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Proposal for Dual Degree PhD Program under D-8 International University (D-8IU) Memorandums of Understanding

1. Main Purpose:

For a limited time, D-8 International University is offering dual degree PhDs in a flexible form. We are eager to provide an opportunity for all D-8 member state students to gain international academic experience. A unique experience gained through D-8IU. Therefore, International Bridge Initiative is provided to act as a facilitator for PhD students to reach this goal.

The primary objective of this proposal is to initiate a Dual Degree PhD Program in accordance with the Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) we have established with various universities within D-8 International Universities network. Under this program, doctoral candidates will have the opportunity to pursue their research across two institutions, enriching their academic experience, using international resources, and fostering international collaboration. Students enrolled in this program will begin their studies at partner universities that have MoUs with D-8IU. Subsequently, they will transit to our institution to further their research, particularly benefiting from field study opportunities. This research time is a fraction of all the research they need in their PhD studies. Even if students secure advisors or supervisors from within D-8IU, the program will still offer dual degrees, ensuring that both students and professors gain valuable international experience.

2. Outcomes:

The implementation of the Dual Degree PhD Program will yield several significant outcomes:

- a.** Expansion of collaboration among universities within the D-8IU network, strengthening academic ties and promoting knowledge exchange.
- b.** Fulfillment of the objectives outlined in existing MoUs, demonstrating a commitment to enhancing academic cooperation and mobility.
- c.** Provision of international experience to PhD students, broadening their perspectives and equipping them with valuable skills for their future careers.

- d. Engagement of professors and universities within the D-8IU network in international academic cooperation, fostering a culture of collaboration and innovation.
- e. Opportunity to use resources of D-8IU.

3. D-8 International University Commitments:

As part of the Dual Degree PhD Program, D-8IU is expected to provide the following commitments when students are enrolled in our institution:

- a. Provision of food during their study at D-8IU.
- b. Arrangement of accommodation to ensure a conducive living environment.
- c. Coverage of research and laboratory expenses essential for their research.
- d. Allocation of funds for any additional research expenses, including transportation, accommodation, and food in other cities in Iran if required for research purposes

It's important to note that while D-8IU does not provide a stipend to students enrolled in this program, and home universities that the students come from should provide the stipend for students or the students should handle their own expenses. It must be noted that based on the commitments mentioned on D-8IUs side many basic needs and expenses are already covered by D-8IU. Additionally, students are responsible for arranging their own air tickets for travel to and from the country where they are studying. On the other hand, D-8IU will not receive any tuition fees from these students.



