



UNIVERSITY
OF WOLLONGONG
AUSTRALIA



MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

Between

University of Wollongong

And

Cihan university-Sulaimaniya

1. Preamble

1.1 University of Wollongong and Cihan University Sulaimaniya are keen to establish a closer partnership to enhance the quality of education services for both students and teaching staff. To formalize this agreement, we hereby introduce the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU).

1.2 The purpose of this MOU is to promote and expand international understanding, development, and friendship as well as stimulate and support educational, professional and intercultural activities and projects among students and staff of the two institutions and the respective communities which support these institutions. The objective of this Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) is to foster and enhance international understanding, growth, and friendship. Additionally, it aims to encourage and facilitate educational, professional, and intercultural initiatives and undertakings among the students, faculty, and communities affiliated with both institutions. Moreover, this Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) outlines and details various general and specific aspects of the agreement. It is important to note that this document may be subject to revision, based on regular reviews of activities, with the mutual agreement of both the University of Wollongong and Cihan University-Sulaimaniya .



1.3 General activity areas of mutual interest and concern have been identified, which may include, but are not limited to, the following:

- student exchange programs
- faculty/staff exchange programs
- cultural exchange programs
- “visiting scholars/tutors”
- cooperative/collaborative research projects (**Cihan University Sulaimaniya Research Center (CUSRC), Research and Consulting Center (RCC), Cihan University Sulaimaniya Research Center (CUSRC), AI Resrach Center (ARC).**)
- cooperative (joint and double) degree programs
- short term training programs/projects/ and service-learning programs
- cooperative and exchange lecturing plans and lecture content, conferences and seminars

1.4 The term "host" institution, refers to the university that a student or staff member intends to visit. The the "home" institution is the university where the student is enrolled as a full-time, degree-seeking student or in the case of staff members, the staff members' regular place of employment.

2. **Terms and Termination of the MOU**

The Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) shall remain valid for a period of six academic years. Renewal of the MOU for additional periods is possible through written agreement between the institutions, signed by their respective authorities, prior to the end of the initial six year term or any subsequent extension. This ensures continuity and allows for the possibility of further collaboration between both institutions. During the initial term of six years, and any subsequent extensions, the parties involved shall engage in annual consultations to discuss cooperation programs, address any issues that may have arisen, and explore opportunities for improvement. Either party has the right to terminate this MOU at any time, during the initial six year period or any extension period, by providing written notice prior to the end of January of any year. The termination will take effect at the end of the period specified in the notice.

3. Contact Person

In order to ensure that MOU activities are implemented in a systematic and efficient manner, the University of Wollongong and Cihan University-Slemani have designated a



contact person who will be responsible for coordinating these activities. For Cihan University-Sulaimaniya , this individual will be the head of the International Office for Academic Relations, therefore, the role will be filled by Assist Lecturer and PhD candidate, Dzhwar Anwar Ahmad.

4. Student/Faculty/Staff Exchange

4.1. Both parties are dedicated to establishing a student exchange program for Bachelor's, Master's, and Ph.D. levels. These exchanges can range from short, specific courses to longer periods of up to one academic year. To ensure the success of this program, the parties have agreed to sign a separate annual student and staff exchange plan. This will allow for a more organized and efficient exchange process, benefiting both students and staff members involved. The exchange program will provide students with the opportunity to broaden their academic horizons and gain valuable international experience. It will also foster a deeper understanding and appreciation of different cultures, ultimately promoting global cooperation and collaboration.

4.2 Under the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU), the faculty and staff of an institution are permitted to engage in a diverse range of activities at the partnering institution.

This agreement allows for a mutually beneficial exchange of knowledge and expertise between the two institutions. Such activities may include collaborative research projects, joint academic programs, and professional development opportunities. By fostering this type of partnership, both institutions will enhance their academic offerings and provide their students with a more comprehensive education.

4.3 This memorandum of understanding (MOU) outlines various collaborative activities that the two institutions may engage in to enhance their educational and research missions. These activities include:

- Faculty exchange: This involves sending professors from one institution to the other to teach courses, conduct research, or collaborate on joint projects. The exchange can be for a short period (e.g., a few weeks) or an extended period (e.g., a semester or a year).

- Conferences, seminars, and lecture series: The institutions can organize and host academic events that bring together scholars, students, and practitioners from different fields and regions. These events can focus on specific topics or themes of mutual interest and relevance.

- Consulting on special projects: The institutions can share their expertise and resources to support each other's initiatives and programs. This can involve providing advice, feedback,

or technical assistance on various aspects of project design, implementation, and evaluation.

- Short-term visits for exploration: The institutions can send representatives to visit each other's campuses and communities to learn about their cultures, practices, and challenges. These visits can help identify potential areas of collaboration and innovation.

- Developing joint activities: The institutions can work together to create new educational and research programs that address emerging issues and opportunities in their fields and communities. These programs can involve interdisciplinary and cross-institutional partnerships that leverage the strengths and diversity of both institutions.

- Other activities: The MOU recognizes that there may be other forms of collaboration that arise during the course of the partnership. These can be discussed and agreed upon by the institutions as needed.

By engaging in these collaborative activities, the institutions aim to enhance their academic quality, global reach, and social impact. They also seek to foster a culture of mutual respect, trust, and learning that benefits their students, faculty, staff, and stakeholders.

4.4 In general, faculty exchange activities are carried out through a process of requesting, reviewing, and approving between the two institutions involved. This process ensures that the exchange is conducted in a professional and organized manner, with both parties fully aware of the terms and conditions of the exchange. Additionally, this process allows for any potential issues or concerns to be addressed and resolved before the exchange takes place, ensuring a successful and beneficial experience for all involved.

4.5 The undersigned institutions are dedicated to exploring potential partnerships for future exchange projects, which will be supported by their respective national governments.



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University of Wollongong

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