps-Universität Marburg in Germany, hereinafter referred to as the "Parties"; aiming at developing and deepening their relationships of scientific cooperation and academic exchange,
The Parties have agreed as follows:

Article /1/: Objective of the Agreement

This Agreement aims at promoting and developing scientific, academic and research cooperation as well as encouraging academic and student exchange between the Parties on the basis of equality and mutual benefit.

Article /2/: Areas of Cooperation

The Parties hereby agree, within their available resources, to cooperate in the following areas:

- a. Exchange of teaching staff members, lecturers, and researchers for lecturing, professional development, seminars and consultations on educational issues for the benefit of both Parties;
- b. Exchange of Students of all levels of study (undergraduate, postgraduate and (MA and Ph.D. students) and young scientists for study and scientific training in areas of common interest;
- c. Conduct joint international research activities and hold joint scientific and methodological conferences, seminars, symposiums, , workshops, training courses, scientific meetings and exhibitions.....etc in areas agreed upon between the Parties;
- d. Exchange of publications and periodicals issued by the two Parties in areas of mutual interest;
- e. Development and implementation of joint educational and research programs and projects;
- f. Any other fields to be mutually agreed upon by the Parties.

Article /3/: Exchange of visits and students

- a. The Parties shall exchange short visits of academic and administrative staff members with the aim of exchanging information and expertise and participating in various academic activities. Expenses shall be managed separately on a case-by-case basis through official correspondence.
- b. The Parties shall exchange long visits of academic staff members as visiting professors or delegates in order to carry out academic research missions. Expenses shall be managed separately on a case-by-case basis through official correspondence. The exchange of academic staff members should be subjected to the laws and regulations in force especially those of secondment, compensations and stay.
- 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, taking into consideration the intellectual property of these academic projects and its attribution 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/: Implementation Mechanism

- a. Both Parties shall undertake to support participants in the work program by providing the required information and facilities and by settling problems related to organizational issues, which should be done in accordance with the enforced regulations in both countries.
- b. With the aim of implementing activities covered under this Agreement, the two Parties agree to implement individual contracts for specific activities to be carried out, based on their desire and the available resources, to determine the mechanisms and details of implementation.
- c. Each Party shall designate a coordinator responsible for implementation and follow-up the anticipated work and shall inform the other Party of this. Each Party may change the name of the coordinator by submitting a formal letter to the other Party.

Article /7/: Financial Conditions

The Parties will specify conditions of funding of any specific activity mentioned in this Agreement according to the respective financial regulations of each Party.

Article /8/ Intellectual Property Rights

The two Parties undertake to protect the intellectual property rights in accordance with the relevant laws, national rules and regulations enforced in both countries and the conventions in force between them.

Article /9/: Confidentiality

- a. The Parties 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. Each Party shall treat and answer information confidentially and shall not disclose it to any third Party without a prior permission of the other Party.
- b. The Parties shall abide by the provisions of this Article after the termination of this Cooperation Agreement.

Article /10/: Settlement of Dispute

. Any dispute that may arise between the Parties regarding the interpretation or the implementation of this Agreement shall be settled amicably by direct consultation and negotiations, or through diplomatic channels without reference to any third party.

Article /11/: Final Provisions

- a. This Agreement shall enter into force from the reception date of the last written notification in which one Party notifies the other, through diplomatic channels, about the completion of the internal procedures required for its entry into force.
- b. This Agreement shall be valid for a period of /5/ five years and may be renewed for similar period unless either of the Parties, in any time, notifies the other in writing and through diplomatic channels, about its intention to terminate it six months prior to its date of expiry.
- c. The termination of this Agreement will not affect any ongoing activities until their completion.
- d. Either Party may amend, change or add any item or Article of this Agreement by mutual written consent through diplomatic channels. These amendments, changes and additions will enter into force according to the same procedures mentioned in paragraph /a/ of this Article, and it will be considered as an integrated part of it.
- e. This Agreement does not give any Party the right to be a procurator or a representative of the other Party.

f. The execution of this Agreement is subject to the laws and regulations enforced in both countries.

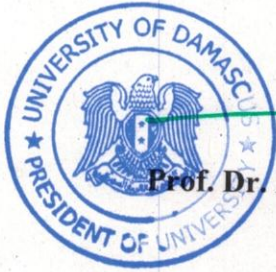
Done and signed in Damascus and Marburg on 8/11/2023 in two original copies in Arabic and English languages. All the texts being equally authentic, in case of any divergence in the interpretation, the English text will prevail.

For Damascus University

For Philipps-Universität Marburg

**In the Syrian Arab Republic
President**

**In Germany
President**



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