

HIGHER EDUCATION COMMISSION - AMERICAN INSTITUTE OF PAKISTAN STUDIES
ISLAMABAD



MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

January 09, 2012

This Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) between the Higher Education Commission (HEC), Islamabad and the American Institute of Pakistan Studies (AIPS), Islamabad is an agreement to co-operate on activities for promotion of Social Sciences, Arts & Humanities and Business Education in Pakistan. We are entering this agreement to better serve the social science research and scholarly community in Pakistan. Both organizations agree to conduct below stated activities in pursuance to promote scholarly cooperation between Pakistan and USA.

Purpose of Cooperative Agreement between AIPS and HEC, Islamabad

1. To promote cooperation between Pakistani Universities and US academia.
2. To focus on improving the state of social sciences and humanities related disciplines in Pakistan by enhancing collaborative research and scholarship.
3. To use resources of both institutions more efficiently and effectively.
4. To effectively use foreign faculty exchange and dissertation writing workshops to improve the quality of social science and humanities research and teaching in Pakistan.
5. To share information and resources in order to provide increased services to Pakistani universities and other research institutes.

GENERAL TERMS OF EXECUTION

The American Institute of Pakistan Studies and the Higher Education Commission agree to cooperate on the following;

AIPS-HEC Doctoral Dissertation Workshop:

The AIPS and HEC agree to continue organizing doctoral dissertation writing workshops in Pakistan. Both organizations will endeavor to increase the number of workshops in Pakistan and seek to broaden their thematic range by encouraging the offering of workshops from various disciplines in the Social Sciences and Humanities at campuses of universities in Pakistan.

The AIPS in collaboration with HEC will organize academic talks of the visiting American scholar at a mutually agreed higher education & research institution in Pakistan.

AIPS-HEC—US Faculty Short Term Hiring Program:

The HEC and AIPS agree to constitute a program titled “AIPS-HEC—US-Faculty Short Term Hiring Program” in the fields of social sciences and humanities.

This will be a pilot project involving placement of US faculty members in Pakistani Public Sector Universities in Islamabad. If successful, this initiative may be expanded to other universities in different parts of Pakistan (depending on security issues prevalent at the time)

The AIPS and HEC will form a 3-member committee (two AIPS and one HEC nominee). Chaired by the AIPS President the committee will work to screen and select suitable US scholars to travel to Pakistan for 3 weeks to 6 months duration. This period may be utilized for public lecturing, teaching, imparting training and faculty mentoring assignments.

The AIPS agrees to use its US institutional membership (consortium of 32 affiliated universities) to encourage and motivate junior and senior faculty members/scholars to avail the opportunity of travelling and working at a University in Pakistan.

Further, the AIPS will advertise this program on its web site and also invite faculty members in its member institutions. Once the applications are received, the committee will review the material and make its recommendations to the HEC.

The HEC agrees to provide the funds for the travel and stay of these selected scholars to the AIPS to coordinate the program (based on HEC's already existing foreign faculty recruitment program criteria). The HEC and AIPS-Islamabad office will work out modalities for placements of these scholars at one of the universities in Islamabad.

AIPS-HEC Annual Social Science Conference Panels

The AIPS agrees to identify suitable scholars in the US who will organize two academic panels (social science and humanities related themes) each year in Pakistan at the HEC-Annual Social Science conference where travel of those scholars will be covered by the HEC while the local hospitality and logistics will be covered by the AIPS.

The AIPS and HEC offices in Islamabad will coordinate with host institutions in connection with organization of the proposed academic panels at the annual conference.

ANNUAL REVIEWS

In order to assure progress in attaining the goals described in this MoU, it is agreed that the HEC and AIPS will annually review the scope and progress of cooperative activity.

TERM

This MoU shall last for an initial period of 3(three) years from the Effective Date. Either party is free to withdraw at any time during the initial period upon one (1) year prior written notice to the other party of its intention to withdraw.

AMENDMENTS

Amendments to this MoU may be proposed, either by the undersigned or their successors, and shall become effective only if agreed to, in writing, by the undersigned or their successors



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