



MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING between THE UNIVERSITY OF KWAZULU-NATAL, SOUTH AFRICA and BABOL NOSHIRVANI UNIVERSITY OF TECHNOLOGY IRAN

To further the development of the cooperation in accordance with a mutual interest in a program of academic exchange, and for the purpose of establishing a long-term mutually beneficial association, University of KwaZulu-Natal and Babol Noshirvani University of Technology subscribe to the following Agreement.

ARTICLE ONE

The Parties agree to promote educational and research cooperation between the two universities on the basis of mutual respect for each other's autonomy, in conformity with the laws and regulations in force in each country and institution, and within their respective available resources.

ARTICLE TWO

The Parties agree to appoint the contact persons for both Institutions:

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ARTICLE THREE

The Parties agree to exercise their best efforts to develop the following forms of cooperation:

- 1. Exchange of professors, research personnel, and/or students for the purposes of teaching, research, coursework, or program development. Each exchange activity shall be approved in advance by both institutions.
- 2. Exchange of publications, scientific materials, scholarly papers, and research information available for such circulation;
- 3. Development of joint projects, modules and collaborative research programs;
- 4. Joint publications, meetings, and conferences;
- 5. Provision of official documentation, signed by sending institution's Rector, about registered students and alumni for the purpose of:
 - a) verifying their identity,
 - b) verifying their qualification for admission to a degree program or for

recognition of their foreign qualification;

6. Consonant with the terms of ARTICLE ONE, access to each other's laboratories, research facilities, and libraries as may be necessary to fulfil the spirit and intent of the forgoing purposes

ARTICLE FOUR

Both parties affirm their commitment to the principles of equal opportunity and non-discrimination. Participation in the exchange activities described in this Agreement, shall be based solely on the scholarly or academic level of ability and performance of the candidates.

ARTICLE FIVE

The Parties will facilitate the entry to, stay in, and exit from the host country for the participants in the programs within the framework of this agreement.

ARTICLE SIX

The Parties shall collaborate in developing specific programs of cooperation under this Agreement to be embodied in and implemented. Furthermore, The Parties shall coordinate their actions and make every effort, individually and cooperatively, to pursue the financial resources necessary to maintain a substantive exchange.

ARTICLE SEVEN

This Agreement becomes effective on the date of its signing by the authorized representatives of both institutions. It shall be effective for five years thereafter. This Agreement may be terminated by either party after giving six months' written notice to the other party.

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