

LETTER OF INTENT
FOR PARTNERSHIP & COOPERATION

Between

THE SCIENCE AND RESEARCH BRANCH, ISLAMIC AZAD UNIVERSITY,
Tehran, Islamic Republic of Iran
And

Western Michigan University
Kalamazoo, MI 49009
United States of America

Whereas, both the Science and Research Branch (SRB), Islamic Azad University and Western Michigan University (WMU) (hereinafter referred to as "the Parties") recognize the importance of academic cooperation and exchange in the arena of cultural, economic and social development; and

Whereas, the Parties recognize the active role that exchange plays in enhancing mutual understanding, friendship and good relationships between their peoples;

Now therefore, after friendly discussion, both Parties agree to further explore the following potential collaborative activities:

1. To actively promote academic exchange and cooperation between the two Parties, which will lay a sound foundation for more extensive exchange and cooperation in areas such as but not limited to the following activities;
 - Undergraduate Programs
 - 2+2 (two years at SRB and two years at WMU)
 - 3+1 (three years at SRB and one year at WMU)
 - Dual degree
 - Graduate Programs
 - 3+1+1 (three years of undergraduate at SRB and 2 years at WMU to receive M.S.)
 - 1+1 (One year at SRB and one year at WMU to receive M.S.)
 - Research opportunities for M.S. and Ph.D. students at WMU
 - Research opportunities at SRB under the supervision of WMU and SRB professors
 - Faculty
 - Sabbatical
 - Research collaboration
 - Teaching opportunities
2. To seek close contacts and collaborate on using the abundant resources of the two Parties to pursue education and training opportunities of mutual interest;
3. To collaboratively develop the details of program content and financial arrangements, and specify them in a supplemental agreement that, if agreeable to both parties, will be signed by the Chancellor Abbaspour of SRB and President John M. Dunn of WMU.

This letter of intent will be effective for 5 years, starting from the date on which it is fully signed by the presidents of both institutions.

The Science and Research Branch,
Islamic Azad University
Ali Abbaspour, Ph.D., Chancellor

A. Abbaspour
Signature

2/20/2015
Date

Western Michigan University
Dr. John M. Dunn, President

John M. Dunn
Signature

1/22/2015
Date