

THE BEGUM NUSRAT BHUTTO WOMEN UNIVERSITY, SUKKUR

Office of Research, Innovation & Commercialization (ORIC)

MEMORANDA OF UNDERSTANDING

Institutional Partnership Portfolio

Community Partnerships: 8 • Academic, Institutional, Industry & Government Partnerships: 16 • Total MoUs: 24

Community Partnership MoUs

Agreements with civil-society organizations, NGOs, and community-welfare institutions focused on social development, women's empowerment, disability inclusion, and rural outreach.

1. Alkhidmat Foundation Sindh (AKFS)

DATE SIGNED	31 July 2024	DURATION	3 years (extendable)
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Purpose

Joint volunteer, internship and community-service collaboration to advance education, healthcare and welfare outreach across Sindh.

Key Areas of Collaboration

- Collaboration on research studies and R&D projects in shared areas of interest
- Joint recruitment of BNBWU student volunteers for AKFS's national volunteer programs
- Internship opportunities for BNBWU students with AKFS
- Joint seminars, campaigns, induction stalls and celebration of important days
- Discounted access for BNBWU volunteers to AKFS partner products/services

2. Civil Society Support Program (CSSP)

DATE SIGNED	26 January 2024	DURATION	3 years (26 Jan 2024 – 25 Jan 2027)
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Purpose

Collaboration on the “Just Energy Transition” initiative in Sindh — research and technical knowledge-sharing toward an inclusive, sustainable renewable-energy transition in Thatta, Sukkur and Jamshoro.

Key Areas of Collaboration

- Nomination of BNBWU technical experts for consultative meetings and the JET Café dialogue series
- Hosting conferences, expert discussions and consultative meetings on campus
- Sharing of university renewable-energy research at the provincial level
- Student involvement in research papers, poster presentations and joint projects
- Internship opportunities for BNBWU students in CSSP's thematic areas

3. Strengthening Participatory Organization (SPO)

DATE SIGNED	13 September 2024	DURATION	Valid through 31 July 2025 (extendable by mutual consent)
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Purpose

District-level debates, dialogue and awareness sessions hosted at BNBWU to address malnutrition and advance nutrition policy and community well-being, under an EU/IRC-funded initiative spanning five north-Sindh districts.

Key Areas of Collaboration

- Joint planning of seminars and workshops on malnutrition and nutrition policy
- SPO-led branding, resource provisioning and participant certification
- BNBWU-provided venue, logistics and student mobilization
- Promotion through university communication channels
- Facilitating partnerships with local community organizations

4. Sindh Rural Support Organization (SRSO)

DATE SIGNED	20 December 2023	DURATION	5 years (extendable)
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Purpose

Partnership to advance women's empowerment, capacity building and rural development across Sukkur and the wider Sindh region.

Key Areas of Collaboration

- Women's empowerment, entrepreneurship and small-business support programs
- Agricultural and rural-development research, knowledge and training support
- Healthcare and hygiene awareness campaigns for rural communities
- Internships and short courses via SRSO's Institute of Management & Skill Development (IMSD)
- Financial support initiative — scholarships and educational funds for deserving students

5. The Citizens Foundation (TCF)

DATE SIGNED	4 June 2022	DURATION	5 years (renewable)
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Purpose

Facilitating admission, fee support and internship pathways for meritorious TCF alumni — largely from underprivileged communities — at BNBWU.

Key Areas of Collaboration

- Waived application fees and priority admission processing for TCF alumni
- Coordinated fee disbursement between TCF and BNBWU each semester
- Up to 10 annual internship placements for BNBWU students at TCF offices nationwide
- Mutual use of logos in marketing and social-media collaboration

6. Vision for Education Foundation (V4E)

DATE SIGNED	9 January 2025	DURATION	1 year (renewable)
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Purpose

Volunteer-integration and eye-health initiatives — creating structured volunteer opportunities for students and faculty while advancing eye-health awareness and care.

Key Areas of Collaboration

- Academic-credit integration and internship recognition for volunteer hours
- Volunteer roles in media, content creation, fundraising, medical-camp support and research
- V4E-provided training, insurance, certification and career guidance
- Joint fundraising initiatives and impact reporting

7. Department of Empowerment of Persons with Disabilities (DEPD), Government of Sindh

DATE SIGNED	March 2026	DURATION	5 years (extendable)
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Purpose

Structured internships, clinical exposure and joint community initiatives to advance disability inclusion, rehabilitation and empowerment across Sukkur, Khairpur and Ghotki.

Key Areas of Collaboration

- Department-based internships (4–12 weeks) across DEPD facilities
- Clinical rotations for DPT students in neuro-rehab, pediatric-rehab and assistive-technology units
- Rural community outreach camps offering screening and basic rehabilitation education
- Vocational training and entrepreneurship support for women with disabilities
- Joint disability-awareness seminars and campus accessibility-mapping projects

8. Noor Rice Mills (Noor Group)

DATE SIGNED	2026	DURATION	3 years (extendable)
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Purpose

Fully funded scholarships, internships and professional-exposure opportunities for female students from District Dadu — with priority to Khairpur Nathan Shah — advancing women's empowerment and rural community development.

Key Areas of Collaboration

- Fully funded scholarships (tuition and educational support) for deserving students
- Internship placements at Noor Rice Mills' Karachi and Khairpur Nathan Shah offices
- Industrial exposure visits, mentorship and career-counseling sessions
- Joint women-empowerment and community-development initiatives

Academic, Institutional, Industry & Government Partnership MoUs

Agreements with universities, professional bodies, hospitals, businesses, and government departments supporting academics, research, employability, and institutional development.

1. Shaheed Mohtarma Benazir Bhutto Medical University (SMBBMU), Larkana

DATE SIGNED	24 December 2024	DURATION	5 years
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Purpose

Academic-link framework for student/faculty exchange, joint research and publications between the two universities.

Key Areas of Collaboration

- Student, faculty and administrative exchange programs
- Visiting-faculty support for MPhil/PhD supervision
- Joint research, grant applications and co-publications
- Joint conferences and seminars with emphasis on gender equity and sustainability

2. Shahed University, Tehran, Iran

DATE SIGNED	February 2025	DURATION	5 years (renewable)
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Purpose

International academic-cooperation framework covering teaching, research and student/faculty exchange.

Key Areas of Collaboration

- Joint academic programs and shared facility access
- Faculty and student exchange for academic and research purposes
- Joint research projects, conferences, seminars and workshops
- Establishment of Urdu, Persian and English language chairs at both universities

3. Universiti Malaya (UM), Malaysia

DATE SIGNED	5 May 2025	DURATION	3 years (extendable)
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Purpose

International academic partnership for student exchange, joint conferences and collaborative research.

Key Areas of Collaboration

- Student exchange programs
- Joint conferences and workshops
- Collaborative research projects
- Other areas of cooperation as mutually agreed

4. Universidade Federal do ABC (UFABC), Brazil

DATE SIGNED	2025 (effective 15 days after signature)	DURATION	5 years
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Purpose

Academic, scientific and cultural cooperation agreement building toward a long-term strategic international partnership.

Key Areas of Collaboration

- Exchange of students, faculty members and technical staff
 - Technical-administrative, scientific and research cooperation
 - Joint seminars, courses and international cultural-exchange activities
 - Shared ownership and crediting of joint research outputs
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5. The University of Modern Sciences (TUMS), Tando Muhammad Khan

DATE SIGNED	2026 (exact date not clearly legible on the signed copy)	DURATION	Not specified in the document
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Purpose

Comprehensive academic, research, industry-linkage and sports collaboration between the two universities.

Key Areas of Collaboration

- Joint/dual-degree programs and credit-transfer agreements
 - Co-funded research and shared laboratory facilities
 - Shared internship portal, joint career fairs and certification programs
 - Faculty exchange and joint teaching sessions
 - Inter-university sports fixtures and a flagship joint annual event
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6. Institute of Cost and Management Accountants of Pakistan (ICMA Pakistan)

DATE SIGNED	5 November 2022	DURATION	6 years (extendable)
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Purpose

Establishing an ICMA Pakistan study centre on the BNBWU campus, with scholarships, exemptions and professional-development benefits for students.

Key Areas of Collaboration

- On-campus ICMA Pakistan study centre for female students
 - 30% exclusive scholarships and CMA-qualification exemptions for BBA/BS Accounting & Finance students
 - Shared access to library, computer lab and language lab resources
 - Joint sports activities, guest-speaker sessions, job fairs and research collaboration
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7. Ghulam Muhammad Mahar Medical College Hospital (GMMMCH), Sukkur

DATE SIGNED	2 March 2021	DURATION	5 years
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Purpose

Clinical-placement and campus-healthcare partnership for BNBWU's Doctor of Physical Therapy (DPT) students and staff.

Key Areas of Collaboration

- Clinical posting / house-job placements for DPT students
 - Campus-based healthcare clinic staffed by GMMMCH medical personnel
 - Referral pathway to GMMMCH for cases requiring higher-level care
 - Shared responsibility for clinic facilities and staff transport arrangements
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8. Center for International Strategic Studies Sindh (CISSS)

DATE SIGNED	7 November 2024	DURATION	3 years (auto-renewing)
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Purpose

Research and public-engagement collaboration on international and regional strategic issues, including nuclear, space and emerging technologies.

Key Areas of Collaboration

- Joint seminars, webinars, workshops and media engagements
 - Joint research projects and co-publication of books and articles
 - Cross-contribution to each other's academic journals
 - Visiting-fellowship opportunities for BNBWU faculty
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9. Sustainable Development Policy Institute (SDPI), Islamabad

DATE SIGNED	28 April 2026	DURATION	3 years
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Purpose

Research-collaboration and capacity-building partnership on sustainable-development policy issues.

Key Areas of Collaboration

- Joint research, publications and resource-mobilization bids
 - Internship, volunteering and short-course exchange opportunities for students
 - Guest lectures and exchange of trainers/experts
 - Shared conference and workshop resources; faculty as SDPI Master Trainers
 - Student participation in SDPI's Annual Sustainable Development Conference
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10. Sukkur Chamber of Commerce & Industry (SCCI)

DATE SIGNED	16 November 2023	DURATION	5 years (extendable)
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Purpose

Partnership to advance academic, research, entrepreneurship and women's-empowerment linkages between BNBWU and the regional business community.

Key Areas of Collaboration

- Joint research and cultural-exchange initiatives
 - Entrepreneurship mentorship and microfinance linkages for women
 - Scholarship initiative for women from underprivileged areas
 - SCCI-facilitated internships, industrial visits and job placement for graduates
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11. State Bank of Pakistan – Banking Services Corporation (SBP BSC)

DATE SIGNED	27 November 2024	DURATION	Ongoing, until terminated (3 months' written notice)
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Purpose

Cooperation in Islamic banking and financial inclusion, supporting research, training and education.

Key Areas of Collaboration

- Joint seminars and conferences on Islamic banking and financial inclusion
 - Exchange of publicly available information and data
 - SBP BSC guest lectures and presentations at BNBWU
 - Joint financial-inclusion and literacy initiatives
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12. Tech Valley Pvt Ltd & Sindh Information Science & Technology Department (IS&TD)

DATE SIGNED	16 August 2024	DURATION	1 year
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Purpose

Tripartite partnership distributing Google Career Certificate scholarships (via Coursera) to BNBWU learners, with a strong gender-inclusivity mandate.

Key Areas of Collaboration

- Allocation of up to 100 Google Career Certificate scholarships to BNBWU
 - Platform training, guidance and monthly progress-review calls
 - Joint promotion and social-media visibility for the program
 - Support toward a 70%+ certification completion rate
 - Post-certification internship and employment-placement assistance
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13. iCreativez Technologies

DATE SIGNED	1 July 2024	DURATION	Through 30 June 2026 (renewable)
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Purpose

On-campus IT office setup providing employment, training and international-project exposure to BNBWU students.

Key Areas of Collaboration

- iCreativez office established on campus, hiring 35–50 students
 - Paid IT training and exposure to international client projects
 - Experience letters issued to students on completion of tenure
 - BNBWU provides office space, utilities and internet on a cost-sharing basis
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14. Al-Sajjad Restaurant

DATE SIGNED	21 July 2022	DURATION	1 year (renewable)
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Purpose

Industry partnership supporting consultancy, research and promotional collaboration in the restaurant and hospitality sector.

Key Areas of Collaboration

- Joint case studies and consultancy support for the restaurant industry
 - University-led social-media marketing for the restaurant
 - Campus food-stall access at university events; priority catering services
 - Discounts for students, alumni, faculty and staff
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15. District Council Sukkur

DATE SIGNED	17 February 2026	DURATION	3 years (17 Feb 2026 – 16 Feb 2029, extendable)
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Purpose

Scholarship-funded ACCA and AI-program preparation for BNBWU students, financed by the District Council.

Key Areas of Collaboration

- District Council funding for ACCA/AI-program preparation classes
 - BNBWU (Faculty of Management, Information Sciences & Technology) to deliver coursework
 - Joint registration, marketing and attendance tracking
 - Shared use of institutional branding for program promotion
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16. District Administration Sukkur (Office of the Deputy Commissioner)

DATE SIGNED	16 March 2026	DURATION	1 year (extendable)
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Purpose

Structured internships and public-sector career exposure for BNBWU students across district government offices.

Key Areas of Collaboration

- Paid and unpaid internships (4–12 weeks) across DC/AC offices
- Joint seminars on governance, digital identity and public administration
- Mentorship, technical workshops and public-sector career counseling
- Joint digital civic-awareness campaigns and community outreach