

# *Participants Expectation & Internationalization in Iraq HEIs*

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# Internationalization work (Cultural Relations) in Iraqi's Universities

- The internationalization work is centrally managed and coordinated by the Directorate of Scholarships and Cultural Relations at the Ministry of Higher Education and Scientific Research.
- In each Iraqi's university, the collaboration projects and all international relations work are directed and coordinated by the department of Scholarships and Cultural Relations that works under the administration of the related Directorate in the Ministry.
- All kind of collaborations, agreements, joint projects, etc. should be approved either by The ministry or the The General Secretariat For The Council of Ministers.
- Collaboration can be with:
  - Universities and academic institutions
  - NGOs and Private organizations

# *The roles of the Department*

- Conducting collaboration agreements and MoU with international universities.
- Sustaining connections with international universities through opening channels of communication and joining activities.
- Organizing the scholarships and any kind of abroad study for master and doctoral students.
- Delegating academics, employees, and students abroad for training opportunities, research programs, and conferences.
- Academics exchange (Students, faculties and researchers) with international universities

## *What the Iraqi's Universities expect in participating to the training*

- Learning from international experts in the field of scientific project funded
- To be aware of other universities' internationalisation strategic plans to be adapted to our universities' Needs.
- Creating a new vision in line with the educational paths in European universities and benefit from the experiences of some universities.
- Setting the main strategic plan for internationalization in our universities
- Increasing the university's understanding of the concept of internationalization.
- Gaining new skills to establish new collaboration and how to find and apply new international projects
- Reviewing the administrative and financial experience of the University of Bologna, as well as the independence of universities
- Preparing a strategic plan that simulates high development and access to globalization in higher education

# *Why do you want to attend the training?*

- To gain skills in the internationalization of universities, specifically, in the relationship between university internationalization and university autonomy.
- Be familiar with internationalisation strategic plan writing
- Participating in training courses and cooperating with advanced universities will create a new vision that will keep us connected with the educational path in those universities.
- Internationalization represent the corner stone in improvement of university roles, improving my experience in that field will help improving the rank of my university, in addition help my university being incorporated in different international project.
- To gain experiences in the concept of internationalization and to generalize the experience to local universities that did not participate in the projects.
- In order to broaden my ideas and learn about global experiences in my field of work

## *What are your main expectations in participating to the training in Bologna?*

- It is expected that there will be an agenda that promotes the idea of internationalization, and there will be a unified and clear work strategy to spread the idea and concept of internationalization, in addition to a coordination strategy with the universities participating in the project.
- Find new projects that fit with my university needs and the partners and how to apply for the new projects
- To see your university ,teams ,instructors everything in Bologna and discuss all work plans .
- I think training in Bologna is very useful and will add a lot to me
- Improving participation in strategic planning and development activities