

## **Memorandum of Understanding**

### **On Academic Cooperation Between**

**Durham University**

**And**


**The University of Jordan**

Durham University, UK and the University of Jordan, Amman, Jordan recognizing the benefits to their respective universities from the establishment of international links, conclude this MoU.

- 1- The purpose of this MoU is to develop academic and educational cooperation and to promote mutual understanding between the two universities.
- 2- The MoU will include academic cooperation between the University of Jordan (UJ) and the other universities in the north-east of England (Newcastle, Northumbria, Sunderland and Teesside) in specialist research and teaching areas for which Durham University does not have expertise. In these areas Durham University will act as the link between UJ and these other universities.
- 3- Both universities agree to develop the following collaborative activities in academic areas of mutual interest, on a basis of equality and reciprocity, which may include: Exchange of faculty, researchers and other research and administrative staff; Exchange of students; Conducting collaborative research projects; Conducting lectures and organizing symposia; Exchange of academic information and materials; Promoting collaboration in the fields of languages, arts, humanities, social sciences, sciences, and any other related disciplines; Promoting other academic cooperation as mutually agreed. Current priority areas include:
  - a. Socio-economic collaborative research within the theme: "globalization, deprivation and economy";
  - b. Create PhD programmes in English literature and linguistics;
  - c. Graduate studentships in Nursing and Medical Allied Sciences, Energy, Social Work and Business and Finance (some of which, notably Nursing and Medical Allied Sciences, may be with one of the universities listed in clause 2);
  - d. Explore options for students of Arabic at Durham to study also at UJ's Language Center.

- e. Participate in activities supported by the British Council designed to bring young people together for wider mutual academic and practical benefit;
  - f. Research in the field of conventional and renewable energy;
  - g. Strengthening links with the University of Jordan's Center for Strategic Studies (CSS), through staff visits to the institute of Middle East and Islamic Studies (IMEIS) in Durham, on the theme of International Relations, Political Economy and Geopolitics;
  - h. IMEIS delivering a three-day course on 'Security and Politics in the Middle East today: a European perspective'; delivered at the University of Jordan or CSS;
  - i. Secondment of established staff at UJ with political or diplomat interests to IMEIS at Durham for a year to promote and undertake collaborative research.
  - j. Social Work.
- 4- The development and implementation of these and other specific activities based on this MoU will be separately negotiated and agreed between the faculties, schools or institutes, which carry out the specific projects. Both Universities agree to carry out these activities in accordance with the laws and regulations of the respective countries after full consultation and approval.
- 5- It is understood that the implementation of any of the types of cooperation stated in clause 3 shall depend upon the availability of resources and financial support at the Universities concerned.
- 6- Should any collaborative research activities under this MoU result in any potential for intellectual property, both Universities shall seek an equitable and fair understanding as to ownership and other property interests that may arise.
- 7- Durham University and the University of Jordan agree to participate in the Durham- Jordan Graduate Studies Scheme as described in Annex 1 of this MoU. Staff and students of the University of Jordan will be eligible to study under this scheme.
- 8- This MoU may be amended or modified by a written agreement signed by the Vice-Chancellor of Durham University and the President of the University of Jordan.

- 9- This MoU is valid for a period of five years from the date of signing by the representatives of both Universities. This MoU shall be renewed after being reviewed and renegotiated by both universities.
- 10- This MoU may, at any time during its period of validity, be terminated by one of the Universities upon prior notice to the other in writing not later than six months before the termination date.



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Date: Dec 2, 2007

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