



## Memorandum of Understanding

for

Academic, Scientific, Technical and Cultural Collaboration

Between

**HAZARA UNIVERSITY, MANSEHRA, PAKISTAN**

and

**ALLAMA IQBAL OPEN UNIVERSITY, ISLAMABAD, PAKISTAN**



### 1.0. Historical Perspective

#### 1.1.1. Allama Iqbal Open University, Islamabad, Pakistan

The Allama Iqbal Open University was established in 1974 with the main objectives of providing educational opportunities to masses and to those who cannot leave their homes and jobs. It was the second Open University in the world and first in Asia and Africa. During all these past years, the University has more than fulfilled this promise and has opened up new opportunities for millions, particularly women, and supplemented the efforts of the federal and provincial governments in a big way and that too without becoming a burden on their resources.

At present the University have four faculties (Faculty of Sciences, Faculty of Social Sciences & Humanities, Faculty of Arabic & Islamic Studies and Faculty of Education) comprised of 35 academic departments with average student enrolment of more than 1.4 million per year, where more than 50% are females, and more than 2000 courses are being offered. AIOU has a network of 54 regional offices/campuses/model study centers throughout the Pakistan. More than 70 percent of its students are employed.

AIOU Started its LMS network even before Covid-19 and has biggest network named Aaghi for online tutorship. Aaghi has complete image of students' tutorial record and alternative relevant info as well as their profile. AIOU has well established Institute of Educational Technology (IET) having in-house facilities for production of TV, Radio and non-broadcast programmes. AIOU is also a member of "PTV Tele-school" production team which is a dedicated channel for tele-education. The University has its own printing press named Print Production Unit producing lacs of course books and billions of pages of other supplementary materials and admission forms etc. AIOU has strong collaborative networks with national and international universities and other organizations.

### **1.1.2. Hazara University Mansehra, Pakistan**

Hazara University is located on the western edge of Himalaya near Mansehra City of Hazara Division, in Khyber-Pakhtunkhwa province of Pakistan. Hazara University was founded in 2001 and has proved as an excellent place for academics and research in its second decade of life.

At present the University have four faculties (Faculty of Sciences, Faculty of Health Sciences, Faculty of Arts and Faculty of law & Administrative Sciences) encompassing of 37 academic departments, and these departments are engaged for capacity building of leaders in the relevant fields.

The Hazara University Mansehra (HU), Pakistan, and Allama Iqbal Open University, Islamabad, Pakistan (AIOU) hereby reached an agreement today the dated **December 07, 2020** to sign this Memorandum of Understanding to encourage academics collaboration through partnership in research and development for the advancement of science and technology in Pakistan.

### **2.0. Objectives:**

To establish a mutually beneficial relationship built on academic, scientific and cultural cooperation in accordance with the legal provision of HU and AIOU. Areas of collaboration between HU and AIOU includes the exchange of faculty, researchers, students; and joint execution of publication, research projects and supervision students.

### **3.0. Goals and forms of cooperation:**

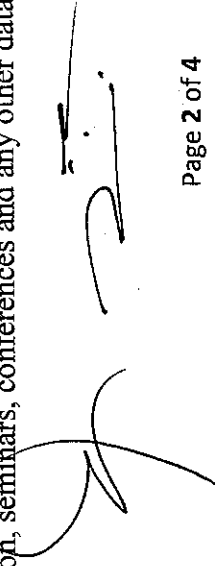
The signing institutions agree to provide opportunity, as appropriate, for the following activities towards the completion of the objectives of this MOU.

**3.0.1.** Exchange of faculty members and / or researchers with the objective of offering courses and realizing research projects in areas mutually agreed upon by both universities through prior invitation and in accordance with the procedures and expectations established by each university and specific department.

**3.0.2.** Exchange of graduate and postgraduate student with the objective of enrolling student in appropriate courses (Support reciprocity in university extension activities of common interest). Duration of the stay may be from 2 to 4 month on need plus prior approval basis.

**3.0.3.** Establish mutual arrangements for the exchange of visiting scholars and postdoctoral fellows. The expenses on travel and accommodation will be responsibility of the parent institution.

**3.0.4.** Exchange of scientific publications, study programs, academic projects, online books, course information, seminars, conferences and any other data and information of common interest.



3.0.5. Establishment of joint supervision, research projects and joint publications including patents. All joint activities will be realized through the mutual agreement and clearly established conditions and mutual obligations of the parties.

3.0.6. All activities shall be subject to the availability of funds and the approval of each institutions' authorized representatives.

**3.1.0. Exchange of faculty and researchers:**

With the objective of strengthening ties through joint projects and activates of both Hazara University and Allama Iqbal Open University, the MoU allows for the provision of faculty and researcher exchange. The following conditions will apply:

3.1.1. The professors, technical staffs and researchers will maintain their status as faculty or staff members at their home institution for the duration of the exchange.

3.1.2. The appropriate academics departments and administrative officers will assist in securing housing and other necessary arrangements for living in the host institution's city or at the place where accommodation will be provided.

**3.2.0. Research and Resources:**

The AIOU and HU allow for the following:

3.2.1. Promotion of research and realizing of supportive projects, giving priority to Interdisciplinary works.

3.2.2. As appropriate and mutually agrees upon by both Institution; AIOU and HU may share financial resources necessary for the completion of joint program.

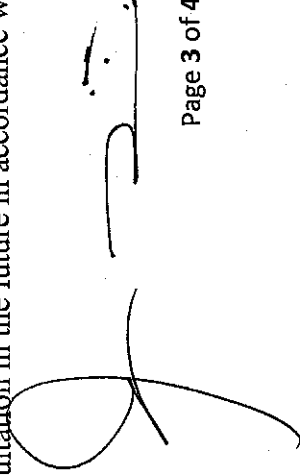
**3.3.0. Duration and Validity:**

3.3.1. This MOU shall be effective for a period of three (03) years from the date of final signature of both institutions.

3.3.2. It may be modified or extended by mutual consent between both institutions and agreements shall be reviewed after a period of three (03) years.

3.3.3. This MOU may be terminated by either Institute upon six (6) months advance written notice.

3.3.4. In order to promote further scholarly exchange both institutions shall actively consider the exchange of teaching faculty, technical staff and scholars. Such exchange shall be the subject of ad-hoc consultation in the future in accordance with needs and feasibility.




**3.4.0. Focal person:**

3.4.1. Both Institutions: Hazara University and Allama Iqbal Open University agree to appoint focal persons for direct correspondence.

**3.5.0. Certification of Authority to Sign Agreements:**

We the undersigned have read and agree with this Memorandum of Understanding. We look forward to implementing the agreed activities:



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