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**Strategic Plan**  
**UNIVERSITY OF BASRAH FOR**  
**INTERNATIONALISATION**

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### **1 Introduction**

The University of Basra is one of the largest and oldest universities in Iraq. It is in the city of Basra, the center of Basra Governorate in southern Iraq. The university includes many faculties with different medical, engineering, scientific and literary specializations.

The University of Basra was established on April 1, 1964. The study began in five faculties (science, engineering, economics, law and literature) in the first academic year 1964-1965 and accepted 816 male and female students. During its years, the university has developed a lot and has become one of the centers of scientific research in Iraq.

The university now has 21 colleges containing 83 scientific departments, runs 11 advisory offices and 16 scientific centers, and publishes 16 scientific journals and periodicals. The number of teaching staff for the current year is 2527 (Masters and Ph.D.). The university grants bachelor's, higher diploma, master's and doctoral degrees in various sciences and specializations.

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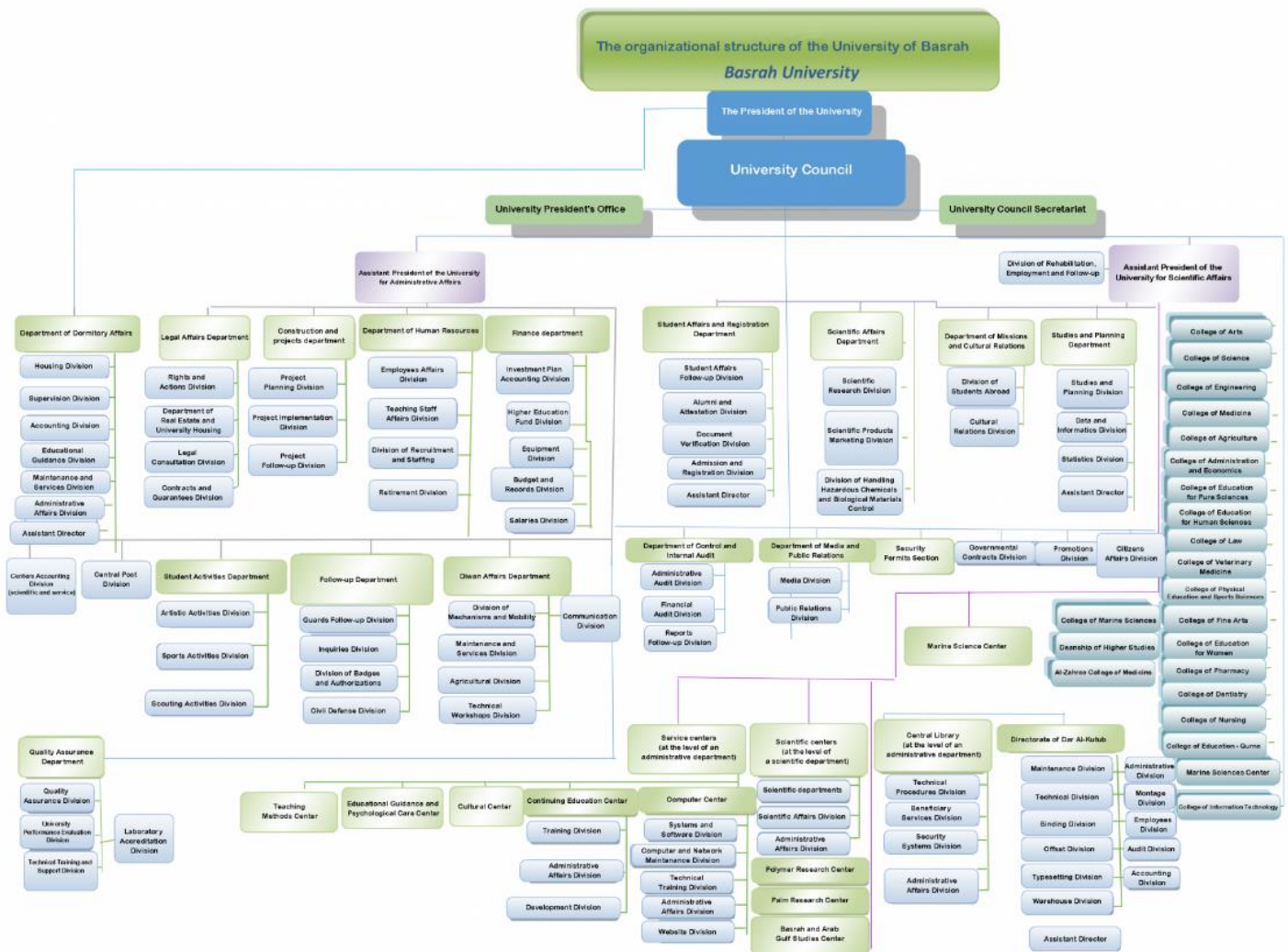
## **Acronyms**

UOB	University OF Basrah
MOHESR	Ministry of Higher Education and Scientific Research
PMO	Project Management Office

# Introduction

## Organisation

Detailed project organization structure for the University of Basrah shown as the following Figure



## STRATEGIC PLAN OF UNIVERSITY OF BASRAH FOR INTERNATIONALISATION

**Goal-1:** Supporting cooperation and partnership with specialized international (universities and institutes in the region and the world)

1.) Objective	KPIs and target and timeframe
Description:  Encourage the university colleges to communicate and coordinate with foreign academic institutions and stimulating twinning relations with them	1) Organizing a number of workshops to clarify the importance of cooperation and partnership with foreign universities (2022-2023) 2) Sending delegations from the university to foreign universities (2022-2023) 3) Inviting foreign professors to work at the university (2022-2023) 4) Organizing joint conferences and implementing scientific projects between both parties (2022-2023)

Action 1.a.1	Resources needed, actors and responsibilities	timeframe
Description:  Organize workshops and meetings to encourage academic communication	Department of Cultural Relations	2023
Issuing regulations to clarify the appropriate mechanisms for academic development and coordination and the exchange of staff and students	Legal Department	2023
Supporting college to sign MOU with their counterpart colleges in other regions of the world	Chancellor's Office	2022
Enable Centres specialized in international relation to provide programs contribute to spreading the culture of the necessity of international cooperation	Department of Cultural Relations and Department of Media	2023
Facilitate and support the exchange of staff movement and students with foreign universities	Department of Cultural Relations	2023
Searching for self-financing sources to support univariates projects in international cooperation	Financial service section	2023

**Goal-2:** Supporting scientific research and creative scientific activity through parental exchange precursor and sustainable

2.a) Objective	KPIs and target and timeframe
<p>Description:</p> <p>Building meaningful and sustainable international partnerships that contribute to develop scientific research for staff and students and activate creative scientific research</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1) Increasing financial allocations for scientific research (2022-2023)</li> <li>2) Increasing the subjects learning for foreign languages (2022-2023)</li> <li>3) Presenting scientific projects of interest for both parties (2022-2023)</li> <li>4) Focus on research projects related to climate change and sustainable development (2022-2023)</li> </ol>

Action 2.a	Resources needed, actors and responsibilities	timeframe
<p>Description:</p> <p>Establishing an active and sustainable international agreements and partnership unit that supports the research of staff members and post and undergraduate students</p>	Department of Studies and Planning	2023
<p>Increasing the number of staff members and students participating in companies or international cooperation to enhance their scientific research activity</p>	Colleges' Councils	2023
<p>Working to increase the number of visiting foreign professors who participate in the activities research with our staff member</p>	Scientific assistant office	2023
<p>Increasing the amount allocated to finance international partnership that support research an scientific activity</p>	Financial service section	2023
<p>Searching for ways to increase financial grants founded by the local government or the private sector that support creative scientific research</p>		2023

2.b) Objective	KPIs and target and timeframe
<p>Description:</p> <p>Encourages faculty members and local students to work in international academic activity from where focus or design</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1) Spreading information of the importance of international academic cooperation among staff and students (2022-2023)</li> <li>2) Increasing the number of staff and students who participate in visits to foreign universities (2022-2023)</li> <li>3) Involve staff and students in course on international cooperation (2022-2023)</li> <li>4) Provide a budget to cover international cooperation activities (2022-2023)</li> </ol>

Action 2.b	Resources needed, actors and responsibilities	timeframe
<p>Description:</p> <p>Determining the number of staff members who marked their research and scientific activities as global participation</p>	Quality section	2023
<p>Evaluate the feedback on the institutional support for international research and creative academic activity</p>	Culture relations department	2023
<p>Increasing the financial support allocated to support scientific research</p>	Financial service section	2023
<p>Activating external funding grants in direct support for international research and scientific</p>	Chancellor's Office	2023

2.c) Objective	KPIs and target and timeframe
<p>Description:</p> <p>Supporting the research of staff or student and scientific activities that contribute to funding a university community</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1) Choosing research topics that have practical aspects (2022-2023)</li> <li>2) Providing laboratories with modern scientific equipment (2022-2023)</li> <li>3) Follow up research tracks in foreign universities (2022-2023)</li> <li>4) Seeking support from the public and private sectors to support scientific research at the universities (2022-2023)</li> </ol>



Action 2.c	Resources needed, actors and responsibilities	timeframe
<p>Description:</p> <p>Serious work to increase the number and importance of university publication for direct support of external transfer efforts</p>	Culture relations department	2023
<p>Increasing the total amount that contributes to different support for international research and academic activity that help in the internationalization of the university community</p>	Financial service section	2023
<p>Working to increase the number and nature of financial grants to support international research and creative academic activity that contribute to the internationalization of the university community</p>	Financial service section	2023

**Goal-3:** Develop students' experiences in the field of internationalization and promote the concept of internationalization and its importance

3.a) Objective	KPIs and target and timeframe
<p>Description:</p> <p>Increasing cooperation with corresponding foreign universities in scientific abilities and developing their abilities to speak foreign language and using electronic platforms</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1) Signing MOU for the mobility of staff and students to study abroad (2022-2023)</li> <li>2) Increasing the number of foreign language training center (2022-2023)</li> <li>3) Increasing the number of courses related to information systems and the use of platforms (2022-2023)</li> <li>4) Allocating a special budget to cover transportation and accommodation fees for students and teachers (2022-2023)</li> </ol>

Action 3.a	Resources needed, actors and responsibilities	timeframe
Description:  Submit an annual plan to enhance the university relationship with foreign universities	Office of Scientific Assistant	2022
Develop an integrated training in the foreign language that they need during their studies abroad	Living Languages Centre	October 2022
Encouraging foreign students studying inside Iraq in an Arabic language course	Living Languages Centre	October 2022
Preparing an electronic platform for students studying abroad to facilities then travel requirements	Information Technology Centre	August 2022
Working to provide adequate housing for foreign students	Directorate of Dormitories Department	September 2022
Providing a budget for scientific agreements and the mobility of students scholarships	Department of Missions and Cultural Relations	October 2022