



What is EJSP?



Vice Rectorate for
Graduate Studies and Scientific
Research
External Joint Supervision Program

Dear Sir/Madame,

King Saud University (KSU) in Riyadh, Saudi Arabia began an initiative program called the **External Joint Supervision Program (EJSP)** in September 2009. Under this program, a KSU lecturer (Master's degree holder) will be given full financial support to obtain a doctoral degree from renowned international universities. The EJSP is based on a split-site joint-supervision mode of study for a full-time PhD program. It empowers female lecturers who have difficult social circumstances and are not able to stay abroad for long periods of time an opportunity to complete their graduate education, while reducing the time spent at the international university to approximately 2 months per year. **The resulting degree would be a degree granted from the international university** and the student would have to adhere to the university's rules and regulations governing this degree.

The students' main supervisor would be assigned from the international university and a co-supervisor will be allocated from KSU. The main supervisor can visit KSU to supervise the progress of the student's research work once or twice per year (5 days per visit) on an as-needed basis. The visits of the main supervisor will be funded by KSU (tickets, accommodation), and KSU will also help with procuring a visa. In case a supervisory team was assigned, any member of that team can visit in place of the main supervisor. Similarly, the KSU co-supervisor could visit the international university annually (with the student) to consult with the main supervisor and the student ensuring a successful program of study. Through this setup, this program not only benefits the student, but also leads to building up collaborations in research in addition to exchanging expertise between faculty members of both institutions.

There is a complete administration handling all issues related to EJSP at KSU. Starting from the time a lecturer applies to the program, following her status while searching for an acceptance at an international university, facilitating student and supervisor visits, reviewing tuitions and financial matters, all the way until her graduation. This administration also follows up on the students' status by reviewing required bi-annual reports as well as visit reports.

We hope that this brief introduction has been useful. If you have any questions about the EJSP model, or if you would like more details, please do not hesitate to contact us at EJSP@ksu.edu.sa.

**With best wishes,
EJSP Administration**

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