



IUCPSS—AIPS

MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING



This Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) between the Inter University Consortium for Promotion of Social Sciences, Arts & Humanities Pakistan IUCPSS, Pakistan's first ever inter university alliance formed under facilitation of HEC by 9 Pakistani leading higher education institutions HEIs 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 institutions agree to conduct below stated activities to promote scholarly cooperation between Pakistan and USA.



Purpose of Cooperative Agreement between AIPS and IUCPSS

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 share information and use of resources of both institutions more efficiently and effectively in order to provide increased services to Pakistani universities and social science research community at US and Pakistani academic institutions.



GENERAL TERMS OF EXECUTION



The American Institute of Pakistan Studies and the IUCPSS agree to cooperate on the following:



The AIPS in collaboration with HEC and IUCPSS will organize doctoral dissertation writing workshops in Pakistan for Pakistani students where AIPS will invite a prominent US scholar to lead the workshop. The workshop leader than would be invited to some selected IUCPSS member campuses for faculty meetings and seminars.



The AIPS will support and facilitate the mission of IUCPSS to form a National Social Science Research Council in Pakistan and will assist IUCPSS with the process and programming of this. The AIPS agrees to use its US institutional membership (consortium of 32 affiliated universities) to encourage and motivate junior and senior research scholars and faculty members to conduct filed academic research on Pakistan in affiliation with IUCPSS. The AIPS will fund the research expenses and travel of the US scholar/researcher and IUCPSS will facilitate with local university- affiliation and academic visa processing of the researcher.



The AIPS and IUCPSS agree to co-organize series of academic talks and seminars of these visiting US researchers at selected IUCPSS member campuses.



The AIPS and IUCPSS offices in Islamabad will coordinate with host institutions in Pakistan in connection with organization of the proposed academic seminars and workshops in Pakistan.



The AIPS will encourage and facilitate academic partnerships between consortia-member universities of AIPS-US and IUCPSS—Pakistan. This may include but not limited to “faculty exchange, student exchange, split degree and research, video conferencing and joint certificate/diploma programs.



AIPS will provide research internships to the scholars/ researchers from the member institutions of IUCPSS in the research projects by American scholars supported by AIPS in Pakistan.



Both parties agree to appoint Mr. Murtaza Noor as IUCPSS focal person for facilitation and coordination among IUCPSS member institutions and AIPS.



ANNUAL REVIEWS

In order to assure progress in attaining the goals described in this MoU, it is agreed that AIPS and IUCPSS 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 or nominees, and shall become effective only if agreed to, in writing, by the undersigned or their successors or nominees



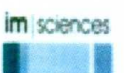
We, the undersigned have read and agree with this MOU.

Dated: 24th August 2012 at Gujrat



Signature _____

Dr. Kamran Asdar Ali President American Institute of Pakistan Studies



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Prof. Dr. Muhammad Mukhtar Chairperson IUCPSS/ Vice Chancellor, the Islamia University Bahawalpur



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Prof. Dr. Mohammad Raza Muddin Chairperson National Committee on Development of Social Sciences HEC /Vice Chancellor University of Gujrat, Gujrat

Witness:



Signature _____

Prof. Dr. Riaz Hussain Qureshi, Advisor, Higher Education Commission, Islamabad.



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Prof. Dr. Zakir Hussain Vice Chancellor Government College University Faisalabad