



**MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING**

**BETWEEN**

**MINHAJ UNIVERSITY LAHORE**

**AND**

**TOKAT GAZIOSMANPAŞA ÜNİVERSİTESİ**





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MINHAJ UNIVERSITY LAHORE, PAKISTAN  
AND  
TOKAT GAZIOSMANPAŞA ÜNİVERSİTESİ, TURKEY**

This Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) is made on ..... (date), by and between Minhaj University Lahore, Pakistan (hereafter referred to as "MUL"), and Tokat Gaziosmanpaşa Üniversitesi, (hereafter referred to as TGU). MUL and TGU are hereinafter individually referred to as the "Party" and collectively as the "Parties."

**WHEREAS:**

A. MUL, established in 1986 by Shaykh-ul-Islam Prof. Dr. Muhammad Tahir-ul-Qadri, is a renowned institution that emphasizes intellectual growth, societal well-being, and community engagement. Situated at the heart of Lahore, Pakistan, MUL offers diverse academic programs, fostering an environment of tolerance, humanity, and productivity. Degree awarding status was granted to MUL by the Government of Punjab. It is recognized as a 'W3' category university by the Higher Education Commission of Pakistan and has gained international acclaim for its research and academic achievements.

B. TGU, established in 1992, is a distinguished public institution in Tokat. Named after the eminent Ottoman commander Gazi Osman Pasha, the university is committed to academic excellence, research innovation, and community development. Situated in the historic city of Tokat, the university offers a wide range of undergraduate, graduate, and doctoral programs across various disciplines, fostering an environment of knowledge, inclusivity, and productivity. It operates under the recognition of the Higher Education Council of Turkey and has steadily gained national and international recognition for its academic standards, research contributions, and growing global collaborations.

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**ARTICLE I: OBJECTIVE**

The objective of this MOU is to promote and strengthen cooperation between the Parties based on equality, mutual benefit, and shared interests. This cooperation aims to foster academic collaboration, develop new opportunities in research and innovation, and enhance workforce development through specialized training and industry partnerships. The Parties will work





together to create programs that are responsive to global challenges, ensuring they align with their national policies, academic frameworks, and socio-economic needs.

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## ARTICLE II: AREAS OF COOPERATION

The Parties agree to cooperate in the following areas, subject to mutual agreement and applicable laws:

1. **Collaborative Research Projects**
  2. **Joint Conferences and Academic Events**
  3. **Adjunct Faculty Appointments and PhD Supervision**
  4. **Student and Faculty Exchange Programs**
  5. **Development of Joint Curriculum and Degree Programs**
  6. **Corporate Linkages and Industry Collaboration**
  7. **Development and Implementation of Vocational Training Programs**
  8. **Any Other Initiatives Mutually Agreed Upon by the Parties**
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## ARTICLE III: AREAS OF COOPERATION IN DETAIL

### *1. Collaborative Research Projects*

The Parties agree to establish joint research initiatives that focus on global challenges and innovative solutions across various fields. These projects will include:

- **Joint Research Centers**
- **Research Co-Publications**
- **Research Facilities Access**

### *2. Joint Conferences and Academic Events*

To further academic collaboration, the Parties will host and participate in various international academic events:

- **International Conferences & Symposia**





- **Annual Workshops and Seminars**

### 3. *Adjunct Faculty Appointments and PhD Supervision*

In order to enhance academic exchange and the quality of education:

- **Adjunct Faculty Appointments**
- **Joint PhD Supervision**

### 4. *Student and Faculty Exchange Programs*

The Parties recognize the importance of cultural and academic exchange in enriching the student and faculty experience:

- **Short- and Long-term Exchange Programs:** Faculty and students will have the opportunity to participate in exchange programs that promote cross-cultural understanding and academic collaboration.
- **Financial Aid and Scholarships:** Scholarships, fellowships, and financial aid will be offered to encourage participation in these exchange programs, ensuring equitable access to these opportunities.

### 5. *Development of Joint Curriculum and Degree Programs*

The Parties will work together to develop interdisciplinary programs that address critical global challenges and provide students with the knowledge and skills to thrive in an increasingly interconnected world:

### 6. *Corporate Linkages and Industry Collaboration*

The Parties will actively seek opportunities to collaborate with key industries, ensuring that academic programs are aligned with industry needs:

- **Industry Partnerships:** The Parties will forge partnerships with industries, including Islamic Economics & Finance, Maritime, banking, textiles, pharmaceuticals, and IT. These sectors will help design curricula that are relevant to the modern workforce and provide direct pathways for students into the job market.





- **Corporate Sponsorship and Support:** Companies will be invited to sponsor research initiatives, vocational training programs, and student internships, thus creating a strong link between academic learning and real-world application.
- **Vocational Training in Key Sectors:** Collaboration with industries will also extend to the development of specialized vocational training programs. The **banking sector**, for example, will support training in financial management, **pharmaceutical companies** will assist with clinical and pharmaceutical research programs, and the **textile industry** will help develop courses in garment manufacturing and textile technology or any other activities.

#### *7. Development and Implementation of Vocational Training Programs*

Vocational training will be a critical component of this collaboration, helping to create a highly skilled and job-ready workforce:

- **Curriculum Design:** The Parties will design vocational training programs in collaboration with industries, ensuring that they meet the skills demand of sectors such as Islamic Economics & Finance, Maritime, banking, textiles, pharmaceuticals, and IT etc. These programs will focus on hands-on training, providing students with the practical skills required by employers.
- **Workplace Integration:** Students will have opportunities for internships, apprenticeships, and job placements in industry partner organizations. These experiences will bridge the gap between theoretical knowledge and practical application.
- **Continuous Professional Development:** As industries evolve, so will the vocational programs. Continuous professional development will be offered to ensure that the workforce remains adaptable to new technologies and trends in their respective fields.

#### *8. Any Other Initiatives Mutually Agreed Upon by the Parties*

The Parties will continue to explore and pursue other initiatives as new opportunities arise. These may include:





- **Collaborative Online Learning Platforms:** The creation of joint online courses and e-learning platforms will allow students and professionals to access educational content remotely, breaking geographical barriers and increasing learning accessibility.
  - **Community Outreach Programs:** The Parties will collaborate on community service projects that address local and global societal challenges, such as poverty, healthcare, and environmental sustainability.
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#### ARTICLE IV: IMPLEMENTATION

1. The Parties will establish a **Joint Committee** consisting of representatives from both universities. This committee will oversee the implementation of this MOU and ensure that all collaborative activities are carried out according to the agreed terms.
  2. Specific initiatives may be governed by additional agreements, which will outline detailed terms and conditions, including intellectual property rights, confidentiality, and dispute resolution procedures.
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#### ARTICLE V: FINANCIAL ARRANGEMENTS

1. This MOU does not create any direct financial obligations between the Parties.
  2. Each Party will bear its own costs and expenses associated with the implementation of this MOU, unless otherwise agreed upon in writing.
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#### ARTICLE VI: DURATION AND TERMINATION

1. This MOU shall become effective on the date of signing and will remain in effect for a period of **five (5) years**.
  2. The MOU may be extended or amended by mutual written agreement of the Parties.
  3. Either Party may terminate this MOU by giving **three (3) months' written notice** to the other Party.
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## ARTICLE VII: NOTICES

All communications under this MOU shall be in writing and delivered to the respective addresses of the Parties as follows:

Minhaj University Lahore  Mr. Qamar Zaman Deputy Director Global Linkages	E-mail <a href="mailto:dydirector.gl@mul.edu.pk">dydirector.gl@mul.edu.pk</a>  Web <a href="http://www.dgl.mul.edu.pk">www.dgl.mul.edu.pk</a> <a href="http://www.mul.edu.pk">www.mul.edu.pk</a>  Phone +92-335-2801227 (WhatsApp)  Postal address: Minhaj University Lahore, Township Lahore, Pakistan
Tokat Gaziosmanpaşa Üniversitesi  International Relations Office	E-mail  Web  Phone  Postal address:

## ARTICLE VIII: GENERAL PROVISIONS

1. This MOU is a **statement of intent** and does not create legally binding obligations.
2. The Parties agree to resolve any disputes arising from this MOU through **amicable discussions**.

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## IN WITNESS WHEREOF

The undersigned, being duly authorized by their respective organizations, have signed this Memorandum of Understanding in two (2) original texts, each in the English language, both texts being equally authentic.





## Signatures

Signed for <b>TOKAT GAZIOSMANPAŞA ÜNİVERSİTESİ</b>	Signed for <b>MINHAJ UNIVERSITY LAHORE</b>
<p>Prof. Dr. Faizh YICMAZ</p> <p><b>Rector</b></p> <p><b>Signature</b></p> <p><b>Date</b></p> <p>01.04.2026</p>	<p></p> <p><b>Prof. Dr. Sajid Mehmood Shehzad</b> <b>Vice Chancellor</b></p> <p><b>Signature</b></p> <p><b>Date</b></p> <p><b>Prof. Dr. Khurram Shahzad</b> <b>Registrar</b></p> <p><b>Signature</b></p> <p><b>Date</b></p>

