

DATED 10 / 1 / 2019

**N-NAJAH NATIONAL UNIVERSITY, NABLUS, (1)
PALESTINE**

and

COVENTRY UNIVERSITY (2)

MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING



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THIS MEMORANDUM is made on 10th day of January 2019

BETWEEN:

(1) **An-Najah National University**, Nablus, Palestine, an institution of higher learning chartered as a university in 1977, whose main office is at An-Najah National University, PO. Box Nablus, West Bank, Palestine ("**ANNU**");

and

(2) **COVENTRY UNIVERSITY** a higher education corporation whose administrative offices are situated at Priory Street, Coventry CV1 5FB, UK ("**Coventry University**").

1. This Memorandum of Understanding ("**MOU**") outlines the principal requirements of each party, which will subsequently be included in a more detailed formal Agreement, which shall be subject to English law(the "**Agreement**").

2. This MOU is also intended to provide a framework under which the business relationship between the parties will be conducted in the interim and to allow the parties to undertake certain exploratory work prior to the signing of the Agreement. The purpose of this MOU is as follows:

2.1. to discuss undertaking learning and training collaboration, including joint organisation of scientific and cultural events, conferences and seminars; joint development of research projects, with a particular focus on equity and attainment in education, open education, and internationalization of higher education; development of research teams in the above mentioned areas; including joint publications.

2.2. to discuss the possible joint supervision of postgraduate students, which may include, but are not limited to the following areas:

2.2.1. Intercultural Education;

2.2.2. Inter-ethnicity Awareness and Social Integration;

2.2.3. Internationalisation of the curriculum;

2.2.4. Internationalisation at home, including online international learning;

2.2.5. E-learning;

2.2.6. Virtual exchange as part of internationalisation at home;

2.2.7. Equity and attainment within education

2.2.8. Community partnership and education;

2.2.9. Open Education Practices;

2.2.10. Cultural preservation;

2.2.11. Student experience, student engagement and learner success;

2.2.12. Computer-Supported Collaborative Learning;

2.3. to discuss the potential cooperation of the parties with respect to technology transfer and commercialisation, which may include training as well as organising events to create business opportunities;

2.4. to discuss, with a view to developing, professional development and human capital development programmes, which may include training as well as organising events to create capacity building opportunities; and



- 2.5. to discuss, with a view to developing, staff and student mobility between both parties.
3. The parties agree that paragraphs 5, 7, 8 and 9 of this MOU shall be binding legal obligations of the parties. The remaining portions of this MOU shall not be binding and shall have no legal effect. The parties agree to negotiate in good faith to reach a formal Agreement embodying the principles set out in this MOU, with a view to signature prior to expiry of this MOU. Neither party is bound to enter into the Agreement.
 4. Except for any breach of those clauses which the parties have agreed will have legal effect, neither party will make any claim against or be liable to the other for any loss or damages including, but not limited to, any consequential damages or lost profits, arising from any discussions, actions taken in reliance on this MOU or for termination of the negotiations without reaching a comprehensive agreement. This paragraph shall survive termination or expiration of this MOU.
 5. During the term of this MOU, either party hereto (the "**Disclosing Party**") may disclose to the other (the "**Receiving Party**") information including, but not limited to, plans, ideas, operations, processes, intentions, production information, know-how, copyrights, design rights, trade secrets, market opportunities, business affairs and/or technical activities (hereinafter called "**Information**").
 - 5.1. The Receiving Party shall:
 - 5.1.1. keep the Information confidential and only use Information, in whatever form, for the purposes set out in paragraph 2 above;
 - 5.1.2. not copy nor reduce to writing Information except as may be reasonably necessary for the purposes set out in paragraph 2 above;
 - 5.1.3. not disclose the Information to its officers, employees or advisors except to the extent required for the purposes set out in paragraph 2 above;
 - 5.1.4. not disclose the Information to any third party without the prior written consent of the Disclosing Party;
 - 5.1.5. procure that any of the persons specified in paragraph 5.1.3 above to whom any of the Information is disclosed shall act in all respects as if such person is bound by this paragraph 5.
 - 5.2. The obligations set out in paragraph 5.1 above shall not apply to any Information which:
 - 5.2.1. is in, or comes into, the public domain other than by breach of this MOU;
 - 5.2.2. the Receiving Party can show was legitimately in its possession prior to receipt from the Disclosing Party;
 - 5.2.3. is properly received by the Receiving Party from a third party who is rightfully in possession of it and who is free to disclose the same;
 - 5.2.4. the Disclosing Party consents to being disclosed by the Receiving Party, subject always that any consent to disclose Information must be in writing;
 - 5.2.5. the Receiving Party can demonstrate that it developed independently of any Information provided to it by the Disclosing Party; or
 - 5.2.6. the Receiving Party is under a legal obligation to disclose.
 - 5.3. Neither the execution of this MOU nor the furnishing of any Information hereunder shall be construed as granting either expressly, by implication, by estoppel or otherwise any right or licence to use such Information except for the purposes set out in paragraph 2 above.



- 5.4. The Receiving Party shall, at the request of the Disclosing Party, or upon termination or expiry of this MOU, return to the Disclosing Party all information received from the Disclosing Party.
- 5.5. The obligations of confidentiality contained within this paragraph 5 shall continue for five (5) years after expiry of this MOU.
6. This MOU shall commence on the date stated at the head of this MOU and shall expire two (2) years thereafter unless:
 - 6.1. both parties agree and confirm in writing signed by both parties that it should continue; or
 - 6.2. either party terminates this MOU prior to the expiry date by the service of a three (3) weeks' written notice of termination.
7. Each party shall bear its own expenses and costs with regard to all discussions and activities between the parties.
8. The parties warrant and covenant that, in connection with the exchange of information pursuant to this MOU neither party shall make any payments or gifts or any offers or promises of payments or gifts of any kind, directly or indirectly, to any third party, including any official of any governmental departments or any government agency for the purpose of inducing such official or candidate to misuse his political office in favour of either party.
9. This MOU shall be governed by and construed in all aspects in accordance with the English law and the parties agree to submit to the exclusive jurisdiction of the English Courts.

Signed for and on behalf of
**AN-NAJAH NATIONAL
 UNIVERSITY, NABLUS**

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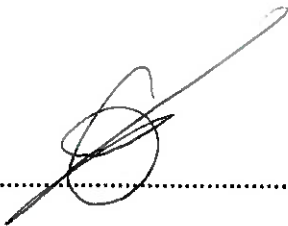
Name: Prof. Maher Natsheh

Position: Acting President

Date: 10/1/2019



Signed for and on behalf of
COVENTRY UNIVERSITY

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Name: DR DAVID PILSBURY

Position: DEPUTY VICE CHANCELLOR (INTERNATIONAL)

Date: 28/1/19.