



## **AGREEMENT FOR INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION**

**Between**

**WILLIAM PATERSON UNIVERSITY OF NEW JERSEY**  
**Wayne, New Jersey, USA**

**and**

**BIRZEIT UNIVERSITY**  
**Birzeit, West Bank, Palestine**

**Date 27.09.2022**

### **1. Purpose**

Being aware that the quality of their teaching and research is strengthened by the establishment of international linkages, William Paterson University of New Jersey and Birzeit University wish to enter into a cooperative agreement, with a view to their mutual enrichment on the academic and cultural levels.

### **2. Objectives**

The general objective of the Agreement is long-term educational and research collaboration in fields which are compatible with the orientation of each institution, and which are relevant to the industrial, scientific, social and cultural interests and needs of the countries wherein the parties are respectively located.

Specifically, William Paterson University and Birzeit University will work together to and develop collaborative opportunities agreed upon in future addenda to this MOU.

**3. Manner of implementation**

Collaborative opportunities may include but are not limited to:

- a) student exchange programs
- b) faculty exchange programs
- c) cultural experience programs
- d) research collaboration
- e) development and sharing of curriculum
- f) development of joint degree programs

The details of these collaborative opportunities will be developed by mutual agreement and implemented as addenda to this MOU.

**4. Program Coordination**

Each university will name a program coordinator. The coordinators will be responsible for developing an annual plan for implementation of this MOU and subsequent addenda.

**5. Finances**

Each institution agrees to seek financial support for collaborative projects. Specific financial details will be agreed upon for each addendum.

**6. Duration and Amendment of Agreement**

This Agreement shall be in force and be binding upon the parties hereto from 27.9.2022 to 27.9.2025. This agreement may be extended for two one-year periods by mutual agreement. This Agreement may be amended prior to the expiration of the foregoing period only by mutual consent. All agreements must be reviewed prior to execution.

**7. Termination/Review Clause**

This Agreement will be subject to termination without cause with 12 months advance notice on either side. A review will be initiated by both institutions at least 12 months prior to the expiration of this Agreement to ascertain if the program should be continued and, if so, how it might be improved. All agreements will be subjected to immediate termination for cause.

**8. Equal Opportunity**

Both institutions subscribe to the policy of Equal Opportunity and will not discriminate on the basis of race, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity, age,

ethnicity, religion, or national origin. Both institutions shall abide by these principles in the administration of this Agreement and neither institution shall impose criteria for the exchange of faculty members or students which would violate the principles of non-discrimination.

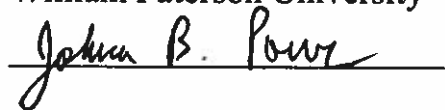
## 9. Indemnification

William Paterson University shall be responsible for, and shall at its own expense, defend itself against any and all suits, claims, losses, demands or damages of whatsoever kind or nature, arising out of or in connection with any act or omission of the University, its employees, agents or contractors, in the performance of its obligations under this agreement.

Birzeit University shall be responsible for, and shall at its own expense, defend itself against any and all suits, claims, losses, demands or damages of whatsoever kind or nature, arising out of or in connection with any act or omission of the University, its employees, agents or contractors, in the performance of its obligations under this agreement.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF** the parties hereto have set their corporate seals over the hands of the proper officers on [27.9.2022].

Dr. Joshua B. Powers  
Provost and Senior Vice President  
William Paterson University



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Dr. Talal Shahwan  
Vice President for Academic Affairs  
Birzeit University



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