

**Agreement  
Centre Based Learning  
University of Sunderland, UK**



**University of  
Sunderland**

**And**

**International University of Chabahr, Iran**



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## **Section A: Introduction**

### **1. Background**

Sunderland offers a number of programmes via "centre-based learning" by partnering with institutions overseas to provide lecture and tutorial support to students enrolled on degree programmes.

### **2. Opportunity in Iran**

It is our understanding that the International University of Chababar:

- a) Has a number of students enrolled on University of London External programmes who may be interested to transfer to an equivalent Sunderland degree;
- b) Wish to enroll undergraduate students in the areas of Business and Computing with the University of Sunderland
- c) Wishes to offer postgraduate taught programmes in the area of Business and Computing
- d) May wish in the future to offer engineering undergraduate and postgraduate qualifications

### **3. Sunderland: Centre Based Learning**

Sunderland's "Model D" is where the University collaborates with a partner who provides specialist resources, computing resources, lecture and tutor support and administrators as approved by UoS. In summary, UoS's core responsibilities are as follows:

- Provision and quality assurance of learning materials.;
- Responsibility for the award;
- Responsibility for programme planning and design;
- Responsibility for programme management – with partner participation (e.g. staff development, management of assessment, etc);
- Responsibility for academic support and information services support;
- Approval and oversight of local arrangements;
- Assessment – UoS will set and mark all assignments, appoint external examiners and/or University staff as moderators. (Assessment Boards are held at the UoS).

The financial model in place to fund Model D programmes is inclusive of the above responsibilities. The model does not include "flying faculty" to deliver modules.

## **Section B: Proposed Collaboration**

### **1. Provision**

Sunderland offers the following programmes via centre based learning

#### **Undergraduate (120 credits per level)**

Business BA (Hons) Business and Management  
BA (Hons) Accounting and Financial Management  
BSc (Hons) Applied Business Computing  
BSc (Hons) Computer Engineering  
BSc (Hons) Computer Systems Engineering  
BEng (Hons) Automotive Engineering (Top up)  
BEng (Hons) Mechanical Engineering (Top up)  
BEng (Hons) Electrical and Electronics

#### **Postgraduate (180 credits)**

MBA Master of Business Administration  
MSc Information Systems Engineering  
MSc Information Technology Management

### **2. Funding**

Note: In order to provide a supportive academic environment, and to ensure financial viability, the minimum cohort size for an undergraduate programme is 20, with a minimum of 60 students overall for the MBA program

**Base Model:** Small cohorts (figures indicated are amount due to UoS)  
**Computing Programmes Business Programme**

Undergraduate £2,925

Postgraduate £4,650

### **3. "Flying Faculty"**

As indicated in Section A, this model of funding does not include "flying faculty" or Sunderland staff delivering modules. IUC indicated a wish for Sunderland to provide this within the programme.

Sunderland can provide staff to deliver one module from each of the programmes offered at IUC per year. Discussions indicated that such a module could be



delivered in intensive block mode over a period of 5 days. (The two undergraduate Business programmes share modules – a single module common to both programmes will be offered). The ideal group size for such delivery is 25 students. Should programmes have a greater number of students, then UoS will use a model of chair lecturer supported by local staff for break-out sessions. Such a model, in addition to improving the learning experience also provides for staff development. Assuming IUC undertake to provide for flights, accommodation and subsistence for the lecturer, the cost per module will be **£5,000**.

*\* Please note all the above are subject to the Ministry of Science granting the required licenses for the programs to be delivered in Iran. It is our understanding this has been obtained for the MBA program*

*\*\* The University of Sunderland programs may be delivered in conjunction with a local partner, to be declared at a later time*

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