

MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

This Memorandum of Understanding (hereinafter referred to as "MOU") is entered into on this 7th day of September, 2025, by and between: Lorestan University (Islamic Republic of Iran) and Islamic Call University College (hereinafter referred to as "the Partner Institution").

PREAMBLE

Lorestan University and the Partner Institution (hereinafter collectively referred to as "the Parties"),

- **Recognizing** the vital role of higher education and research in fostering knowledge, innovation, and social development;
- **Acknowledging** the importance of international cooperation and intercultural understanding in advancing the missions of both institutions;
- **Desiring** to establish a framework for academic collaboration that strengthens teaching, learning, and scientific research;
- **Affirming** their shared commitment to promoting mutual respect, equality, and academic excellence;

have agreed to enter into this Memorandum of Understanding.

ARTICLE I – OBJECTIVES

The objectives of this MOU are:

1. To promote and expand academic, research, and educational cooperation.
2. To enhance opportunities for faculty, researcher, and student mobility.
3. To develop joint academic and research programs, including publications and innovation initiatives.
4. To organize joint conferences, workshops, and training activities.
5. To foster intercultural dialogue and mutual understanding.

ARTICLE II – AREAS OF COLLABORATION

Collaboration under this MOU may include, but is not limited to:

- Exchange of faculty, researchers, and administrative staff.
- Exchange of undergraduate and graduate students.
- Joint research projects and co-authored publications.
- Development of dual or joint academic programs, where feasible.
- Organization of academic events such as seminars and symposia.
- Other mutually agreed academic or research activities.

ARTICLE III – IMPLEMENTATION

1. Specific activities shall be developed and executed through separate Activity Agreements, signed by authorized representatives of both Parties.
2. Each Activity Agreement shall specify objectives, scope, financial arrangements, intellectual property rights, and designated coordinators.
3. Implementation shall be subject to institutional policies, applicable laws, and the availability of resources.

ARTICLE IV – DURATION AND TERMINATION

1. This MOU shall remain valid for **five (5) years** from the date of signature.
2. It may be renewed for successive five-year terms upon mutual written consent.
3. Either Party may terminate this MOU with **ninety (90) days' prior written notice**. Ongoing activities shall continue until their agreed completion.



1. Each Party shall bear its own costs unless otherwise agreed in writing.
2. Financial obligations for specific projects must be explicitly stated in the relevant Activity Agreement.
3. The Parties are encouraged to seek joint external funding to support cooperative initiatives.

1. Intellectual property rights arising from joint activities shall be determined in the respective Activity Agreements.
2. No Party may claim exclusive ownership of results without the written consent of the other Party.

Neither Party may use the name, logo, or emblem of the other Party in publicity, advertisements, or promotional materials without prior written consent.

ARTICLE IX – CONFIDENTIALITY

1. This MOU does not authorize the disclosure of confidential information.
2. Any exchange of confidential information shall be governed by a separate written agreement (e.g., Non-Disclosure Agreement, Material Transfer Agreement, or Data Use Agreement).

Each Party shall comply with the laws and regulations of its respective country, including but not limited to research ethics, immigration, data protection, export control, and anti-corruption rules.

1. This MOU shall be governed by the laws applicable to each institution in its jurisdiction.
2. Any disputes arising from this MOU shall, in the first instance, be resolved amicably through consultation and negotiation between the Parties.
3. If no resolution is reached, either Party may elect to terminate the MOU in accordance with Article IV.

1. Except as explicitly stated in Articles VII (Use of Names and Logos), IX (Confidentiality), and XI (Governing Law and Dispute Resolution), this MOU is non-binding and serves solely as a framework for cooperation.
2. This MOU does not establish an exclusive partnership, joint venture, or agency relationship. Each Party remains free to enter into collaborations with third parties.

This MOU shall be executed in **English and Persian**. In the event of discrepancies, the **English version shall prevail**.

LaBonte

Date: 07/09/2025

