Syrian Arab Republic
Ministry of Higher Education

Cooperation Ties in the Field of Higher Education with the Republic of Federal Germany

The Ministry of Higher Education – 2010

Agreements signed in the field of higher education

Academic and cultural cooperation between the Syrian Arab Republic and the Republic of Germany dates back to 1959 when the first academic and cultural agreement was signed between the two countries for developing ties of cooperation and friendship between them in the academic domains. In this respect, German universities have contributed to qualifying a large number of university teachers, physicians and engineers who are teaching today at the Syrian universities and institutes.

The city of Bonne signed in 2008 an agreement on a program for teaching and training Syrian graduates between The Ministry of Higher Education and the Academic Exchange Institution in Germany (DAAD), in order to contribute in qualifying Syrian graduates and helping them in pursuing their postgraduate studies in German universities (M.A. & Ph.D.)

Germany is one of the most important European countries and the main destination for Syrian students, in view of its advanced level of education and academic research. Under this cooperation the number of students and assistant teachers on Syrian scholarships currently studying in German universities has amounted to 1200 students.

A number of assistant teachers and students on Syrian scholarships have been admitted within the framework of the cooperation agreement with the Academic Exchange Board in Germany (DAAD) for the last three years as follows:

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<th>Academic Year</th>
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Academic cooperation between the Syrian and German universities

The Syrian universities have always sought to benefit from the cultural agreement and thus signed several (twin or cooperation) agreements with German universities for exchanging expertise, teachers, scholarships, and conducting academic research ventures.

1- Damascus University

a- A 5-year term cooperation agreement with Marburg University signed on 21/6/2007. The agreement aims at exchanging students, alumni, and members of the teaching staff. Further, the agreement aims at organizing conferences and symposia, working out joint educational and research ventures, developing the joint educational syllabuses for training courses and relevant businesses, and opening joint master degree program in Economics titled: (Economic Transformations in the Arab Region).
b- A 5-year term cooperation agreement with the Applied Sciences University, Dresden, signed on 26/4/2007. The agreement aims at establishing cooperation and joint work in the field of teaching, academic research and development. Moreover, the agreement aims at exchanging members of the teaching staff, scholars, officials, as well as the joint supervision over dissertations of the MA and Ph. D students, as well as the organization of joint academic functions, including conferences, workshops, etc.

c- A 4-year term cooperation agreement with Hamburg University, signed on 22/3/2007. The agreement aims at establishing cooperation and joint work in the field of teaching, academic research and development. Further, the agreement aims at exchanging members of the teaching staff, scholars and students.

d- A 5-year term cooperation agreement with Rostock University signed on 16/9/2009. The agreement aims at establishing cooperation in the field of practical qualification and pursuing qualification in the framework of postgraduate studies and academic research. The agreement also aims at establishing cooperation in the administration domain, supporting assistant teachers' qualification for obtaining their doctoral degrees at the partner university, supporting the exchange of students, and organizing joint academic functions, including conferences, workshops, etc.

e- A 2-year term cooperation agreement, renewable for one additional year, with Oldenburg University, signed on 18/6/2007. The agreement aims at exchanging members of the teaching staff, students, publications and research projects.

f- A 5-year term cooperation agreement with Leipzig University, signed on 10/4/2009. The agreement aims at exchanging members of the teaching staff, students and officials. It also aims at setting the plans and implementing joint academic research projects.

h- A 4-year cooperation agreement, renewable for a similar term, with Erlangen University, signed on 23/2/2003. The agreement aims at exchanging members of the teaching staff and students, developing joint research projects, joint supervision of dissertations for the postgraduate students and starting a master degree program for academic dialogue between the two universities of Damascus and Erlangen ("Awareness of the self and the other") in politics, history and culture.

i- A 5-year term cooperation agreement with DAAD, signed on 4/6/2008. The agreement aims at supporting the creation of a German language department at the faculty of letters. The agreement aims enhancing the teaching of German language at Damascus university via providing lecturers and teachers from the DAAD information center and creating a specialized library in German language to the German language Institution.

j- A 5-year term cooperation agreement, renewable for a similar term, with Kottbus University, signed on 23/8/2010. The agreement aims at exchanging members of the teaching staff, students, and organization of joint training courses, symposia, and research projects.

k- A 5-year term MOU, renewable for a similar term, with Leibnitz Institute for Agricultural Engineering, signed on 19/7/2010. The MOU aims at organizing research activities in the following field: (Biological Engineering – Animal Production Management – Micro-Farming).
2- Aleppo University

a- A cooperation agreement with Elmina University, signed in 2004. The agreement aims at establishing cooperation in all academic disciplines.

b- A cooperation agreement with the Technical Brand berg University, Kottbus, signed in 2004. The agreement is still operative until 2010 and aims at establishing cooperation in all academic disciplines.

c- A cooperation agreement with George August University, Gottingen, signed in 2005. The agreement aims at establishing cooperation in all available academic disciplines.

d- A cooperation agreement with George Fredrick –Alexander University, Erlangen-Nurnberg, signed in 2006. The agreement aims at establishing cooperation in all medical specialties.

e- A cooperation agreement with Bayreuth University, signed in 2007. The agreement aims at establishing academic cooperation in all specializations of the faculty of science.

3- Ba’ath University

a- A cooperation agreement with Chemnitz University, signed in 2001, with a work plan to be renewable every three years. The agreement aims at exchanging official and academic visits, as well as exchanging the delegation of teachers and students, participating in the joint academic conferences and symposia, and conducting joint researches.

b- A 5-year term cooperation agreement, automatically renewable, with Lipei Chester University for Applied Sciences, signed in 2002. The agreement aims at exchanging official and academic visits, as well as exchanging the delegation of teachers and students; organizing joint conferences, symposia, and workshops and conducting joint researches. It also aims at offering a sewage recycling plant as a gift to Ba’ath University (It was installed in the student accommodation complex).

c- An indefinite-term cooperation agreement with Minoa University, signed in 2003, with executive program to be automatically renewed every 3 years. The agreement aims at exchanging official and academic visits, as well as exchanging the delegation of teachers and students, organizing joint conferences, symposia, and workshops and conducting joint research.

d- A 5-year term cooperation agreement, automatically renewable, with the Environment and Energy Institute, Rostock University, signed in 2003. The agreement aims at exchanging official and academic visits, as well as exchanging teachers and students; organizing joint conferences, symposia, and workshops and conducting joint research.

e- A 5-year term cooperation agreement, automatically renewable, with Castle University, signed in 2004. The agreement aims at exchanging official and academic visits, as well as exchanging teachers and students; organizing joint conferences, symposia, and workshops and conducting joint research. The executive program was signed on 13/8/2008.

f- An indefinite –term cooperation agreement with the Faculty of Medicine, Greifswald University, signed in 2004. The agreement aims at exchanging official and academic visits, as
well as exchanging teachers and students, organizing joint conferences, symposia, and workshops and conducting joint research.

g- A 5-year term cooperation agreement, automatically renewable, with Pelisse University, signed in 2005. The agreement aims at exchanging official and academic visits, as well as exchanging the delegation of teachers and students; organizing joint conferences, symposia, and workshops and conducting joint researches.

h- A 5-year term cooperation agreement, automatically renewable, with Leipzig Plastic Surgery Hospital University, signed in 2005. The agreement aims at exchanging official and academic visits, as well as offering training to teachers and students from Al-Ba'ath University at the Plastic Surgery Hospital University, Leipzig – as well as organizing annual academic and practical conferences, symposia. The executive program was signed on 13/8/2008.

i- An indefinite –term cooperation agreement with OTTO VON Jorike University, Magdeburg, signed in 2006. The agreement aims at exchanging official and academic visits, as well as exchanging teachers and students, organizing joint conferences, symposia, and workshops and conducting joint research.

j- A one-year term, automatically renewable, cooperation agreement with DAAD, signed in 2006. The agreement aims at exchanging official and academic visits, as well as exchanging teachers and students, organizing joint conferences, symposia, and workshops and offering annual scholarships.

k- An indefinite –term cooperation agreement with Vein Stefan University, signed in 2006. The agreement aims at exchanging official and academic visits, as well as exchanging teachers and students, organizing joint conferences, symposia, and workshops and conducting joint research.

L- A 5-year term cooperation agreement, automatically renewable, with the Faculty of Veterinary Medicine, Leipzig University, signed in 2006. The agreement aims at exchanging official and academic visits, as well as exchanging teachers and students, organizing joint conferences, symposia, and workshops and conducting joint research.

m- An MOU signed between Al-Ba’ath University and German Gear. The MOU aims at participating in the conferences, symposia, and workshops and conducting joint research.

o- A 5-year term cooperation agreement, automatically renewable, with Dresden Technical University, signed on 26/4/2007. The agreement aims at exchanging official and academic visits, as well as exchanging teachers and students, organizing joint conferences, symposia, and workshops and conducting joint research.

p- A 5-year term cooperation agreement, automatically renewable, with Left Alps Group, signed in 2007. The agreement aims at exchanging official and academic visits, as well as exchanging teachers and students, organizing joint conferences, symposia, and workshops and conducting joint research.

q- A 5-year term cooperation agreement, automatically renewable, with the Applied Sciences University, Dresden, signed in 2007. The agreement aims at exchanging official and academic visits, as well as exchanging teachers and students, organizing joint conferences, symposia, and workshops and conducting joint research.
r- A 5-year term cooperation agreement, automatically renewable with the Environmental Studies Center, LET, in collaboration with the Applied Sciences University, signed in 2008. The agreement aims at establishing Homs Center for Environmental Studies.

s- A 5-year term MOU, automatically renewable, signed between Al-Ba'ath University and the Plastic Surgery and Vascular Surgery, Berlin, signed in 2005. The MOU aims at exchanging official and academic visits, as well as offering training to teachers and students from Al-Ba'ath University at the Plastic Surgery Hospital University, Leipzig – as well as organizing annual academic and practical conferences, symposia. The executive program was signed in 2008.

t- A 5-year term cooperation agreement, automatically renewable, with the Science University for Technology and Arts, Leipzig, signed in 2009. The agreement aims at exchanging official and academic visits, as well as exchanging teachers and students, organizing joint conferences, symposia, and workshops and conducting joint research.

u- A 5-year term cooperation agreement, automatically renewable, with the Association of Engineers, Sachsen Anhalt, signed in 2009. The agreement aims at exchanging official and academic visits, as well as exchanging teachers and students, organizing joint conferences, symposia, and workshops and conducting joint research.

v- A 5-year term cooperation agreement, automatically renewable, with Trans-tech Company signed in 2009. The agreement aims at exchanging official and academic visits, as well as exchanging teachers and students, organizing joint conferences, symposia, and workshops and conducting joint research.

w- A 5-year term cooperation agreement, automatically renewable, with Freiberg University, signed in 2009. The agreement aims at exchanging official and academic visits, as well as exchanging teachers and students, organizing joint conferences, symposia, and workshops and conducting joint researches.

4- Tishreen University

a- A cooperation agreement with Weimar University, signed in 1998. The agreement aims at exchanging and developing academic expertise, qualifying assistant teachers, exchanging academic publications, as well as organizing conferences and workshops.

b- A cooperation agreement with Dresden University, signed in 1996. The agreement aims at qualifying a number of assistant teachers at university in order to pursue their master and doctoral education. /12/ assistant teachers have been sent on study missions to this university.

c- A cooperation agreement with Hamburg University, signed on 6/5/1998. The agreement aims at qualifying a number of assistant teachers at university in order to pursue their master and doctoral education. /12/ assistant teachers have been sent on study missions to this university.

d- A cooperation agreement with Saarland University, signed on 29/11/1995. The agreement aims at qualifying a number of assistant teachers at university in order to pursue their master and doctoral education. /7/ assistant teachers have been sent on study missions to this university.
e- A cooperation agreement with Minoa University, signed on 30/11/2003. The agreement aims at qualifying a number of assistant teachers at university in order to pursue their master and doctoral education. /4/ assistant teachers have been sent on study missions to this university.

f- A cooperation agreement with Castle University, signed in 4/4/2004. The agreement aims at qualifying a number of assistant teachers at university in order to pursue their master and doctoral education. /5/ assistant teachers have been sent on study missions to this university.

g- A cooperation agreement with Rostock University, signed in 31/10/1982. The agreement aims at qualifying a number of assistant teachers at university in order to pursue their master and doctoral education. /10/ assistant teachers have been sent on study missions to this university.

h- A cooperation agreement with Brownstein University, signed in 10/9/2006. The agreement aims at qualifying a number of assistant teachers at university in order to pursue their master and doctoral education. /1/ associate has been sent on a study mission to this university.

i- A cooperation agreement with Flips Marburg University, signed in 2009. The agreement aims at qualifying a number of assistant teachers at university in order to pursue their master and doctoral education. /1/ associate has been sent on a study mission to this university.

j- A cooperation agreement with Leipzig University, signed in 2009. The agreement aims at qualifying a number of assistant teachers at university in order to pursue their master and doctoral education. /2/ assistant teachers have been sent on a study mission to this university.

- Cooperation with the Higher Institute for Water Management (HIWM), Homs

The Higher Institute for Water Management was created under the legislative decree No. 27 for 2007 as a national Excellence center for water research conducted a number of training workshops counting on InWEnt – a prestigious German institution working in the field of HR development and seeking to enhance the efficiency and performance of public administration of the water sector in Syria.

The Higher Institute for Water Management is supported by a group of German organizations, such as German Economy and International Cooperation Agency (GTZ) and INFINT for German Technical Training, in the framework of the Syrian-German cooperation venture.

Text of the Cooperation Agreement between The Ministry of Higher Education and German Academic Exchange Institution (DAAD) – A Program for Teaching and Training Syrian Alumni

Cooperation Agreement

Between

The Ministry of Higher Education
The Ministry of Higher Education & German Academic Exchange Institution (DAAD), herein referred to as the contracting parties,

Willing to encourage the academic and technological cooperation based on the principles of equity and reciprocal benefit,

Believing that cooperation in the academic, scientific and technical sectors contribute to the social and economic progress for both countries,

Taking into account the accumulated expertise of both countries in the field of science and technology,

Exploiting the acquired expertise in both institutions for fulfilling their missions,

Recognizing academic, scientific and technological cooperation as a valuable means for mutual understanding between the two countries,

Both parties have agreed as follows,

Article 1

Program Objective

The program aims at offering joint scholarships for training students on Syrian scholarships sent by The Ministry of Higher Education to pursue master and doctoral programs in Germany.

The two contracting parties shall encourage and expand the scopes of cooperation whereby both sides have mutual benefit, and for which they are responsible within their potentials.

The first group sponsored under this agreement shall commence their specialized studies in Germany as from the fall of 2009.

Both sides shall appoint a coordinator to act as a liaison officer for all issues pertaining to this program. The coordinator for the German Academic Exchange Institution (DAAD) is the head of DAAD office in Damascus, and for the Ministry of Higher Education, the deputy Minister of Higher Education for scholarship affairs.

Article 2-

Nomination Process

The Ministry of Higher Education shall, every February, nominate a number of assistant teachers and university alumni as per Ministry’s own quality standards. The minimum pre-requisite required for nomination is the first university degree (BA/Baccalaureus). Nominees to the doctoral degree shall be holders of a master degree.

Both sides could agree on a subsequent date to nominate the first batch of nominees.

Article 3-

Consideration of applications
Nominees’ applications shall be considered prior to the final selection process. The consideration process shall be carried out by the German Academic Exchange Institution (DAAD) as per the terms and conditions of German universities. This consideration process shall be conducive to recommendations to the joint committee of the two contracting parties on final selections.

**Article 4-**

**Final Selection**

The final selection process of the nominees shall be carried out by a bi-national committee comprising an equal number of Syrian and German university teachers.

Representatives of the Ministry of Higher Education and the German Academic Exchange Institution (DAAD) shall act as an observer in the selection process, but they shall have no right to vote.

The Head of the German Academic Exchange Institution (DAAD) shall appoint German teachers in the committee, and the Ministry of Higher Education shall appoint the Syrian counterparts participating in the selection process.

The two contracting parties shall agree upon final sets of dates, selection dates and the number of scholarships for each university/district.

**Article 5-**

**Proportional Shares**

During the final selection process, the following numbers shall be taken into account:

Not more than 60 new students in one academic year, of whom 10 students in the maximum, shall be in the field of medicine and be sent on scholarship to obtain doctoral degree or get specialized in the field of medical studies. Ministry of Higher Education shall place on list a number of nominees exceeding by at least 30% the number of floated university places.

Proportional university places could be increased based on both sides agreement. However, exploitation of the proportional university places shall depend on result of the screening process, as such a process shall absolutely be subject to academic standards.

Agreement on the final number of scholarships per year shall be made between the two contracting parties.

The German Academic Exchange Institution (DAAD) shall reserve the right to define the mechanism for the assignment of the offered university places for each of the master and doctoral degrees every year.

The first group of nominees shall comprise up to 40 students. Students are scheduled to start their study in the fall of 2009.

**Article 6-**

**Language Pre-requisites**

All nominees shall enjoy a good command of German language, which entitles them to pursue their academic studies in Germany successfully.

The minimum language level shall be GER B2 (equivalent to TestDaF 3) and/or TOEFL - 540 points in the minimum – (or better as per the chosen study program and special conditions pertaining to application).
Only students meeting these conditions shall be entitled to pursue their study.

Duration and location of the language training course:

a) Six months in Syria (usually starts in October every year)

b) Six months in Germany (usually starts in April every year). Selected nominees shall start their residence in Germany in the place wherein the language institute is available.

**Article 7-**

**Conditions for Applying**

In case of individual difficulties, DAAD undertakes to provide all possible support to the new master degree students, while looking for their suitable education opportunity. DAAD shall also support the doctoral degree students in finding a suitable doctoral program or guide in the doctoral studies.

However, the Ministry of Higher Education and DAAD expect from applicants, according to their potentials, and in collaboration with DAAD, to specify the suitable master or doctoral degree program. Master degree nominees shall apply to obtain needed academic admission. A doctoral nominee shall seek to obtain letter of consent from a German university teacher, whereby he agrees to be the academic supervisor supervising the doctoral dissertation of this nominee.

There is an open opportunity for those who have completed their master degree program successfully to get the doctoral grant (scholarship), in commensurate with their individual status and qualifications. However, submitting an application under the umbrella of this agreement’s terms and conditions is a must.

**Article 8-**

**Financial Obligations of The Ministry**

The financial support assigned as per the provisions of this agreement shall be made via the joint finance of both contracting parties.

The Ministry of Higher Education shall finance each of the following:

a) That part of the academic program which aims at attaining basic knowledge in German language in Syria, usually at language institutes in Syrian universities.

b) Students who come from side of The Ministry, throughout the academic work period. The financial support shall be in the form of a basic salary conforming to the current regulations of DAAD (currently 750 Euros for the master degree nominee and 1000 Euros for the doctoral degree nominee, beside the additional individual expenses and valid annual remunerations). These amounts shall, on ad hoc basis, include:

- Two-way travel recompense from and to Syria
- Accommodation recompense from and to Syria
- Marriage recompense
- Children recompense

The Ministry of Higher Education shall remit to students the monthly amount for direct accommodation expenses as per the aforementioned DAAD laws and regulations. The Ministry shall assume responsibility for the payment of these amounts during a period between 24-30 months, as regards the master degree program, and 42 months as regards the doctoral degree program.
Representatives of The Ministry of Higher Education shall keep DAAD informed about the paid amounts for each student, in line with DAAD’s cherished instructions. However, both contracting parties shall have the right to extension in individual cases.

c- Settlement of the tuition fees imposed in several German districts that are apt to be imposed in all federal districts as from 2009. These fees amount to 500 Euros in one semester for the German and foreign students in the master degree program (doctoral degree programs still without tuition fees). In case these fees were imposed by a certain university, DAAD shall at least seek to secure an a whole or partial exemption from these fees. However, DAAD shall keep students and The Ministry informed about the results of such negotiations. In case DAAD’s efforts were not fruitful, or came up with only a partial success, The Ministry of Higher Education shall cover fees. As for insignificant amounts (100-200 Euros in the one semester), they shall be assumed by The Ministry or students themselves.

d- The Ministry shall, throughout scholarship period, pay a follow-up fee to DAAD amounting to 100 Euros per student per academic year (academic year starts on October 1 and ends on September 30) in return for their services.

**Article 9-**

**Payment Conditions**

The follow-up fee shall be due as from the month in which the German language courses get started in Syria. However, DAAD shall assign an account for each student on the first of January every year, and payment shall be made in advance. Payment invoices shall be prepared for each new group of students on the Syrian scholarship as from the month ensuing the month in which the language course gets started in Syria (usually in October every year).

The Ministry shall remit the due amount to cover academic sponsorship and guidance, along with a nominal list of the students on scholarship and their birth dates to the following address:

**DAAD**

Dresdner Bank Bonn, Munsterplatz

Konto-Nr.: 02 085 185 00

BLZ: 370 800 40

IBAN: DE 28 3708 0040 0208 5185 00

SWIFT-BIC.: DRES DE FF 380

**Article 10-**

**Financial Obligations of DAAD**

The financial obligations of DAAD under the enriched regulations comprise the following:

a) Financing a 6-month German language training course at a proper institute prior to the commencement of study. This finance includes, during language training course, the expenses of food, health insurance, accident insurance, and commitment insurance.

b) Travel recompense from language center to host institution or university at the end of course.

c) DAAD is likely to pay travel recompense from language center to host institution or university during a preparatory visit.
d- Financing health, accident and commitment insurances for students, their wives and children (if any) throughout the whole period of scholarship in Germany.

e- Financing a German language training course for spouse of student.

f- Recompensing an annual research for the expenses of study and research.

g- Financing printing expenses of the doctoral dissertation.

h- Financing all subsequent commitment programs pertaining to DAAD that get applicable at the end of the offered scholarship as per this program.

In case student on the scholarship commenced his study in Germany, and then dropped out before obtaining his degree, DAAD shall recompense The Ministry for the follow-up fees on the period during which the student on scholarship was outside Germany.

DAAD shall not cover any expenses that are not provided for in this agreement.

Article 11-

DAAD’s obligations pertaining to the follow-up process

By the close cooperation with the academic supervisors, DAAD shall assume academic follow-up for students on the Syrian scholarship and be keen to support them for finalizing their study successfully soonest possible.

DAAD’s obligations pertaining to the follow-up process comprise the following:

a) Presenting a nominal list of shortlisted (selected) nominees and their families to German embassy for visas.

b) Obtaining needed work permit for students of medical specializations.

c) Offering academic and administrative support during stay period in Germany.

d) Pursuing student’s study progress by demanding him to present on annual basis a number of documents proving his academic progress, including the special reports from his academic supervisors. DAAD shall refer these reports to the German Academic Exchange Institution for follow-up. DAAD shall hold a special meeting for committee at the Institution’s headquarters. However, the committee shall take the decision pertaining to submitted applications as per the academic standards of German universities.

f- Presenting annual individual reports to The Ministry of Higher Education based on the recommendations submitted by a screening committee to be appointed. The membership of such a committee shall comprise teachers at the German universities and the reports shall contain written recommendation letters by students’ academic supervisors.

Article 17-

Misconduct by student on the Syrian scholarship

The Ministry shall bind students on the Syrian scholarship throughout their entire period of study in Germany to strict abidance by DAAD’s laws and regulations pertaining to implementing and following up the program, including DAAD’s decisions pertaining to academic admissions. Academic supervision, scholarship extension, payment of salaries and recompenses, etc.
The Ministry shall, at DAAD's authenticated request (in special cases related to poor academic performance, serious misconduct or violation of German law) withdraw its student on the scholarship from the program and order him back home.

Article 13-

The group of students on the scholarship as per this agreement are supposed to commence their specialized studies in the fall of 2009. Nominees shall join during winter semester of the nomination year (2008) a German language course at a Syrian university and they shall travel to Germany in the Spring of next year (2009).

Article 14-

Period of Contract

This agreement shall be valid for 5 years, apt to be renewed for another 5-year term. This agreement may be terminated by either party on providing notice in writing to the other party six months prior to the date of termination.

In case either party defaulted on honoring his financial obligations, the other party shall have the right to suspend work by this agreement, or terminate it.

In case work by this agreement was terminated prematurely, both contracting parties shall, each according to his own share stated in this agreement, keep financing students on the Syrian scholarship in Germany till the end of the period specified in this agreement.

Article 17-

Changes and amendments

Agreement on further program details, changes or amendments thereon, shall be made via reciprocal correspondence.

This agreement was drawn up in two originals in both Arabic and English for each party. In case of confusion or misinterpretation, the English version shall be prevalent.

This agreement shall be binding as from the day ensuing its signature.

For The Ministry of Higher Education For DAAD

Minister of Higher Education Head of Institution

Dr. Ghiath Barakat