



# **MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING**

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### **I. PREAMBLE:**

This MOU seeks to strengthen cooperation between the two institutions involved in the fields of education, scholarly research and service programs. It also seeks to affirm the significance and importance of cooperation in the pursuit of international education. Both institutions recognize the importance of academic interchange between universities, and active engagement in a wider national and international scholarly community by members of academic institutions. Additionally, this MOU seeks to nurture the creative role of the international scholarly communication and collaboration in the development and dissemination of knowledge, learning and research.

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And

**Dr. Abu Ameenah Bilal Philips of Islamic Online University, The Gambia**

in the spirit of promoting exchanges between their respective institutions, in all pertinent areas of university activities, agree as follows:



## II. GENERAL OBJECTIVES:

To strengthen and encourage communication and collaboration between members of the two universities in areas of mutual concern and benefit; to facilitate the exchange of scholars and professors for teaching and research; and students for study, training and research.

## III. FACULTY EXCHANGE:

Under this Memorandum of Understanding, the faculty members from one institution shall have the opportunity to work with the other institution through online facilities in connection with sabbatical leaves, joint research programs, teaching and consultation with regard to curricula development / upgrade and other academic pursuits.

The details of the engagements and the relevant financial matters shall be agreed upon prior to the commencement of the said projects.

The nature of the activity, period and duration of each project shall be mutually agreed upon, beforehand, through the exchange of correspondence between the administrations of both institutions.

## IV. STUDENT EXCHANGE:

The **Islamic Online University** will provide financial support to a specific number of deserving students nominated by **Fatoni University** in the form of teaching and research scholarships or other stipends as may be available and appropriate.

In return **Fatoni University** shall facilitate the enrollment of the **Islamic Online University** students in its various international programs and offer similar privilege to the IOU students. Under the provision of the Agreement, students shall have the opportunity of conducting part of their research work / rotation etc. at the other institution, and have access to the available resources and supervision.



## V. SHORT-TERM TRAINING:

The two universities shall facilitate the exchange of the students for the purpose of course attendance, participation in professional training or attendance of the elective training courses during the semester breaks.

The two universities shall facilitate the exchange of technicians or administrative staff members if and when needed under this scheme and provide scholarship for short-term training in certain areas of need.

Student exchange shall be governed by the exchange of correspondence between the administrations of both universities and the prior approval of both of them in relation with the period of stay, selection procedures / criteria, subject of study, etc.

Exchange students who participate in course, training or specialized programs may transfer credits towards their study plan at their home university. This credit–recognition arrangement will conform to the academic and accreditation regulations of both institutions.

## VI. RESEARCH:

The collaboration in research will promote the advancement of science, technology and human learning through the undertaking of cooperative research on topics of mutual interest and expertise; and to stimulate contacts between researchers in the two universities. Additionally, the collaboration will also lead to the formation of research linkages and groups, with particular reference to the work of graduate students in both institutions.



## VII. PROGRAM / CURRICULA DEVELOPMENT:

The two universities will exchange experience in designing new programs and identifying faculty members for short-term or long-term teaching assignments.

## VIII. PRACTICAL CONSIDERATIONS:

Before any particular cooperative project or program is initiated, all financial details and required logistic support shall be negotiated and agreed upon by the two institutions with each partner acting within the scope of the resources specifically allocated to this effect by the administrative authorities.

Since most projects of cooperation, especially those involving collaborative research, require significant additional financial support, the two universities agree to individually and jointly approach national and international funding agencies. This Memorandum of Understanding shall come into effect upon signature by the signatory parties for a period of five years and shall be renewed with their mutual consent and signatures. This Agreement may be amended only upon written agreement executed by both parties. Either party may terminate this Memorandum of Understanding by written notification to the other party, with advance notice of six months. Such termination shall not affect the validity of any arrangements already made under the terms of this Memorandum of Understanding





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