

# **Memorandum of Understanding**

**Between**

**The University of Jordan**

**And**

**The University of Sheffield**

The University of Jordan, a university established under the laws of Jordan of Jubaiha, 11942 Amman, Jordan (**UJ**) of the one part and, the University of Sheffield of Western Bank, Sheffield, S10 2TN, England (**TUOS**) of the other part agree to establish academic collaboration between the two parties as set out below.

## **1. Agreement**

1.1. UJ and TUOS will establish and develop collaboration with the dual objectives of capacity building in the Jordan Higher Education Sector and the fostering of collaborative research between the parties. The activities may include, though not be limited to:

- Joint Research Activities
- Visits and exchange of staff
- Exchange of information including exchange of library materials and research publications
- Visits by graduate students
- Masters and doctoral study at TUOS by UJ staff and graduate students. This may include study at one of the TUOS 'Doctoral Training Centres' where appropriate.

1.2. All programmes of action will be agreed in advance and will depend on the availability of funds. No guarantee is given from either party that such funds will be available. Specific details for the implementation of these activities will be developed for specific projects.

1.3. This Memorandum may have, from time to time, annexes attached to it with regard to those specific projects.

## 2. Objectives

- 2.1. TUOS will provide a priority response service to applications for Masters study at TUOS. All Masters Programmes at TUOS are open for applications from UJ under this MoU.
- 2.2. TUOS has developed a suite of doctoral programmes (PhD with Integrated Studies) designed to meet the needs of staff development by overseas universities. These programmes include the possibility of incorporating teaching training into the integrated PhD programme. This will be available from 2010. TUOS will attempt to ensure that the right combination of research and additional taught study is available for UJ students in accordance with UJ's academic preferences in each case.
- 2.3. UJ wishes to carry out staff development in all its faculties and academic departments. TUOS will admit suitable UJ students to all its departments, depending on the availability of suitable supervisors for particular research areas.
  - 2.3.1. In particular, TUOS will include the possibility of UJ staff participating in doctoral studies at the TUOS Doctoral Training Centres.
  - 2.3.2. TUOS will also undertake to explore the possibility of placements in the TUOS School of Medicine by medical faculty from UJ.
- 2.4. TUOS will not limit the number of UJ students who may study at TUOS. All suitable candidates will be considered and offers made where appropriate supervision is available.
- 2.5. TUOS will endeavour to ensure that UJ students complete their research programme in the shortest possible time. This will often be three years, though in the Biological Sciences four years is the norm, without the integration of an additional taught component.
- 2.6. Efforts will be made to establish and expand joint research collaborations between research groups in TUOS and their counterparts in Jordan.
- 2.7. TUOS will promote the possibility of staff exchange and will encourage academic and postdoctoral staff to undertake a period of work at UJ. This would be particularly suitable for sabbatical opportunities.

### 3. Finance

- 3.1. The fees for study at the University of Sheffield will be those advertised internationally on the TUOS website ([www.sheffield.ac.uk](http://www.sheffield.ac.uk)).
- 3.2. UJ, via the Jordanian Ministry of Higher Education and Scientific Research or other sources of funding, will provide a number of scholarships for outstanding students to study for a PhD degree at TUOS, covering all agreed costs for each scholar
- 3.3. TUOS will offer a discount of 10% of the fees charged to all students accepted for Masters and PhD study under this MoU. This will apply both to UJ staff and to UJ students sponsored by UJ for study at TUOS.
- 3.4. In order to incentivise the timely completion of doctoral programmes, which is to the benefit of UJ, TUOS and the individual students, TUOS will make a one-off payment of £1,000 to each student who completes their PhD within the specified time.
  - 3.4.1. 'Completing a PhD within the specified time', for the purposes of this clause shall mean,
    - 3.4.1.1. in the case of a standard PhD: submission of the thesis within three years of enrolment
    - 3.4.1.2. in the case of a PhD with Integrated Studies submission of the thesis within four years of enrolment,

Provided that in either case that the examiners, following the oral examination, shall make one of the following three recommendations:

- a) that the degree be awarded;
- b) that the degree be awarded once specified minor amendments have been completed to the satisfaction of the examiners;
- c) that the degree be not now awarded but that the candidate be allowed to undergo a further oral examination without modification of the form or content of the thesis;

#### 4. Duration

The MoU will last for 5 years and may be renewed on expiry. Either party may terminate the MoU by giving three months notice in writing to the other party. Both parties agree to maintain their full commitments to any student funded under the programme under the existing terms of the MoU until the completion of their study programme in accordance with the regulations of the University of Jordan.

#### 5. Language

The language of this MoU and the language of all communication between the parties in all matters concerning this MoU shall be English.

#### 6. Dispute resolution


Both parties will attempt to resolve all disputes by mutual agreement. In the event of failure to agree by mutual consent, the parties will take the dispute to arbitration by a mutually acceptable third party.

Signed

For the University of Sheffield

For the University of Jordan

  
Professor Dominic Shellard  
Pro Vice Chancellor

  
Professor Khaled Al-Karaki  
President

Date: October 20, 2009

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