



Memorandum of Understanding (MOU)
Between
Damascus University in the Syrian Arab Republic
And
the University of Oldenburg
in Germany

Damascus University in the Syrian Arab Republic and the University of Oldenburg 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 MOU**

The aim of this MOU is to strengthen and develop scientific, academic and research cooperation as well as encouraging student and academic exchange between them on the basis of equality and mutual benefit, in the field of Computing Science, Business Administration, Economics, and Law.

**Article /2/
Areas of Cooperation**

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

- a. Exchange of academic and administrative 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. Organization of joint research and training programs.
- c. Holding joint seminars, research projects, conferences and other mutual scientific events.
- d. Development of joint co-operation projects and research programs between both Parties.
- e. Exchange of publications, scientific materials, scholarly papers, and available research information between both Parties.
- f. Joint publications of research.
- g. Any other areas mutually agreed upon by the Parties.

**Article /3/
Financial Conditions**

The Parties will specify conditions of funding of any specific activity mentioned in this MOU according to the respective financial regulations of each Party. The Parties agree that separate agreements should be concluded in order to identify any financial obligations on the Parties.

**Article /4/
Implementation Mechanism**

- a. 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.
- b. The Parties shall undertake to support participants in the work programs by providing the information and facilities required for the cooperation and by settling problems related to organizing issues, in accordance with the enforced regulations in both countries.

**Article /5/
Confidentiality**

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, and neither Party has the right to disclose information confidentially to any third Party without a prior permission of the other Party.

**Article /6/
Settlement of Dispute**

Any dispute that may arise between the Parties regarding the interpretation or the implementation of this Agreement shall be settled by negotiations or through the national courts of both countries, or arbitration.

**Article /7/
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 /8/
Final Provisions**

- a. This MOU shall enter into force from the date of receiving the last written notification by which one Party informs the other, through diplomatic channels, about the completion of the necessary internal procedures required of its entry into force.
- b. This MOU will be valid for a period of four years, renewed automatically for a similar period unless either of the Parties, at any time, notifies the other in writing form about its intention of termination, through diplomatic channels three months prior to its date of expiry, this termination will not affect the ongoing activities until their accomplishment.

- c. Either Party may amend, change or add any item or Article of this MOU by mutual written consent and through diplomatic channels. These amendments, or changes or additions will enter into force according to the first item of this Article and will be considered as an integrated part of this MOU.
- d. Each Party may nominate a coordinator (or a management committee) for the MOU through mutual official correspondence within a maximum period of three months from its entry into force.
- e. This MOU does not give any Party the right to be a procurator or a representative of the other Party.
- f. The execution of this MOU is subject to the enforced laws and regulations in both countries.

Done and signed in and on (see below) in two original copies in English language.



**For Damascus University
in the Syrian Arab Republic**

President

**Prof. Dr. Mhd. Osama Jabban
(Damascus)**

**For the University of Oldenburg
In Germany**

President

**Prof. Dr. Ralph Bruder
(Oldenburg)**

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