



## **MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING**

**Between  
Ferdowsi University of Mashhad, Iran**

**And  
Kazan Federal University**

*Ferdowsi University of Mashhad, Iran (FUM) and Kazan Federal University, Russia (KFU) (hereinafter referred to individually as **Party** and collectively as **Parties**) have shown their interest to explore cooperation in academic programs, research projects, especially, in the fields of **Science and Technology, Literature and Humanity and Languages**, as well as institutional development and other areas of mutual interest. Hence, this Memorandum of Understanding has been signed,*

### **BETWEEN**

The Ferdowsi University of Mashhad, a state higher education institution in Mashhad, I.R. Iran, on the one part;

### **AND**

The Kazan Federal University, a federal higher education institution in Kazan, Russian Federation, on the other part.

**WHEREAS** it is the intention of both the *Parties* hereto to cooperate by entering into this Memorandum of Understanding bearing the following provisions:

### **Article I**

### **PURPOSE OF AGREEMENT**

This Cooperation Program aims to foster advancement in teaching, research, institutional development and cultural understanding of both *Parties* through:

1. Joint Ph.D. degree program in selected fields;
2. Student exchange at undergraduate level;
3. Mutual visits of faculty members;
4. Collaboration in research projects;
5. Networking consortiums and affiliation institution establishment;
6. Holding of joint workshops, seminars and similar events;
7. Sharing of academic data, publications and information;
8. Specific Cooperation Programs; and,
9. Other areas of mutual interest.

**Article II**  
**SCOPE OF COOPERATION**

**1. Joint Ph.D. Degree Program in Selected Fields**

- i. *Parties* shall initiate a joint program leading to the degree of Doctor of Philosophy (Ph.D.) in selected fields. The program shall involve the registration of a number of doctoral students at both *Parties*, the exchange of such students between the two *Parties*, and the awarding of a degree to successful students. The *Party* through whom the students enter the program shall be the "Home University" and the other *Party* shall be the "Receiving University."
- ii. Both the *Parties* shall settle details of such collaboration in a separate detailed protocol of "Joint Ph.D. Degree Program" in selected fields with mutual consent.
- iii. For Joint Ph.D. Degree Program, details shall be worked out by the Focal Person(s)/representative(s) as appointed by the *Parties*.

**2. Student Exchange at Undergraduate Level**

- i. The number of undergraduate students for exchange is subject to discussion between both the *Parties*.
- ii. Both the *Parties* agree not to discriminate on the basis of race, creed, gender, or national origin in the decision for the exchange program.
- iii. The exchange of students shall be subject to criteria devised and agreed upon by both the *Parties*.
- iv. Details of the student exchange program between FUM and KFU shall be agreed upon in a separate detailed protocol with mutual consent.
- v. For Student Exchange Program, details shall be worked out by the Focal Person(s)/representative(s) as appointed by the *Parties*.

**3. Mutual Visits of Faculty Members**

- i. *Parties* shall promote cooperation and exchange between their faculty members.
- ii. It is to be emphasized that the mutual visits shall be based on, but not limited to, joint training programs, formulation of joint research programs, and exchange of teaching materials.
- iii. The release of faculty member shall be subject to the agreement of the Heads of Departments concerned from both the *Parties*.
- iv. The details of the Faculty Exchange Program shall be worked out by the Focal Person(s)/representative(s) as appointed by the *Parties*.

#### **4. Collaboration in Research Projects**

- i. Under this arrangement, both the *Parties* shall endeavor to explore the possibilities of conducting research projects on a collaborative basis, with a view to promote the image of both the *Parties* as disseminators of the state-of-the-art knowledge in the relevant research fields.
- ii. Both the *Parties* shall settle details of such collaboration on case-to-case basis.

#### **5. Networking consortiums and affiliation institution establishment**

- i. Both *Parties* shall consider extension of the areas of collaboration and widespread development involving their partner institutions to form networking consortiums.
- ii. Under this MoU, both *Parties* shall exert all efforts to establish their foreign representative offices and affiliation institutions in the Russian Federation and in the I.R. Iran correspondingly.
- iii. Both *Parties* shall provide each other with the latest information on the procedures of representative office or affiliation institution registration, including legislation of their countries, and request from each other any other relevant information they deem appropriate.
- iv. Both *Parties* shall settle details of such collaboration on case-by-case basis.

#### **6. Holding of Joint Workshops, Seminars and Similar Events**

- i. Both *Parties* shall arrange mutually agreed joint workshops, seminars and similar events remotely and through faculty exchange.

#### **7. Sharing of Academic Data, Publications and Information**

- i. Under this MoU, both *Parties* shall endeavor to share teaching materials such as lecture notes and case studies, research reports, working papers, audio-visual materials, software, among others, in a mutually beneficial manner.
- ii. Such exchange and use of the materials shall not violate intellectual property guidelines and laws.
- iii. Both *Parties* shall settle details of such collaboration on case-to-case basis.

#### **8. Specific Cooperation Programs**

Both *Parties* will make Specific Cooperation Programs consisting of the activities or projects to be developed, once formalized, will form an integral part of this agreement should include the following information:

- Objectives;

- Implementation schedule;
- Allocation of human and material resources;
- Funding;
- The responsibility of each party;
- Dissemination of results,
- Any other information that the parties deem appropriate.

However the formulation of specific cooperation programs, each party may make further proposals for collaboration that arise during the implementation of cooperative activities referred to in this MoU.

#### **9. Other Areas of Mutual Interest**

- i. Both the *Parties* shall explore the feasibility of working together on other projects deemed to be mutually beneficial and viable for both *Parties*.

### **Article III**

#### **SPECIAL PROVISIONS**

Nothing herein shall affect the autonomy of either *Party*, nor shall any constraints be imposed by either *Party* upon the other in carrying out this Understanding.

### **Article IV**

#### **COMPETENT AUTHORITIES**

Both *Parties* will carry out the modalities of cooperation that stem in the present Agreement, with absolute respect to their respective competitions, regulations, institutional boards and national applicable legislation.

The competent authorities in the fulfillment of this Memorandum of Understanding shall be the President of the Ferdowsi University of Mashhad and the Rector of Kazan Federal University.

### **Article V**

#### **DURATION, MODIFICATION AND TERMINATION**

This Agreement shall be in force from the date on which it is signed and will be effective for duration of five (05) years from the date of signature thereof.

Any modifications concerning the MoU in force may only be made through mutual consent in writing by both *Parties*.

Either *Party* may terminate this MoU at any time by giving one (01) year advance notice in writing to the other *Party* although such action shall only be taken after mutual consultation in order to avoid any possible inconvenience to all concerned. Regardless of termination, the *Parties* shall continue to fulfill their obligations hereunder until all participants who have commenced the program may complete the term in session at the time of the termination, or work that is in progress at the time of termination.

This Agreement shall be renewed automatically, unless either or both the *Parties* express in writing their intention to withdraw from the cooperation, subject to a six (06) month advance notice.

*The agreement is written and signed in two copies in English having equal force, each Party receiving one copy.*

**Ferdowsi University of Mashhad,  
Mashhad, Islamic Republic of Iran**

*for Ferdowsi University of Mashhad*

**Prof. Mohammad Kafi**  
**President**  
Date



**Kazan Federal University  
Kazan  
Russia Federation**

*for Kazan Federal University*

**Prof. Ilshat Gafurov**  
**Rector**  
Date

