

**MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING**  
**between**  
**KERMANSHAH UNIVERSITY OF MEDICAL SCIENCES**  
**KERMANSHAH, IRAN**  
**and**  
**UNIVERSITY OF HUMAN DEVELOPMENT**  
**SULAYMANIYAH, KURDISTAN REGION OF IRAQ**  
**FOR ACADEMIC COOPERATION**

This Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) is established and entered into by Kermanshah University of Medical Sciences (KUMS), Iran and University of Human Development (UHD), Iraq, to foster mutual cooperation in higher education, teaching, scientific research, professional development training and the sharing of experience in using high-tech equipment.

**Article I:** The parties agree to establish the following activities, by mutual agreement, to promote mutual cooperation:

- Exchange of publications, academic (educational and research) materials, sources and technology transfer information
- Co-hosting, participating and promoting opportunities for academic collaboration through conferences, symposia, seminars, workshops and academic meetings
- Development of study programs
- Foster new avenues for research collaboration and joint teaching and research projects
- Explore opportunities for the mobility of students
- Promote scholarship programs
- Promote academic cooperation and the exchange of academic staff
- Promote international excellence in research and teaching in higher education
- Exchange external medical examiners for the university's final exams
- Exchange of medical equipment and facilities

Before these activities can be implemented, both partners shall discuss the issues involved to the satisfaction of each party and enter into specific activity agreements based on the mutually agreed objectives and outcomes of the relationship.

This MOU will be subjected to the laws and regulations in force of the respective countries and local governments.

**Article II:** This MOU, consisting of 3 pages and 9 articles, represents the entire agreement between the parties and supersedes all prior negotiations, representations and agreements, whether written or oral.

**Article III:** Nothing in this MOU constitutes any relationship of employer and employee, principal and agent, or partnership or trustee between the Parties. Rather, it is designed to facilitate and develop a genuine and mutually beneficial exchange process and research relationship to the scholarly and scientific communities of both countries.

**Article IV:** This MOU shall take effect on the date of its signature for a period of five years as of the date it is fully executed by both parties or until either party by three months written notice terminates this MOU. The MOU may be amended at any time by the written notice and mutual agreement between the parties.

**Article V:** The MOU may be discontinued by any of the parties, providing that the party formally notifies the other, at least 90 (ninety) days before the discontinuation is to come into effect. Any such termination shall not affect projects already underway, except when both Parties jointly agree otherwise.

**Article VI:** Regarding Intellectual Property, the parties recognise the moral rights of each other's employee's, students and will use their reasonable endeavours to ensure that these rights are observed.

**Article VII:** This MOU should be reviewed at the end of the period to evaluate the progress and quality of the mutual cooperation. The MOU may be renewed or extended by mutual consent of the participating parties. Such amendments, once signed by authorised signatures will become part of this MOU.

**Article VIII:** In pursuit of promoting the visibility of the academic partnership of both institutions, KUMS and UHD agreed to upload the link of official website of other party on their website.

Article IX: The signatory officials agree that the parties are obliged to cooperate with each other's Ethical Review Boards (ERB).

*Signed for*

**Kermanshah University of Medical Sciences**

**University of Human Development**

**Prof. Mahmoudreza Moradi, MD**

**Prof. Mariwan Ahmed Rasheed, PhD**

**Chancellor**

**President**

Signature

*M. Moradi*  


Signature

*M. A. Rasheed*

Date

*July 16 / 2019*

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**Please note** that the Agreement does not come into effect until authorised officers from both parties duly sign it.