



**GRADUATE SPONSORED STUDENT PROGRAM AGREEMENT**

**BETWEEN** THE UNIVERSITY OF JORDAN  
Located in Aljubeiha, Amman 11942, Jordan  
("UJ")

**AND** THE GOVERNORS OF THE UNIVERSITY OF ALBERTA  
Located in Edmonton, Alberta, Canada  
("UAlberta")

**First party:** The University of Jordan, Amman, 11942, Jordan, represented by its President Prof. Nathir Obeidat, or designated officer, or authorized by written, Hereinafter referred to as the first party.

**Second party:** The Governors of the University of Alberta, represented by Dr. Verna Yiu, Interim Provost and Vice-President(Academic), Hereinafter referred to as the second party

**WHEREAS** UAlberta is a university continued pursuant to the terms of the Government of Alberta's *Post-Secondary Learning Act*;

**WHEREAS** UJ is a public university in Jordan established by the Royal Decree of 1962;

**AND WHEREAS** UJ and UAlberta wish to enter into this agreement (the "**Agreement**") to establish a UAlberta-UJ Graduate Sponsorship Program ("**UAlberta-UJ GSP**") to create a mechanism for Jordanian graduate students to study and conduct research at UAlberta with support provided jointly by UJ and UAlberta; financial support by UJ will be provided in accordance with the legislation in force for the two parties.

**NOW THEREFORE** in consideration of the mutual covenants contained herein and other good and valuable consideration, the parties agree as follows:

**1** **AREAS OF STUDY**

1.1 Only students enrolled in thesis-based master's and doctoral programs are eligible for the UAlberta-UJ GSP; students must also be eligible in accordance with the legislation in force for the first party. Students attending cost-recovery programs or course-based master's programs cannot be given financial support by UAlberta. The list of cost-recovery programs is currently available at: <https://www.ualberta.ca/registrar/costs-tuition-fees/other-fees/non-standard-programs-courses.html>.

**2** **NUMBER OF STUDENTS**

2.1 There is no limit to the number of students who can apply to UAlberta under this Agreement. However, admission to UAlberta is not guaranteed and is contingent on financial support from UJ, which will be provided in accordance with the legislation in force for the first party .

2.2 A student selected for the UAlberta-UJ GSP under this Agreement is hereinafter referred to as a "**Sponsored Student**".

### 3 CO-FUNDING

- 3.1 **UAlberta Support** – For each Sponsored Student, UAlberta will cover the international student differential tuition fee for up to four (4) years of study in a doctoral program and up to two (2) years of study in a thesis-based master's program. Any additional time required to complete the degree program is not covered by this Agreement and expenses will be on the sponsored student.
- 3.2 **UJ Support** – For each Sponsored Student, UJ will:
- Pay domestic tuition and non-instructional fees, including the application fee. The current list of non-instructional fees and their amounts can be found at: [www.ualberta.ca/graduate-studies/current-students/tuition-and-fees/noninstructional-fees](http://www.ualberta.ca/graduate-studies/current-students/tuition-and-fees/noninstructional-fees);
  - Provide students with a living allowance in accordance with UJ's established norms for students studying abroad in accordance with its legislation in force, including during the spring and summer terms, for up to two (2) years of study in a thesis-based master's program, and up to four (4) years of study in a doctoral program;
  - Provide one (1) return international airfare; and
  - Provide funds for the Sponsored Student to enroll in the Alberta Health Care Insurance Plan or other medical insurance required by UAlberta. Sponsored Students are responsible for applying for the insurance coverage themselves once they arrive in Alberta.

### 4 SELECTION OF SPONSORED STUDENTS

- 4.1 **Criteria for Admission** – Doctoral and master's degree students will be considered for admission if they meet the academic requirements of the relevant UAlberta department and the Faculty of Graduate Studies and Research (FGSR). Admission is subject to the availability of an appropriate graduate supervisor for the requested field of study. Minimum admission requirements of UAlberta departments and the application procedures are outlined in the UAlberta Calendar at [calendar.ualberta.ca](http://calendar.ualberta.ca).
- 4.2 **Selection of Candidates**
- Candidates should contact the UAlberta liaison officer as the first step in the application process. The UAlberta liaison will connect candidates with staff of the UAlberta Sponsored Student Program (SSP), who will assist them by offering an initial assessment of their eligibility for admission to the program of their choice. SSP staff will help guide candidates through the entire application process.
  - Both UAlberta and UJ must confirm the eligibility of the discipline in which studies are contemplated prior to a candidate applying for the UAlberta-UJ GSP. However, confirmation at this stage does not guarantee admission.
  - The admission process for many UAlberta programs is competitive and admission cannot be guaranteed even for candidates meeting all admission requirements and/or those matched with a supervisor. However, if the candidate appears to meet the admission requirements for the program, the SSP staff will help to match them with a UAlberta professor in the relevant academic department who will provisionally agree to supervise the candidate's graduate studies.
  - Candidates applying for the UAlberta-UJ GSP will apply for UJ's sponsorship according to the procedures and by the deadlines established by UJ.
  - Candidates must apply to UAlberta for admission to the graduate program of their choice, following all normal procedures. Applications must be submitted by the normal departmental deadline. At the time of application, candidates must also advise the UAlberta liaison officer of their application and indicate their wish to be considered for the UAlberta-UJ GSP. If a candidate is selected for admission to UAlberta, the letter of admission will be conditional on receipt of sponsorship; eligibility for funding by UJ will be in accordance with the legislation in force for the University of Jordan.

### 5 REGULATIONS GOVERNING SPONSORED STUDENTS

- 5.1 Sponsored Students will be subject to the Code of Applicant Behaviour, Code of Student Behaviour, policies, procedures and practices of UAlberta and of the relevant faculty or department as well as those of UJ. To the extent that there is a conflict between the policies, procedures, and practices of UAlberta and UJ, those of UAlberta shall govern.
- 5.2 In order for Sponsored Students to continue receiving support pursuant to this Agreement, they must remain enrolled in a graduate degree program at UAlberta and maintain satisfactory academic standing.

## **6 METHOD OF PAYMENT**

- 6.1 Each semester (in September, January, and May respectively), UAlberta will invoice UJ for the semester's cost of domestic tuition and non-instructional fees. The invoice will either be sent by email to an agreed upon email address or be sent by post to: The University of Jordan Amman 11942, Jordan. UJ will have thirty (30) days from the date of the invoice, to make full payment directly to UAlberta According to her regulations and instructions.
- 6.2 UJ will provide the living allowance and all other funds directly to the Sponsored Student. UJ must advise UAlberta of all such amounts paid to Sponsored Students and in ways agreed between two parties.
- 6.3 In the event that a Sponsored Student withdraws or is dismissed from their academic program for any reason, any refund of tuition, non-instructional fees, and/or program fees will be provided to the UJ subject to the policies and deadlines as detailed in the section of the UAlberta Calendar which governs Registration and Fees.

## **7 PROMOTION OF THE SPONSORSHIP PROGRAM**

- 7.1 To facilitate the promotion of the program, UJ will provide their students with appropriate UAlberta promotional information provided by UAlberta and documentation about opportunities for graduate study at UAlberta. UJ will post a link to the UAlberta Faculty of Graduate Studies and Research website on the International Affairs Unit's page on its website. UJ will periodically advise UAlberta on the best ways to promote UAlberta graduate programs at UJ.

## **8 LIAISON OFFICERS**

- 8.1 Any notice given pursuant to this Agreement must be sent in writing to the designated contact ("Liaison Officer"):

### **UJ**

Hadeel Yaseen  
Director, International Affairs Unit  
The University of Jordan  
Queen Rania Street  
Amman 11942 Jordan  
Fax: +962 9 5300819  
Phone Number: +962 9 5355000 Ext. 21050  
E-mail: H.Yaseen@ju.edu.jo / oirp@ju.edu.jo

### **UAlberta**

Mr. Dan Fredrick  
Director, Global Engagement  
University of Alberta International  
University of Alberta  
142 Telus Centre  
Edmonton, Alberta, CANADA T6G 2R3

Either party may change its designated Liaison Officer by notifying the other party in writing of same.

## **9 ACCESS TO INFORMATION AND PRIVACY LEGISLATION**

- 9.1 The parties acknowledge that UAlberta is a public body subject to the *Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act (Alberta)* ("FOIP"). See [uab.ca/fipo](http://uab.ca/fipo) for further information.
- 9.2 The parties agree that in performing their respective obligations under this Agreement, they will at all times comply with the access to information and privacy legislation applicable to them.

## **10 CONFIDENTIALITY**

- 10.1 Each party who receives any information from the other whether or not marked "Confidential" ("**Confidential Information**"), must take reasonable steps to protect its confidentiality, must not disclose to any third party such Confidential Information without the prior written consent of the other party, and agrees to only use such Confidential Information for the purposes contemplated in this Agreement.
- 10.2 For the purposes of this Agreement, Confidential Information does not include information:
- That is or becomes part of the public domain through no act of the receiving party;
  - That was in the receiving party's possession before receipt from the disclosing party;
  - That was rightfully received by the receiving party from a third party without a duty of confidentiality; or
  - That is required to be disclosed under any applicable law or by order of a court.

## **11 INDEMNIFICATION AND LIABILITY**

- 11.1 Each party ("**Indemnifying Party**") shall:
- Be liable to the other party ("**Indemnified Party**") for; and
  - Indemnify and hold harmless the Indemnified Party from and against:  
any and all liabilities, damages, costs, claims, suits or actions, loss, injury, death, or damage to any third party (including students) occasioned by or as a result of the negligent acts, willful misconduct or breach of obligations assumed under this Agreement by the Indemnifying Party or their employees, officers, agents, and contractors,

Notwithstanding the above, in no event will either party be liable for any indirect, consequential, or incidental claims incurred by any Indemnified Party in respect of this Agreement.

## **12 DISPUTE RESOLUTION**

- 12.1 Both parties commit to resolving any disputes on the terms of this Agreement by seeking friendly, mutually acceptable resolutions wherever possible.

## **13 COMING INTO FORCE, DURATION AND TERMINATION**

- 13.1 This Agreement comes into effect on the date it has been signed by the last of the parties and will continue in effect for five (5) years or until terminated in accordance with the provisions of this Agreement.
- 13.2 The parties may terminate this Agreement:
- by written agreement;
  - by six (6) months written notice of termination to the other party; or

c. immediately, if the other party breaches a term or condition of this Agreement and fails to remedy that breach within fourteen (14) days of receiving written notice from the other party of the breach.

13.3 In the event that this Agreement is terminated or expires, both parties will honour commitments to Sponsored Students who began their studies at UAlberta during the life of this Agreement conditional on the Sponsored Student maintaining their eligibility pursuant to the terms of this Agreement.

#### 14 GENERAL TERMS AND CONDITIONS

14.1 **Amendment** - This Agreement may only be amended in writing and signed by both parties.

14.2 **Survival** - Terms, provisions and covenants contained in this Agreement which, by their nature or the terms thereof, require their performance by the parties after the expiration or termination of this Agreement shall continue in full force and effect following such expiry or termination.

14.3 **Counterparts** - The parties may sign this Agreement in counterparts, each of which being an original. Such counterparts will together constitute one and the same agreement. Counterparts may be signed either in original or electronic form and the parties shall adopt any signatures received electronically as original signatures of the parties if approved electronically by one of the two parties.

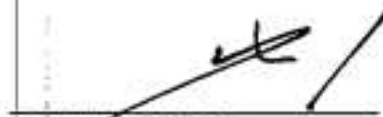
14.4 **Force Majeure** - Neither Party shall be deemed to be in default of its obligations under this Agreement if and for as long as any delay or non-performance is directly or indirectly caused by or results from events of force majeure beyond the control of that party. These events shall include but not be limited to government restrictions and/or limitations, strikes, civil disturbances, war, fire, act of God, epidemics, and pandemics.

14.5 **Entire Agreement** - This Agreement constitutes the entire agreement and understanding between the parties with respect to the UAlberta-UJ GSP and replaces all earlier agreements and discussions between the parties.

14.6 **Governing Law and Forum** - This Agreement will be governed and interpreted in accordance with the laws of Alberta and Canada, and the parties submit to the exclusive jurisdiction of the Courts of Alberta.

The parties have signed this Agreement on the dates indicated below.

Signed for and on behalf of  
First Party  
**THE UNIVERSITY OF JORDAN**  
Represented by its President

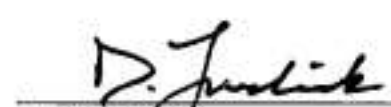
  
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Prof. Nathir Obeidat  
President or designated officer,  
or authorized by written

Date:

Signed for and on behalf of  
Second Party  
**THE GOVERNORS OF THE  
UNIVERSITY OF ALBERTA**  
by its duly authorized officer on

  
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Dr. Verna Yu  
Interim Provost and Vice-President (Academic)

Date:

  
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Mr. Dan Fredrick  
Director, Global Engagement

Date: **15 Oct 2023**





**UNIVERSITY  
OF ALBERTA**



**THE UNIVERSITY OF  
JORDAN**

**MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING**

**BETWEEN**

**UNIVERSITY OF JORDAN REPRESENTED BY ITS PRESIDENT  
PROFESSOR NATHIR OBEIDAT OR DESIGNATED OFFICER.  
Located in Aljubeiha, Amman 11942, Jordan  
("UJ") Hereinafter referred to as the first party.**

**AND**

**THE GOVERNORS OF THE UNIVERSITY OF ALBERTA  
Located in Edmonton, Alberta, Canada  
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**PURPOSE:**

Recognizing the mutual benefits to be gained through a cooperative program promoting scholarly activities and international understanding, UJ and UAlberta have agreed to enter into this non-binding memorandum of understanding ("MoU") that enables them to work together in the pursuit of the objectives set out herein. The parties furthermore agree that UAlberta's College of Health Sciences, and specifically, the Faculty of Pharmacy and Pharmaceutical Sciences are key areas of focus for collaboration between the parties.

The introduction of this MOU and its appendices, if any, are considered an integral part of it, and must be read with it as one unit for all purposes and intents.

**1 OBJECTIVES**

This MoU establishes the framework through which the parties can foster and develop cooperation between the Parties in relation to opportunities to develop some or all of the following activities based on their respective academic and educational needs, and in accordance with the legislation of the two parties on the following:

- a. Exchange of faculty
- b. Exchange of graduate and/or undergraduate students;
- c. Joint research activities and publications;
- d. Participation in seminars and academic meetings;
- e. Exchange of academic materials and other information; and
- f. Special short-term academic programs.

**2 NATURE OF THIS MOU**

Except for the provisions herein dealing with privacy and confidentiality, this MoU does not create any legally binding obligation on the parties. Specific terms of collaborative activities must be agreed to by the parties in a further, legally binding agreement or agreements.

3 **EXPENSES**

Each party shall bear its own expenses arising from this MoU unless otherwise mutually agreed to, in accordance with the legislation of the two parties.

4 **COORDINATORS**

Any notice given pursuant to this MoU must be sent in writing to the following listed contact:

**UJ/ International Affairs Unit**

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Director, International Affairs Unit  
The University of Jordan  
Queen Rania Street  
Amman 11942 Jordan  
Fax: +962 9 5300819  
Phone Number: +962 9 5355000 Ext. 21050  
E-mail: H.Yaseen@ju.edu.jo / oirp@ju.edu.jo

**UAlberta**

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University of Alberta  
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5 **ACCESS TO INFORMATION AND PRIVACY LEGISLATION**

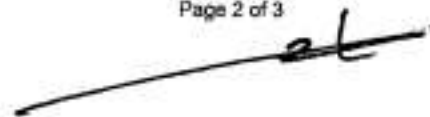
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- 6.2 For the purposes of this MoU, Confidential Information does not include information (a) that is or becomes part of the public domain through no act of the receiving party, (b) that was in the receiving party's possession before receipt from the disclosing party, (c) that was rightfully received by the receiving party from a third party without a duty of confidentiality, or (d) that is required to be disclosed under any applicable law or by order of a court.

7 **DURATION AND TERMINATION**

- 7.1 This MoU comes into effect on the date that it is signed by the last of the parties and will continue in effect for five (5) years or until terminated in accordance with the provisions of this MoU.



7.2 The parties may terminate this MoU by written agreement. Either party may terminate this MoU by giving three (3) months written notice of termination to the other party.

7.3 This MoU may only be amended by written agreement of the two parties, and the amendment shall be effective from its date, unless the two parties agree otherwise.

**8 GENERAL TERMS**


8.1 Neither party has the right to use the name and/or logo and/or any of the trademarks of the other party without obtaining its prior written consent.

8.2 The two parties will agree to the division of ownership and returns of an intellectual property prior to commencing any collaborative research activities, under this MoU, that may result in intellectual property.

The parties have signed this MoU on the dates indicated below.

Signed for and on behalf of  
**THE UNIVERSITY OF JORDAN**

by its duly authorized officer(s)

  
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Prof. Nathir Obaidat  
President


Date:

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