



## **PROTOCOL OF COLLABORATION**

### **Article 1**

This protocol comprises the joint scientific, educational, and cultural collaboration between the National University of Sciences and Technology, Islamabad, Pakistan and the University of Sarajevo, Sarajevo, Bosnia and Herzegovina (hereinafter referred to as "Parties").

### **Subject Matter of the Protocol**

#### **Article 2**

This protocol has been composed with the main aims of encouraging the research and educational approach of the National University of Sciences and Technology and the University of Sarajevo within the framework of their reciprocal interests and the relations between the teaching staff, assistants, researchers and students of both universities, developing existing relations, enabling the joint use of research work results and publishing these results and to transfer the experience of the Parties in educational approach and in scientific organizations to one another.

The Parties acknowledge and undertake the following articles that compose this Protocol, the whole of this protocol and the terms of its application for the realization of this main aim.

#### **Parties**

#### **Article 3**

The signatory universities are

**The National University of Sciences and Technology (NUST)**

**and**

**University of Sarajevo (UNSA).**

## **Collaboration**

### **Article 4**

NUST and UNSA will actively collaborate in the field of exchange of scientific knowledge, know-how and experience, particularly in implementing the 2<sup>nd</sup> (or master study programme) and 3<sup>rd</sup> (or doctoral study programme) cycles of studies within the framework of criteria determined by the signatory Parties.

## **Joint Research Projects**

### **Article 5**

In order to implement the joint research projects, NUST and UNSA are obliged to:

1. clearly describe/define the proposed research,
2. provide names of the participating researchers, the institutions they are attached and their positions at the aforesaid institutions,
3. provide the name of Faculty/center/institute/research center where the research will be carried out,
4. provide names and CVs of researchers responsible for the project implementation,
5. provide the detailed description of the participants' functionality in the project,
6. set the duration of the research and phased plan,
7. set the budget required by the research.

## **Project Supervision**

### **Article 6**

1. It is necessary to determine that projects are carried out in accordance with the terms and spirit of the protocol. At least twice during the course of academic year, it is necessary to provide an account, presenting the latest state of the project work.
2. An assistant person or committee may be appointed to assist the authorized person in implementing the project activities, if necessary.
3. Project coordinators will conduct the necessary visits with the goal of forming the joint work of two universities within activities specified by the protocol. The National University of Sciences and Technology and the University of Sarajevo will propose activities for joint work, prepare reports and submit project proposals to their respective university administrative authorities.

4. Doing the conformity of the program with the scheduled activities in the academic calendar, is essential, including the work reports for the verification after obtaining the approval is obtained. A detailed report of the verification, with attached reports is going to be delivered to the university administrative authority.
5. The project activities will be carried out to determine possible research programs in the fields of work and competencies of both Parties, especially in the fields of the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> cycles of studies, about which the administrative personnel will be informed.

### **The Joint Research Projects Implementation**

#### **Article 7**

This protocol commits researchers to present a report at the end of each academic year to the highest academic/administrative authority.

That report must include the following:

1. a report concerning the publications used and the final stage of the research project,
2. change of activities and results thereof,
3. (if any) unforeseen developments regarding the project,
4. the project activity report for the following year.

### **The Finalization of Joint Research Projects**

#### **Article 8**

The coordinators will keep their home universities informed about joint research projects results. NUST and UNSA will invest efforts to publish results of the projects, primarily in their own languages, and engage the personnel in relations to the aforesaid.

### **Faculty Exchange**

#### **Article 9**

1. According to protocol's terms and conditions, teachers, researchers, scholars and lecturers are entitled to participate in the exchange. The evaluation of submitted applications will be performed in accordance with the determined criteria.
2. The sending party will notify the receiving one of the proposed candidates, no later than 4 months prior to the commencement of the exchange. The receiving party has the right to accept or decline the proposed application.
3. The Parties will be immediately responsible for meeting all visiting researcher's / teaching staff's requirements.

4. Both Parties agree that all financial agreements needed for the implementation of this protocol should be the subject of the previous negotiations. Parties also acknowledge that outcomes of negotiations will be dependant on availability of funds. No financial obligations will arise for either party from this protocol.

### Students Exchange

#### Article 10

1. Both Parties will cooperate in exchanging students in line with the Bologna Process or at the educational system that is being used at NUST. The number of students to benefit from the exchange will be determined by the Parties. The host university will be notified of the names and fields of education of the students designed by the sending university, at least two months in advance. The host university will announce its reply regarding the accepting / declining of applications to the sending party, no later than one month before the commencement of the academic year.
2. Students in exchange will present the document demonstrating proficiency under the terms and at the level required by the host university in the language determined by the host university.

#### Article 11

The present protocol will come into effect on the day of signing and will be valid for a period of five years. Three months before the protocol's expiring, the Parties will review the protocol to dissolve it or extend its validity for additional five years.

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