

**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 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. Visits between the institutions will be facilitated for the student and the supervisors. The supervisors are aware that visits may take place once or twice during the duration of the study and on an as-needed-basis and will be funded by KSU. 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 lecturers apply to the program, following their status while searching for an acceptance at an international university, facilitating student and supervisor visits, reviewing tuitions and financial matters, all the way until their 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 [ejspapplicants@ksu.edu.sa](mailto:ejspapplicants@ksu.edu.sa)

**With best wishes,  
EJSP Administration**