



Memorandum of Understanding
Between
Riphah International University
(Pakistan)
And
Islamic Online University





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I. Preamble:

Recognising the importance of academic interchange between universities, and active engagement in a wider national and international scholarly community by members of academic institutions; and

Affirming the significance and importance of cooperation in the pursuit of international education, and the awareness by each institution of its interest in and need for establishing and maintaining such cooperative ties; and

Confirming the significance of the furthering of knowledge and the creative role of international scholarly communication and collaboration in the development and dissemination of learning and research;

Prof. Anis Ahmad Vice Chancellor of Riphah International University And

Dr. Abu Ameenah Bilal Philips Chancellor of Islamic Online University

in the spirit of promoting exchanges between their respective institutions, in all pertinent areas of university activities, agree as follows:

II. GENERAL OBJECTIVES:

To strengthen and encourage communication and collaboration between members of the two universities, in areas of mutual concern and benefit; To facilitate the exchange of scholars and professors for teaching and research; and students for study, training, and research.

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III. FACULTY EXCHANGE

Under this Memorandum of Understanding; faculty members from one institution shall have the opportunity to make visits at the other institution in connection with sabbatical leaves, joint research programs, teaching and consultation with regard to curricula development /upgrading.

The details of each visit and the relevant financial matters will be agreed upon prior to engagement of said visit.

Exchange professors shall be provided an appropriate office and access to facilities as normally granted to residing faculty at the institution.

In principle, the sending institution shall meet the cost of international air-fares in respect of its faculty members, while the receiving institution shall cater to their accommodation. Nevertheless, the nature of the activity, period, and duration of each visit shall be mutually agreed upon, beforehand, through the exchange of correspondence between the administrations of both institutions.

IV. STUDENT EXCHANGE

Riphah International University, Islamabad, will provide financial support to deserving students nominated by Islamic Online University in the form of scholarships, teaching and research scholarships or other stipends as may be available and appropriate.

In return, Islamic Online University shall facilitate the enrollment of the Riphah International University students, in its various international programs. Under the provision of the Agreement, graduate students shall have the opportunity of conducting part of their research work at the other institution, and have access to available resources and supervision.

V. SHORT - TERM TRAINING

The two universities shall facilitate the exchange of students for the purpose of attending courses, participating in professional training programs or attending elective training courses during the summer.

The two universities shall facilitate the exchange of technicians or administrative staff members if and when needed under this scheme.

Student exchanges shall be governed by the exchange of correspondence between the administration of both universities and the prior approval of both of them in relation with the period of stay, selection procedures/criteria, subject of study, etc. Exchange students who participate in courses, training or specialized programs may transfer credits towards their study plans at their home university. This credit-recognition arrangement will conform to the academic and accreditation and regulations of both institutions.

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VI. **RESEARCH:**

To promote the advancement of science, technology and human learning through the undertaking of cooperative research on topics of mutual interest and expertise; and,

To stimulate contacts between researchers in the two universities and the formation of research linkages and groups, with particular reference to the work of graduates students in both institutions.

PROGRAMME /CURRICULA DEVELOPMENT: VII.

The two Universities will exchange experience in designing new programs and identifying faculty members for short-term or long-term teaching assignments.

VIII. PRACTICAL CONSIDERATIONS:

Before any particular cooperative project or program is initiated, all financial details and required logistic support shall be negotiated and agreed upon by the two institutions, with each partner acting within the scope of the resources specifically allocated to this effect by administrative authorities.

Since most projects of cooperation, especially those involving collaborative research, require significant supplemental financial support, the two universities agree to make representations individually and jointly, to national and international funding agencies, making those agencies aware of the Agreement themselves. This Memorandum of Understanding shall come into force for a period of Three Years upon the signatures of both sides, and shall be renewed with their mutual consent and signatures. It may be amended by written agreement of both partners. Either party may terminate this Memorandum of Understanding with six month's advance written notice to the other party. Such termination shall not affect the validity of any arrangements already made under the terms of this Memorandum of Understanding.

Signed for and on behalf of:

Islamic Online University

Riphah International University

Dr. Abu Ameenah Bilal Philips

Chancellor

Acting Vice Chancellor

Dean Faculty of Engineering and

Applied Sciences

Dated: February 25, 2015