

Agreement of Academic Cooperation

**Between The
University of Jordan
Amman, Jordan**

And The

**Brandenburg Technical University of Cottbus,
Federal Republic of Germany**

Article 1. Introduction

The University of Jordan (UOJ) and Brandenburg Technical University of Cottbus (BTU) face challenges in delivering relevant educational programs, conducting research, accessing the disseminating information and supporting the economic development of their respective states and nation. The global nature of information and economics require that the University of Jordan UOJ and Brandenburg Technical University of Cottbus BTU be global to effectively serve their multiple constituencies. In an increasingly complex and interdependent world, both UOJ and BTU must reach beyond their campuses and their nations to access and share information, capabilities and resources to enhance relevance and quality. It is proposed that the UOJ and BTU work together as partners to carry out mutual beneficial programs and activities. This memorandum of understanding provides the basis for the establishment and implementation of such partnership.

In order for the partnership to be effective, it must be well planned and strategic; be based upon congruence of interest and programs; provide for effective participation of faculty, students and academic units; result in mutual benefits; and require resources and commitment on the part both parties. AN organizational structure for effective communication and coordination of partner activities is required.

Article 2. Organization of the agreement

UOJ and BTU will identify a person responsible for communication and coordination of partnership activities; each of the universities will also establish a coordinating committee representing those disciplines and units that are involved in partnership activities. The membership of the UOJ committee and the BTU committee will be in communication through the partnership contact person.

Article 3. Institutional Development

As UOJ and BTU enter 21st Century both universities must change to address both challenges the opportunities. Many of these are similar for both institutions, but some are different. There are benefits to universities working together to continue their development, including identifying programs, activities and relationships. The UOJ and the BTU will establish a mechanism, utilizing in part the organizational structure indicated above, to examine the organization, programs and operations of their individual universities and share this information with each other. This will provide an opportunity for discussion and exchange which can enhance the knowledge and the organization and function of the to universities.

Article 4. Academic and Other Collaborative Programs

The partnership programs will potentially cover a broad array of topics such as, water resources, the sciences, business, economics, engineering and architecture, environmental science and others identified and agreed by the university representative. The activities will include but are not limited to the following:

- Information access and sharing;
- Collaborative research
- Educational programs at both the graduate and undergraduate levels including the potential sharing of courses and educational programs, student exchanges, faculty exchanges, joint and other types of collaborative degree programs, short-courses, and others;
- Faculty augmentation and sharing utilizing a variety of mechanisms including faculty exchanges, dual appointments, distance education courses and programs, and short and long-term visits;
- Participation in economic development activities including but not limited to donor funded projects, working with the private sector and others; and
- Others to be identified

Article 5. Resources

Both universities will strive to provide resources (financial, human and in-kind) to enable the planning committees and faculty to interact for the definition of partnership programs, activities and relationships. In addition, individually and jointly the partners will seek funding from third party sources. However, this agreement does not in any way prevent or restrict the entering into agreements, projects and activities with third parties independent of the other university. Examples of resources and mechanisms include tuition waivers, fellowships, grant and contracts, sabbatical leaves, and others.

Article 6. Monitoring and Evaluation

To ensure the effectiveness of the partnership and its activities, the universities will cooperate to monitor and evaluate program bi-annually.

Article 8. Duration of Agreement

This agreement will remain in effect until notice of termination is given by one of the partners in writing to the other indicating a desire to terminate the relationship in six months. In the case of such termination, each are in effect at the time of indication of desire to terminate the relationship.

SIGNATORIES:

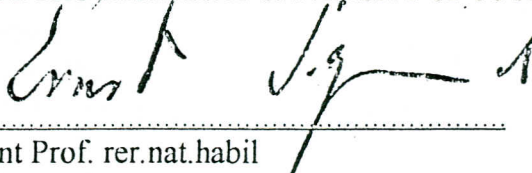
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