

What is EJSP?



Deanship of Graduate Studies
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 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 by 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 to the international institution will be facilitated for the students. The meeting between both supervisors (Internal and External) and the students should take place online during the duration of the study. Meeting with EJSP administration occurs online as needed bases. 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 visits, reviewing tuition and financial matters, all the way until their graduation. This administration also follows up on the students' status by reviewing required 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

**With best wishes,
EJSP Administration**