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President's Message

Dr. Rahmat Sadeghi

The University of Kurdistan is a comprehensive, education-oriented, research-oriented, and entrepreneurial university that, as an efficient social institution aiming at excellence in education and knowledge development, and as one of the leading scientific centers in Iran's west, has a historical responsibility to fulfil through regional, national and international interactions with other institutions within a social context, and by cultivating devout and proficient alumni. As the largest and most influential university in Kurdistan province, the university has four key missions: 1) Teaching and training efficient and proficient manpower 2) Research including fundamental, developmental, and applied research 3) Entrepreneurship, commercialization of knowledge and transforming ideas into a reality/innovations, and 4) Social responsibility and influence.

To accomplish these missions, boosting the quality of educational courses, enriching the content of theoretical courses and empowering the proficiency of graduated students at all levels, expanding graduate and postgraduate programs for MA/MSc and PhD degrees by emphasizing on the academic priority areas, developing applied and interdisciplinary fields based on higher education preparation policies and improving virtual learning are among our most important programs in the educational field. Given the internationalist nature of the university, special attention will be paid to scientific diplomacy at an international level. In discussing research and technology, while promoting the quality of the research and technology system, expanding the research position and increasing the share of university scientific productions at national, regional and international levels, we seek to promote academic entrepreneurship and commercialization of knowledge.

For further connection of the university with the community and for its role in the social mission to be fulfilled, it aims to assist the empowered forces and utilize the scientific and managerial capabilities of faculty members, while examining current and future global developments and identifying strengths, weaknesses, advantages and challenges facing the Iranian society as well as the direction of economics policies, social, cultural and even political policies in order to gain an appropriate position in those areas. Therefore, the university seeks to upgrade the level of interaction with industries, the community and the government in the regional and national spheres as well.

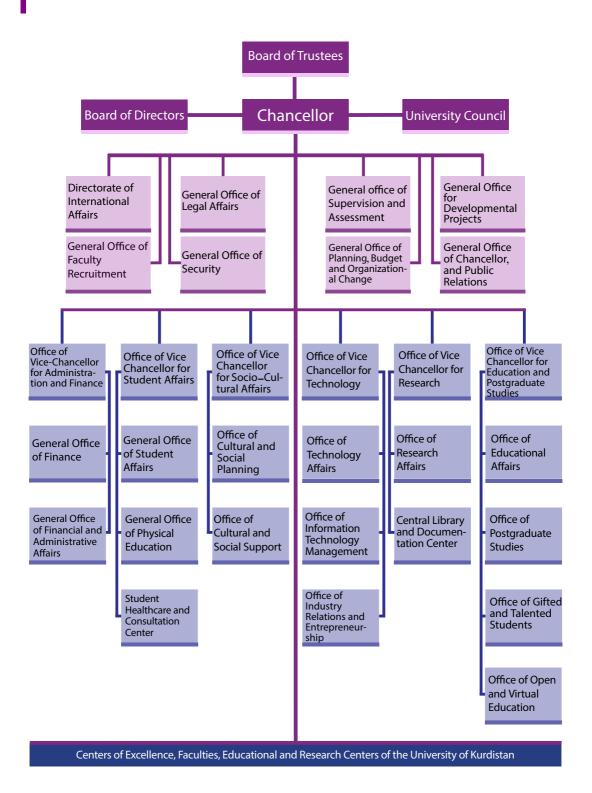
President, University of Kurdistan

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Institutional Chart:



History

In 1974-85, the UOK started as a school affiliated to the Teacher Training University of Tehran and began for the first time admitting students in the field of Mathematics.

In the first semester of 1976-77, the UOK joined Razi University of Kermanshah as one of its campuses under the title of the Faculty of Education, Sanandaj. In addition to Mathematics, it expanded educational activities by accepting students in Chemistry and English.

In 1991-92, the Ministry of Culture and Higher Education agreed to an independent educational and research activity under the title of University of Kurdistan. Since then, various fields have been added to the university's list. The UOK currently has 341 faculty members, 466 staff members, and 10,555 students, among them 287 international students. The university is offering 200 fields of study at eight different faculties with various undergraduate and postgraduate programs.









Introduction

From a sociological standpoint, nowadays, sustainability and consistency of societies are achieved in a key framework of sustainable development. The concept of sustainability redefines development as a continuous and dynamic process in a holistic view with all economic, social, political, and cultural components taken into account. From this perspective, the most important issue in defining development is the attitude toward human beings. On the other hand, to realize this form of development, an efficient manpower is needed in accordance with each stage of the developmental process. Therefore, the educational policies of world countries based on economic, psychological, legal and political factors can be effective upon the development of manpower and consequently the development of the country. Human development is a process that adds to the well-being of human beings, thereby enabling better choices. There are multiple types of development, among which the most important have to do with education and industry. At the global level, the key components and indices are being worked upon for the development of scientific centers and educational organizations. These include indices related to education, research, culture, finance, and students. Accordingly, the UOK redefines its strategic radius and scope in the sense of realizing development at the regional and national levels, and to achieve these goals, there will be especial concern for the quantity and the quality of these indices with the proper criteria at the national level and even the global one.







Faculties

The University of Kurdistan consists of eight faculties as listed below:

- Faculty of Science
- Faculty of Language and Literature
- Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences
- Faculty of Agriculture
- Faculty of Engineering
- Faculty of Natural Resources
- Faculty of Art and Architecture
- Bijar Faculty of Science and Engineering

Faculty of Sciences:

The Faculty of Sciences was founded as the UOK's first faculty in 1973-74. Currently, it consists of six departments of Mathematics and Computer Sciences, Physics, Chemistry, Biological Sciences, Statistics and Earth Sciences. The faculty has 68 faculty members, 9 professors, 24 associate professors, 34 assistant professors, 1 instructor, and 21 staff members. The total number of undergraduate, master and doctoral students stands at 1606, representing also 3.4% of the UOK's international students. The faculty has been built on an area of 11,400 square meters. Among the faculty's prominent professors is Dr. Abdullah Salimi, who is listed in the top 1% of ISI chemistry scientists.



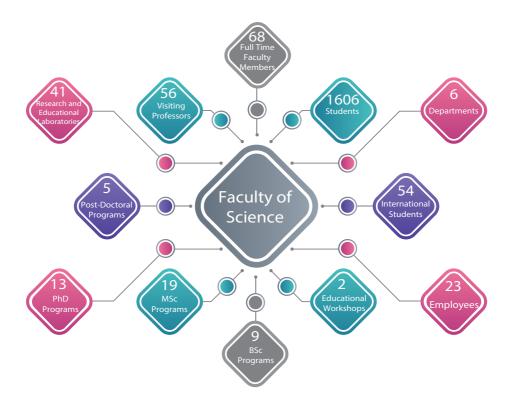








Key Figures on the Faculty of Science





The Available Programs and Branches of the Faculty of Science Divided by Levels

Department	Department	Department	Department	Department
	Mathematics and	Pure Mathematics, Analysis	Pure Mathematics, Algebra	
	Applications	Pure Mathematics, Algebra	Pure Mathematics, Analysis	Algebra-Group
Mathematics	Computer Science	Applied Mathematics-Nu- merical Analysis	Applied Mathematics-Nu-	Theory
	, , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , ,	Pure Mathematics-Geometry (Topology)	merical Analysis	
		Photonics	Photonics	Photonics
		Physics, Condensed Matter Physics	Physics, Condensed Matter Physics	Theoretical Physics
Physics	Physics	Physics, Elementary Parti- cles and Field Theory	Physics, Elementary Parti- cles and Field Theory	Quantum Infor- mation
		Basic Physics	Physics, Astronomy and Astrophysics	Astronomy and
		Solid-State Physics	Theoretical Physics	Astrophysics
		Chemistry, Organic Chemistry	Chemistry, Analytical Chemistry	
		Chemistry, Analytical Chemistry	Chemistry, Inorganic Chemistry	
Character	Pure Chemistry	Chemistry, Physical Chemistry	Chemistry, Organic Chemistry	
Chemistry		Chemistry, Inorganic Chemistry	Chemistry, Physical Chemistry	-
	Analiad Chamiston	Chemistry, Nano-chemistry	Science and Nanotech- nology-	
	Applied Chemistry	Chemistry, Polymer Chemistry	Nano-chemistry, Na- no-Mineral	
	Biotechnology	Cell and Molecular Biology	-	
Biology	Biology Cell and Molecular Biology	Cellular and Molecular Biology, Biochemistry	-	-
Geology	Geology	Earth Science, Geochem- istry	-	-
Statistics	Statistics	Statistics, Mathematical Statistics-MSc	-	-

List of Educational and Research Laboratories at the Faculty of Sciences

	Laboratories and Workshops					
No.	Department of Chemistry	Department of Physics	Department of Biology	Department of Mathematics	Department of Geology	Department of Statistics
1	General Chem- istry	General Physics	Plant Physiol- ogy	Computational Mathematics Laboratory	Petrology Labo- ratory	Statistics Laboratory
2	Hemolysis	General Physics	Zoology	Numerical Analy- sis Laboratory	Geology Labo- ratory	-
3	Organic Chem- istry	General Physics 2	Cellular and Molecular Biology	Mathematics Laboratory	-	-
4		General Physics 3	Biochemistry	-	-	-
5	Inorganic Chemistry (Research)	General Physics	Microbiology and Biotech- nology	-	-	-
6	Physical Chemis- try (Research)	Optics	Animal Physiology (Research)	-	-	-
7	Physical Chemis- try (Research)	Solid-State Physics	Herbarium (Research)	-	-	-
8	Physical Chemis- try (Research)	Advanced Sol- id-State Physics	Collaborative Research	-	-	-
9	Analytical Chemistry (Research)	Advanced Optics (Research)	-	-	-	-
10	Analytical Chemistry (Research)	Nonlinear Optics (Research)	-	-	-	-
11	Analytical Chemistry (Research)	Nanophysics 1 (Research)	-	-	-	-
12	Organic Chemis- try (Research)	Nanophysics 2 (Research)	-	-	-	-
13	Organic Chemis- try (Research)	-	-	-	-	-
14	Inorganic Chem- istry (Research)	-	-	-	-	-
15	Inorganic Chem- istry (Research)	-	-	-	-	-
16	Polymer Chem- (istry (Research	-	-	-	-	-
17	Nano-chemistry ((Research	-	-	-	-	-

Faculty of Language and Literature:

In September 2012, the faculty officially started its educational and research activities as an entity independent from its origin, the Faculty of Literature and Humanities. The faculty has recently been able to take a leap toward improving the educational and research indices of UOK by introducing new branches and recruiting new faculty members. The faculty currently has 33 faculty members, including 2 professors, 6 associate professors, with the rest working as assistant professors.

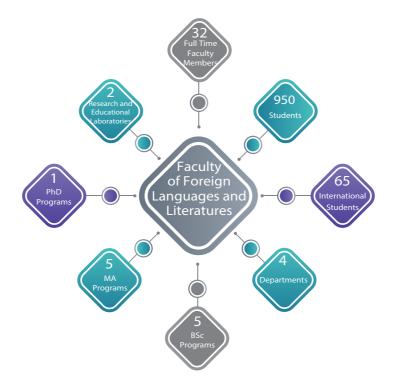
The Faculty of Foreign Languages and Literatures consists of four departments that offer undergraduate program in Kurdish Language and Literature, Arabic Language and Literature—at two undergraduate and master programs—Persian Language and Literature—at three undergraduate, master, and PhD levels. The Department of English Language and Literature comprises three branches in English Language and Literature, English Language Teaching, and General Linguistics, offering undergraduate and master programs in Literature as well as Teaching branches







Key Figures on the Faculty of Foreign Languages and Literatures



Key Figures on the Faculty of Foreign Languages and Literatures

Department	ВА	MA	PhD
English Literature and Lin-	English Language and Literature	English Language and Literature	-
guistics	English Language Teaching	English Language Teaching General Linguistics	
Arabic Language and Liter- ature	Arabic Language and Literature	Arabic Language and Literature	-
Persian Language and Liter- ature	Persian Language and Literature	Persian Language and Literature	Persian Language and Literature
Kurdish Language and Liter- ature	Kurdish Language and Literature	-	-

Faculty of Engineering:

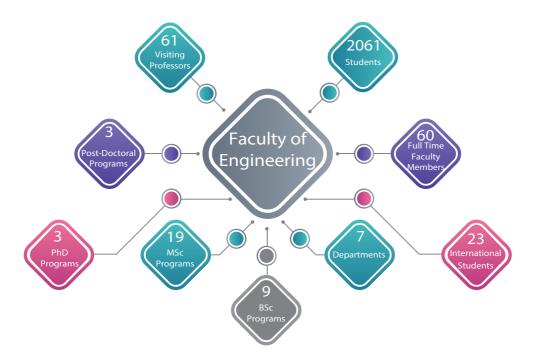
The Faculty of Engineering was founded in 1995 and currently is operating within seven departments, with 60 faculty members (2 professors, 17 associate professors, 39 assistant professors and 2 instructors) and over 2600 bachelor, master and doctoral students. The faculty is one of the UOK's largest and most populated departments.

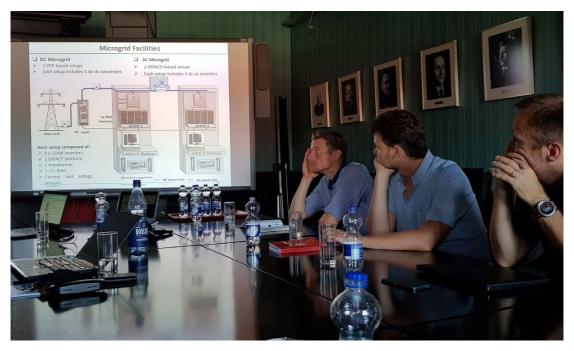






Key Figures on the Faculty of Engineering





The Available Programs and Branches at the Faculty of Engineering Divided by Level

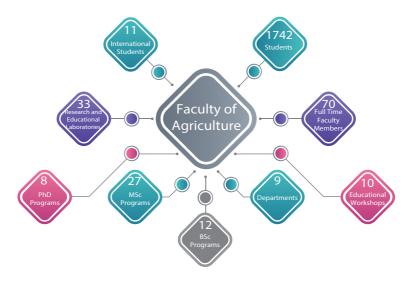
Department	BSc	MSc	PhD	
	Power Systems Engineering	Power Systems Engineering		
	Electrical Control Engineering	Electrical Control Engineering		
	Electronic Engineering	Micro and Nano-electronic Devices		
Electrical Engineering		Electronic Integrated Circuits	Power Systems Engineering	
		Electronic Power Systems		
	-	Power Electronics and Electric Machines		
		Telecommunication System		
		Structural Engineering		
	Civil	Earthquake	Structural Engineering	
Civil Engineering		Surveying Engineering – Re- mote Sensing		
		Water Resources Manage- ment		
Computer Engineering	Software	Robotics and Artificial Intel- ligence	-	
		Supply Chain and Logistics		
Industrial Engineering	Industrial Engineering	Systems Optimization		
Chaminal Empire and the	Chaminal Frainceasis	Process Design		
Chemical Engineering	Chemical Engineering	Thermosynthetic and Catalytic	-	
Mechanical Engineering	Mechanical Engineering	Applied Design		
wiechanicai Engineering	wiechanical Engineering	Energy Conversion		

Faculty of Agriculture:

The educational and research activities of the Faculty of Agriculture began in 1991. Two decades on, the faculty is now playing a key role in agricultural education in the province of Kurdistan. The presence of more than 70 full-time young and proficient faculty members at various academic departments, laboratory facilities, farms and research greenhouses has given birth to a wide range of educational and research activities in various agricultural fields. Currently, the Faculty of Agriculture is divided into nine educational departments, including Departments of Animal Sciences, Agronomy and Plant Breeding, Plant Protection, Horticultural Science and Engineering, Water Science and Engineering, Soil Science and Engineering, Mechanical Engineering of Biosystems and Agricultural Economics at undergraduate levels (12 degree programs), master (27 degree programs), and PhD (8 degree programs), all actively admitting students.



Key Figures on the Faculty of Agriculture



The Available Programs and Branches at the Faculty of Agriculture Divided by Level

Department	BA/BSc	MA/MSc	PhD
		Poultry Nutrition	Poultry Nutrition
	Animal Sciences	Livestock and Poultry Physiology	Livestock and Poultry Physiology
Animal Sciences		Livestock and Poultry Genetics	Livestock and Poultry
	Veterinary Laboratory Sciences	and Breeding	Genetics and Breeding
	veterinary Laboratory Sciences	Animal Nutrition (Rumination)	Animal Nutrition (Rumi- nation)
		Agro-ecology	Crop Physiology
		Biotechnology	Ecology
Agriculture and Plant	Plant Genetics and Production	Plant Eugenics and Genetics	Biotechnology
Breeding		Agro-ecology (Crop Physiology)	-
		Agro-ecology (Seed Technology)	-
		Agro-ecology (Weed)	-
	Horticultural Science and Engineering	Fruit Trees Breeding	
		Herbs	
Horticultural Sciences and Engineering	Landscape Engineering	Medicinal Plants	-
		Ornamental Plants	
		Greenhouse Products	
Plant Protection	Plant Protection	Plant Pathology	Plant Pathology
Plant Protection	Plant Protection	Agricultural Entomology	
		Policy and Development	
Agricultural Economics	Agricultural Economics	Innovation and Entrepreneurship	
		Sustainable Agricultural Promo- tion	-
Water Sciences and Engineering	Water Science and Engineering	Irrigation and Drainage	
	Mechanical Engineering of	Design and Construction	
Mechanical Engineering of Biosystems	Biosystems	Post-Harvest Technology	-
	Food Industry Engineering	Renewable Energies	

The Available Programs and Branches at the Faculty of Agriculture Divided by Level

Department	BA/BSc	MA/MSc	PhD
		Physics and Conservation	-
Soil Sciences and Engineer-	Soil Science and Engineering	Biology and Biotechnol- ogy	-
ing		Soil Resources and Land Evaluation	-
Food Industry Sciences and Engineering	Food Industry Science and Engineering	-	-

The List of Laboratories and Workshops at the Faculty of Agriculture

No.	Laboratory	
1	Fruit Trees Physiology and Breeding	
2	Medicinal Plants	
3	Horticultural Physiology	
4	Physiology and Post-Harvest Technol- ogy	
5	Reproductive Biology	
6	Animal Nutrition -1	
7	Animal Nutrition -2	
8	Molecular Genetics	
9	Microbiology	
10	Food Microbiology	
11	Food Technology	
12	Food Decomposition	
13	Genetics and Molecular Eugenics	
14	Education in Plant Genetics and Breeding	

No.	Laboratory	
15	Genetics and Biotechnology	
16	Plant Physiology	
17	Weed Research	
18	Insect Systematics	
19	Toxicology and Insect Physiology	
20	Acarology	
21	Virus and Prokaryotes	
22	Mycology	
23	Education in Plant Pathology	
24	Biological Control of Plant Diseases	
25	Meteorology	
26	Pressurized irrigation	
27	Pump	
28	Hydrology	

The List of Laboratories and Workshops at the Faculty of Agriculture

No.	Laboratory	
29	Hydraulics	
30	Water Quality	
31	Hydraulic Systems	
32	Renewable Energies	
33	Bioenergy	

The List of Workshops at the Faculty of Agriculture

No.	Workshop	
1	Econometrics	
2	Technology of Educational Promotion	
3	Machinery Tools	
4	Agricultural Machinery Design	
5	Welding	

No.	Workshop	
6	Instrumentation	
7	Engine	
8	Tractor	
9	Map Reading and Cartography	
10	Dryer	





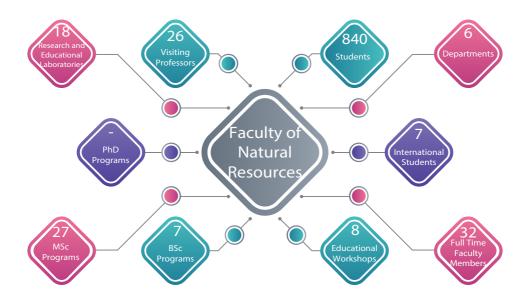




Faculty of Natural Resources:

The Faculty of Natural Resources has a mission of education and research for the conservation of nature, sustainable exploitation of natural resources, promotion of environmental quality and revitalization and restoration of declining ecosystems and renewable natural resources including forests and rangelands, soil and water resources, wildlife and aquatic life, and recognition and tackling environmental hazards. The faculty was founded in 1995-96 and currently works with 32 full-time faculty members and 26 visiting professors in 6 departments, equipped with 27 equipped laboratories and workshops providing educational and research services. The faculty is currently educating 555 undergraduate students in 8 fields and more than 285 graduate students in 27 areas of study. In 2018-19, 7 international graduate studies' students were studying at the faculty, which does also have a research center (North Zagros Forestry Research Center) in the city of Baneh.

The Key Figures on the Faculty of Natural Resources



The Available Programs and Branches at the Faculty of Natural Resources Divided by Level

Department	BSc	MSc
		Forestry
		Silvics and Forest Ecology
Forestry	Forest Science and Engineering	Forest Science and Engineering-Forest Bio logical Sciences
		Forest Science and Engineering-Forest Management
		Forest Science and Engineering- Forest Exploitation
		Rangeland Engineering
		Watershed Engineering
		Watershed Science and Engineering, Flood water and River
Rangeland and Watershed Manage- ment	Nature Development Engineering	Watershed Science and Engineering, Water
		Rangeland Science and Engineering-Range
		Rangeland Science and Engineering, Im- provement and Restoration Operations of Rangeland
		Aquatic Reproduction and Breeding Engi- neering
Fishery	Fishery Science and Engineering	Fishery Science and Engineering, Aquatic
		Fishery Science and Engineering, Aquation
		Environmental Engineering
		Environmental Engineering, Environmental
		Environmental Engineering, Habitats and Biodiversity
Environment	Environmental Science and Engi- neering	Environmental Engineering, Land Use and Evaluation
	neering	Environmental Science Engineering, Land
		Environmental Science and Engineering, Environmental Pollution
		Environmental Science and Engineering, Biodiversity Conservation and Managemen



The Available Programs and Branches at the Faculty of Natural Resources Divided by Level

Department	BSc	MSc
Meteorology	Materialia	Applied Meteorology
	Meteorology	Geography Branch
		Environmental Hazards
	Geomorphology Geography Branch Geomorphology	Geography Branch
Geomorphology		Geomorphology
		Geomorphology, Environmental Experiment





List of Laboratories and Workshops of the Faculty of Natural Resources

No.	Workshop	
1	Forest Genetics	
2	Silvics and Forest Ecology	
3	Ecophysiology and Forest Seed Technology	
4	Environmental Pollution	
5	Animal Biology	
6	Managing Water, Soil, and Weather Quality	
7	Geomorphology	
8	Rangeland Science	
9	Soil Erosion and Sediment	

No.	Workshop
10	Forest and Rangeland
11	Fish Biology
12	Aboriginal Fish Reproduction
13	Aquatic Diseases and Hygiene
14	Aquatic Nanobiotechnology
15	Aquatic Ecology
16	Fisheries Science (Research)
17	Laboratory PCR
18	Source Laboratory

Workshops and Labs

No.	Workshop	
1	Forest Bioassay Workshop	
2	Meteorology Workshop	
3	Climate Modeling Workshop	
4	Environmental Assessment Workshop	

No.	Workshop
5	BSc (GIS) Lab
6	MSc (GIS) Lab
7	Distance Measurement and Map Reading Lab
8	Herbarium Salon and Computer Lab

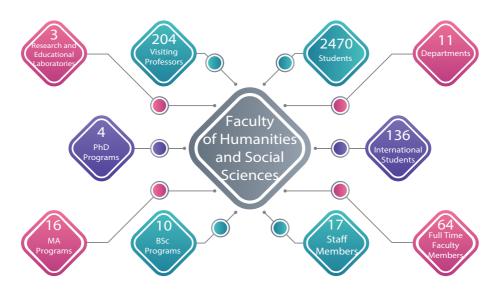
Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences:

The Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences was founded in September 2012, after starting to operate independently from the Faculty of Literature and Humanities. The faculty currently has 11 departments and 64 full-time faculty members (2 professors, 13 associate professors and 49 assistant professors), who are engaged in teaching at undergraduate, master and doctoral programs. With 2,660 students, 136 of them from foreign countries, the Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences has the highest number of students among all UOK faculties, offering programs in 30 fields. There are also 17 staff members working in the fields of education, graduate studies, research, public affairs, finance and laboratory.

The exclusive facilities of the faculty on an 11,482-square-foot campus include the specialized library of Mamousta Hazhar, three computer labs, Ferdowsi and Mastura Ardalan amphitheaters and conference rooms, a psychology lab, a counseling lab, and a reading room. There are five academic journals and student academic associations actively working in the faculty.



The Key Figures on the Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences





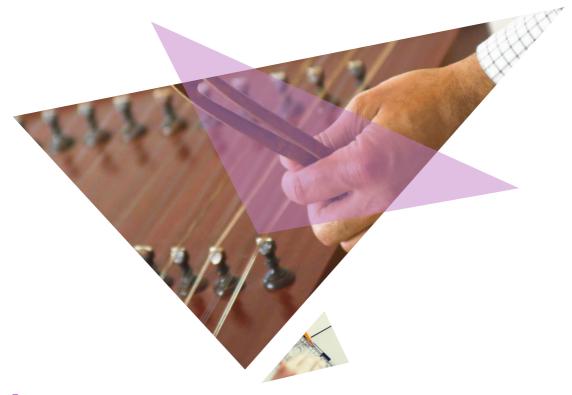
List of Laboratories of the Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences

No. Laboratories	
1	Sport Science Research Laboratory
2	Laboratory of Psychology
3	Family Counseling Center

The Available Programs and Branches at the Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences Divided by Level

No.	Department	ВА	MA	PhD
1	Education Sciences	Educational Science	Educational Manage- ment Curriculum Planning	Educational Management Higher Education (Higher Education Planning and Development)
2	Physical Education	Physical Education and Sport Sciences	Sports Marketing Management Exercise Physiology	Sport Physiology Sport Management
3	Law	Law	Criminal Law	-
4	Sociology	Sociology	Sociology	-
5	Shafe'i Jurisprudence and Law	Shafe'i Jurisprudence and Law	Shafe'i Jurisprudence	-
6	Islamic Teachings	-	-	-
7	Psychology	Psychology	Clinical Psychology Cognitive Psychology	-
8	Counseling		 Family Counseling School Counseling 	-
9	Business Management	Business Management Tourism Management	Business Manage- ment-Marketing Business Management- Strategy	-
10	Accounting	Accounting	Accounting	-
11	Economic Sciences	Economics	1.Economic Development and Planning 2. Energy Economics	-





Faculty of Arts and Architecture:

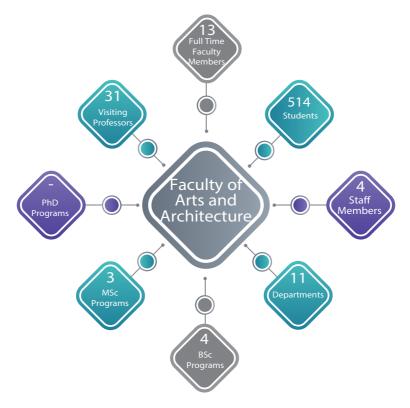
The UOK's Faculty of Arts and Architecture was founded in 2013-14 with the mission of developing applied arts. The faculty has been able to grow significantly in the short term and has attracted the attention of professionals and applicants in the field of art. The Faculty of Arts and Architecture is working with distinguished professors and internationally recognized fields of study, as well as two prestigious academic centers including the Urban Recreation Center and Q1 Urban Studies Journal. Under its strategic plan, the faculty is set to start admitting students in such new branches as directing, television and digital arts, architecture and energy, smart city, and archeology by 2022.

The gross building area of the existing faculty is currently 4,400 square meters and will be doubled in the next few years. It has 4 departments and 7 fields of study with 13 full-time faculty members including 3 associate professors, 5 assistant professors, 5 instructors, 4 staff members, and 514 undergraduate and postgraduate students.





The Key Figures on the Faculty of Arts and Architecture



The Available Programs and Branches at the Faculty of Arts and Architecture Divided by Level

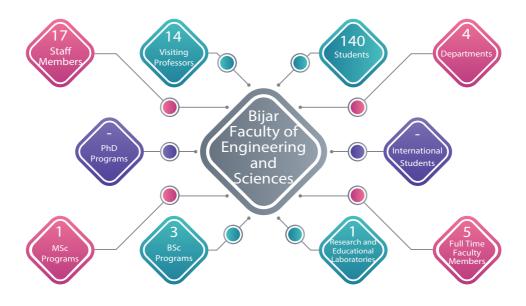
Department	BA/BSc	MA/MSc	PhD
Architecture	Architectural Engineering	Architectural Engineering	-
Urban Studies	Municipal or Urban Engineering	Urban Planning	
		Urban Design	_
Music	Iranian Musicianship	-	
Handicrafts	Handicrafts	-	-

Bijar Faculty of Engineering and Sciences:

Bijar Faculty of Engineering and Sciences was approved under a government plan, starting with the Statistics program in 2010-11. Later in September 2014, 30 students were admitted to the field of Computer Sciences and Statistics, with one faculty member and 2 staff joining in. The faculty currently has 160 undergraduate students in Statistics, Computer Sciences, Civil Engineering along with a master's degree program in Physics, with about 35 graduates in Statistics and Computer Sciences.

There are currently five assistant professors, including one in Civil Engineering, one in Computer Engineering, one in Statistics, and two in Physics. The faculty is built on a 3,500-square-foot building with independent dormitories.

The Key Figures on Bijar Faculty of Engineering and Sciences



The Available Programs and Branches at Bijar Faculty of Engineering and Sciences Divided by Level

Department	BA/BSc	MA/MSc	PhD
Statistics	Statistics	+	-
Computer Sciences	Computer Sciences	-	-
Civil Engineering	Civil Engineering	-	-
Physics	-	Condensed Matter	-











Research Centers and Institutes:

The UOK's active research centers and institutes are listed below:

- · Research center of medicinal plants
- Research center of strawberry
- · Research center of water science and engineering
- Research center of micro-grid and smart grids
- Forestry research and development center
- Kurdistan Studies Institute

Kurdistan Studies Institute:

The Kurdistan Studies Institute was initially founded as the research department of "Kurdish Linguistics and Literature" in 2000-2001 with the long-term objective of recognizing and representing the cultural heritage of Kurdistan as one of the influential cultural spots in Iran. The center, which also conducts genuine comparative research in Kurdish language and literature, was officially approved by the Research Department at the Ministry of Science, Research and Technology. In order to develop the activities and specify the credible theoretical and research topics in the field of native Iranian cultures and strategic studies in the economic, social, managerial and administrative aspects of Kurdish areas and following an approval from the council on the expansion of higher education, two research departments titled "Kurdistan Historical and Cultural Studies" and "Strategic Studies and Development of Kurdistan" were added to the initial department and were promoted to the existing institute in 2016-17. The institute has introduced more than 40 books, organized and sponsored 16 regional, national and international seminars and conferences, carried out 16 extra-organizational research projects, 12 intra-organizational research projects, 7 research workshops, 3 commemoration ceremonies and more than 20 specialized meetings and publications of 5 issues of the first edition of the Kurdish Literature Research Journal, while signing a Memorandum of Understanding with organizations and executive agencies, and internal and external research institutes and research centers. The Kurdish Studies Institute has also played an effective and central role in the formulation of chapters and specialized sessions on the creation of a new undergraduate degree in Kurdish Language and Literature at University of Kurdistan.

The Key Figures on the Kurdistan Studies Institute

Date of License	2000/09/19
Physical Research Space	280 Square Meters
Other Physical Spaces (Egyptian mansion)	972 (Square Meters)
Approved Government Budget	41100000000 IRR
Research Teams	3
Staff	3
Part-time Researchers	39
PhD Part-time Researchers	33
MA Part-time Researchers	5
BA Part-time Researchers	1
Total Number of Research Plans	16
Sum of the Research Income	12764200000 IRR
Number of Journals in Library	52
Number of Specialized Books in Library	7000
Number of Specialized Books in e-Library	6000
Number of Reference Books in Library	300
Number of Published Articles	14
Number of Published Books (or Book Chapters)	3
Number of Published Scientific Journals	4 volumes (Journal of Kurdish Studies)
Number of national and International Conferences and Seminars	3
Number of national and International Workshops	1
Number of national and International Panel Discussions	7
Number of Other Promotional Activities (Lectures, Participation in TV Discussions)	36

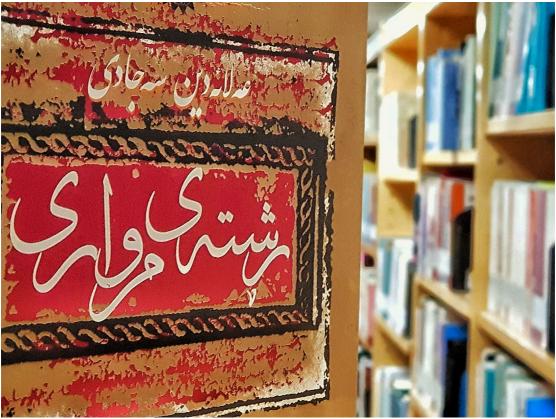










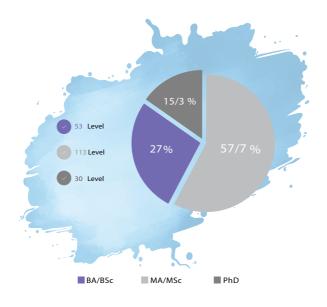


Educational Statistics and Indices:

One of the most important activities of any university during each academic year is educational development through the preservation of quality and the development of existing academic degree programs and branches. In line with the development of the existing academic programs, the UOK is bound to enhance the qualitative status and additionally do the quantitative push to expand academic programs and promote new branches and scientific indices. In this regard, the programs of Handicrafts and Urban Engineering - Regional Planning in the Faculty of Arts and Architecture, two specializations at the PhD level including Mystical and Lyrical Literature in the Faculty of Language and Literature, Computer Software Engineering in the Faculty of Engineering, and two Master programs in Condensed Matter Physics, Elementary Particles and Field Theories have been added up to the Faculty of Sciences. In recent years, one of the major problems in this area has been the issue of maintaining and expanding existing and required doctoral disciplines or branches at the university. The relevant institutions, such as the Ministry of Science and Research and its subordinate organizations, have limited to pursue doctoral degrees in universities and institutes of higher education in the country in accordance with the enactment and bylaws for purposes such as enhancing quality and preventing the unregulated expansion of doctoral degrees.

That said, the newly established universities such as the University of Kurdistan, face multiple problems. On the one hand, many doctoral programs had not been given the chance to obtain a license during the period when there was a slight expansion of the higher education policy. During that period, UOK was not able to expand its doctoral programs due to various reasons, such as lack of infrastructure and qualifications. On the other hand, although the substructures are well-prepared now, the issuance of any license has been viewed in conflict with the existing higher education and ministry policies; under such circumstances, practically the only extension of the University of Kurdistan has been grappling with challenges not faced by other universities. Still, the UOK has made significant progress in obtaining and expanding undergraduate and especially master's programs, examples of which are presented in the table below. Many of the currently accepted programs have been introduced under special conditions. Many of those fields such as Agricultural and Natural Resources have attracted attention due to the environmental conditions and characteristics of the Kurdistan province.

Number of Programs and Branches Divided by Level



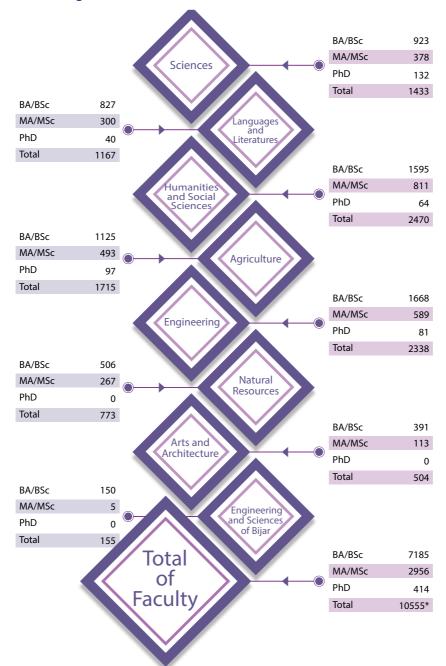




Another key topic in the field of education in universities and higher education centers is the issue of the separation and coordination of academic programs in the relevant scientific departments and fields. The process is desirable in many ways, and, of course, extremely difficult and costly. In this regard, the UOK has been seeking the separation of scientific departments and programs with the construction and equipment of the related faculty from the very beginning of its foundation. In 2018-19, besides equipping the relevant faculties, especially the Faculty of Arts and Architecture, Engineering and Sciences with research centers, and workshops and laboratories, many efforts were made to justify and obtain permission to build another faculty under the title of the Faculty of Accounting and Economics whose construction will be begin in the next year.

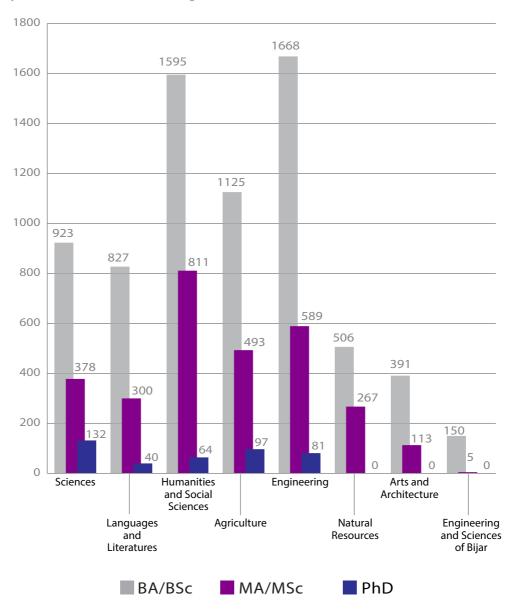
Student Statistics:

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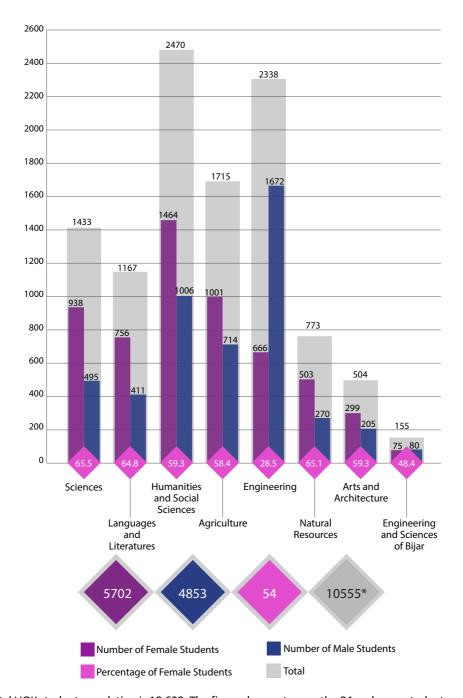


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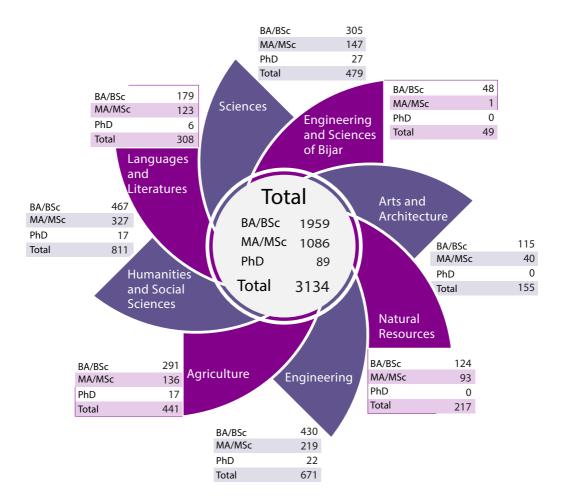


Number of UOK Students in 2018-19 Divided by Faculty and Gender



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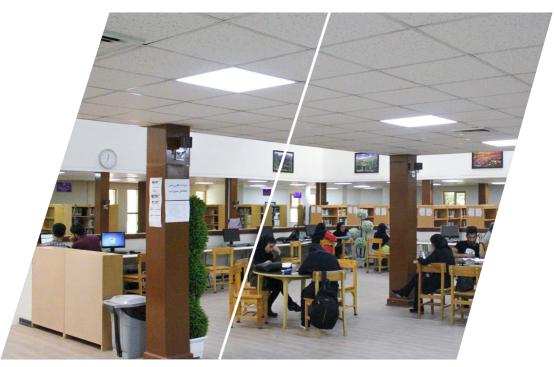
Number of Admitted Students at UOK in 2018, Divided by Faculty and Academic Level



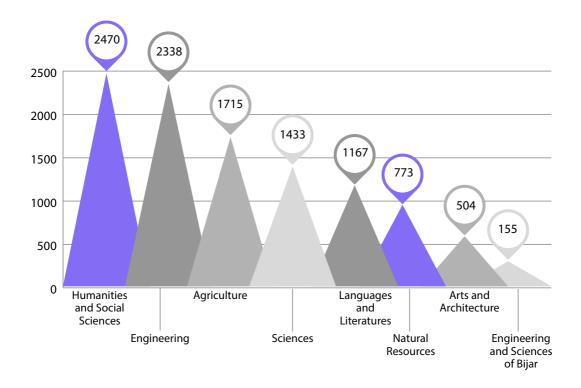


Number of Admitted Students at UOK in 2018, Divided by Faculty, Academic Level and Gender

Faculty	BA/	BSc	MA/	MSc	Pl	nD	Tot	al
Faculty	Female	Male	Female	Male	Female	Male	Female	Male
Sciences	192	113	90	57	19	8	301	178
Languages and Literatures	127	52	57	66	3	3	187	121
Humanities and Social Sciences	301	166	136	191	5	12	442	369
Agriculture	182	109	68	68	8	9	258	186
Engineering	97	333	64	155	13	9	174	497
Natural Resources	83	41	54	39	0	0	137	80
Arts and Architecture	70	45	24	16	0	0	94	61
Sciences and Engineering of Bijar	16	32		1	0	0	16	33
Total	1068	891	493	593	48	41	1609	1525



Faculty-based distribution of UOK students



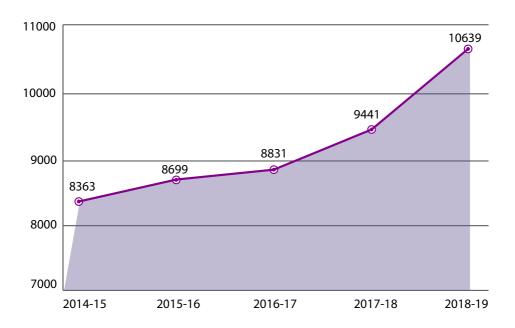
For the purpose of expanding the academic programs and consequently the educational development, the UOK will need in particular to enlarge the student admission for the target programs.

Due to the importance of the issue and the Ministry of Science ranking indices based on the student population, the UOK has in recent years upped the number of students and has been seeking to improve the quality of education simultaneously. In this regard, by the end of 2018, the student population reached 10,555. The figure stood at 9,441 at the end of 2017. The figures indicate a considerable growth by 1,100 in one statistical year.

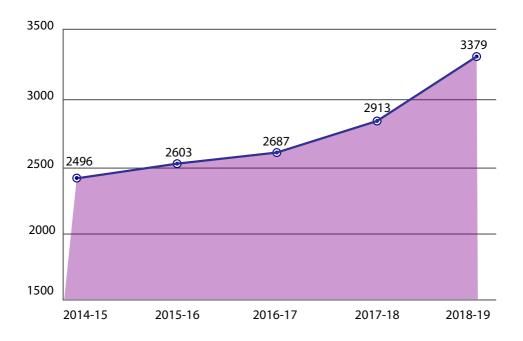
Significantly, there has been an increase in the number of students in graduate programs (about 50%) as well as international students, which, unlike a decade ago, is indicative of the value and importance of these two factors to the university. As presented in the following table, there are 3,379 students in graduate programs, making up about 32 percent of the total student population.

Recent statistics also mark a significant jump in the number of female students, especially in undergraduate fields (shaping about 60 percent of the total student population).

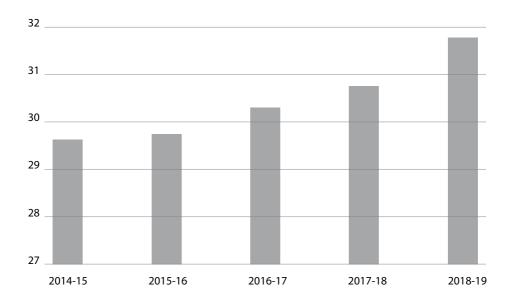
Total UOK student population in 2014-2018



Total population of UOK graduate program students in 2014-2018



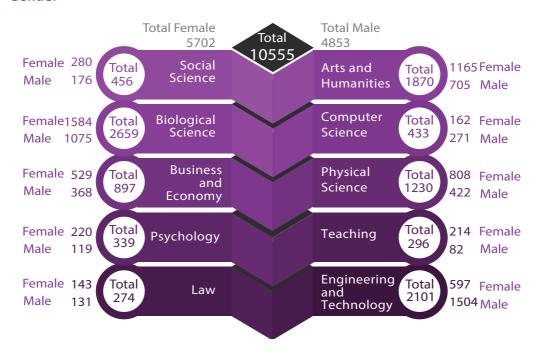
Proportion of Students in Graduate Programs to Total Population (in Percentages)



Number of Admitted Students at UOK in 2018, Divided by Academic Level

No.	Faculty	ВА	MA	PhD	Total
1	Arts and Humanities	1358	472	40	1870
2	Computer Sciences	390	43	0	433
3	Physical Sciences	736	362	132	1230
4	Teaching	162	99	35	296
5	Engineering and Tech- nology	1474	546	81	2101
6	Social Sciences	365	91	0	456
7	Biological Science	1686	847	126	2659
8	Economy and Business	617	280	0	897
9	Psychology	179	160	0	339
10	Law	218	56	0	274
	Total	414	2956	414	10555

Number of Admitted Students at UOK in 2018-19, Divided by Faculty, Field and Gender

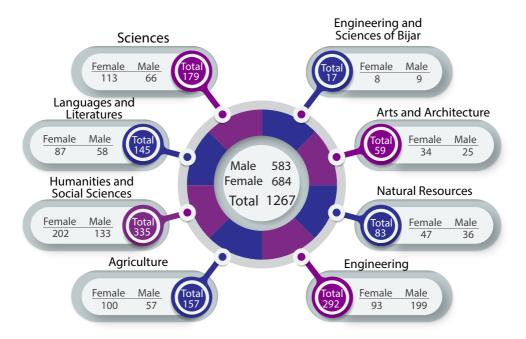


Number of Graduated Students:

Number of Admitted Students at UOK in 2018, Divided by Faculty and Academic Level

Faculty	BA/BSc	MA/MSc	PhD	Total
Sciences	101	62	16	179
Languages and Litera- tures	90	52	3	145
Humanities and Social Science	188	144	3	335
Agriculture	105	47	5	157
Engineering	202	85	5	292
Natural Resources	51	32	0	83
Arts and Architecture	47	12	0	59
Engineering and Sciences of Bijar	16	1	0	17
Total	800	435	32	1267

Number of Admitted Students at UOK in 2018, Divided by Faculty, Gender





Number of UOK Graduated Students in the Academic Year 2018 Divided by Academic Fields and Level

No.	Major	Associate Degree	BA/BSc	MA/MSc	PhD	Total
1	Arts and Humanities	0	137	64	3	204
2	Computer Sciences	1	34	3	0	38
3	Physical Sciences	13	95	62	16	186
4	Teaching	0	16	19	3	38
5	Engineering and Technology	2	175	82	5	264
6	Social Sciences	0	16	4	0	20
7	Biological Sciences	3	89	179	5	276
8	Business and Economy	3	59	52	0	114
9	Psychology	0	20	42	0	62
10	Law	0	48	17	0	65
	Total	22	689	524	32	1267

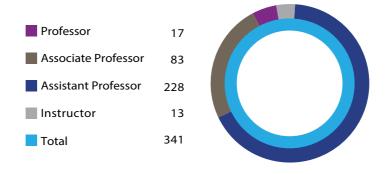
Number of UOK Graduated Students in the Academic Year 2017-2018 Divided by Academic Fields and Gender

No.	Arts and Humanities	Female	Male	Total
1	Arts and Humanities	121	83	204
2	Computer Sciences	19	19	38
3	Physical Sciences	116	70	186
4	Teaching	24	14	38
5	Engineering and Technology	79	185	264
6	Social Sciences	15	5	20
7	Biological Sciences	166	110	276
8	Business and Economy	63	51	114
9	Psychology	37	25	62
10	Law	39	26	65
	Total	679	588	1267

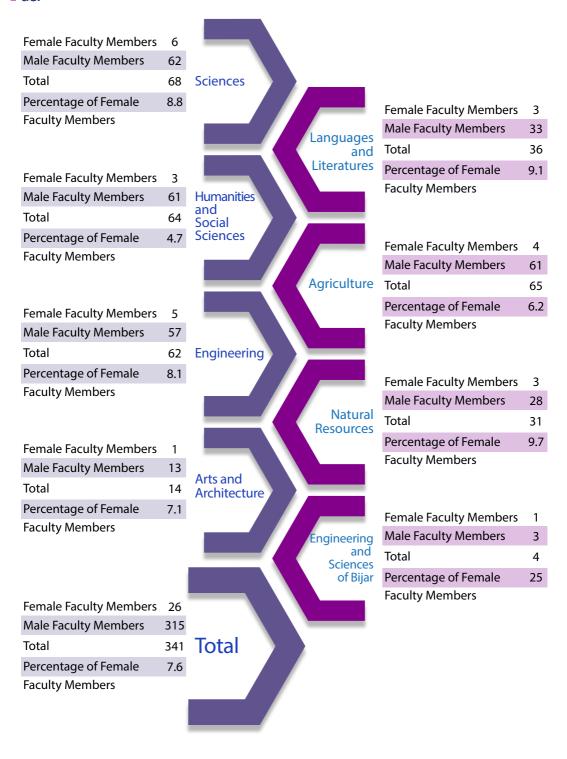
Figures on Faculty Members:

The issues of empowerment and provision, expanding and refining the pyramid of faculty members required by the university as a key pillar of development are among the most important topics for any university to achieve both quantitative and qualitative development. The UOK has faced serious challenges in recruiting faculty and staff members in recent years, but has always sought to attract committed and professional staff during its transition period. This, despite the difficulties in that certain period. Accordingly, the university, by the end of 2017, had expanded the population of its faculty members to 327 people. Additionally, thanks to the organizational efforts and license obtaining faculty members grew to 341 in 2018. The university's efforts, however, are not limited to recruiting and keeping faculty members. It has focused on growing, improving and updating the other important indices. Consequently, 17 UOK faculty members in 2018 have been promoted from assistant to associate professor ranks while one associate member has now gained the professor status. The statistics on associate professors and full professors compared to the number of assistant professors in the university and the inclusion of 14 new assistant professors in 2018 speak of some satisfactory progress by the university in this regard.

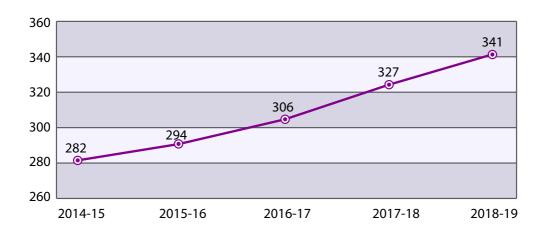
Numbers of Faculty Members Divided by Rank



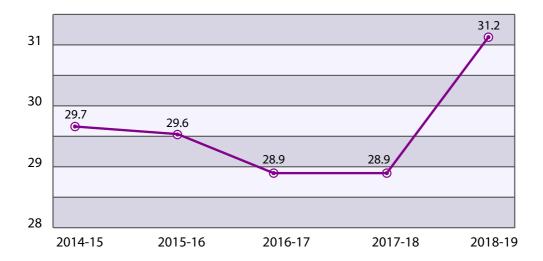
Numbers of UOK Faculty Members as of 2018 Divided by Academic Fields and Gender



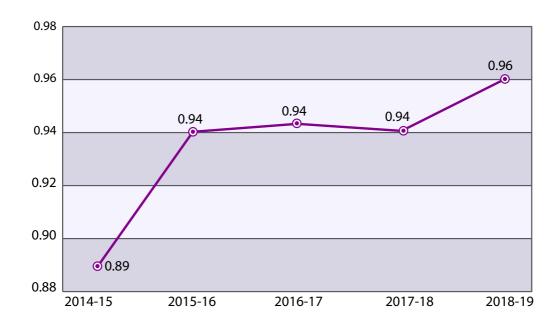
Total faculty member population in 2014-2019



Ratio of student population to faculty members



Ratio of Assistant Professor and higher ranks to the total faculty members



Number of Faculty Members holding Executive Posts (Categorized by Gender)

Gender	Number of Faculty Members	Number of Faculty Members holding Executive Post	Percentage
Female	26	3	19.2
Male	315	87	27.6
Total	341	90	26.4



Research Indices and Statistics:

Nowadays, one key index in any scientific institute, especially universities and higher education centers, is scientific research output. At national and international levels, a desirable research index is considered as one of the specific criteria of the university in obtaining top scientific rankings. The ranking of universities in Iran is of greater significance than any other internal factor in scientific and technological research, as an index whose high value demonstrates the commitment of the university to scientific progress. In this regard, the UOK has taken giant leaps in the field of fundamental and applied research in 2018-19.

The UOK's strategic planning for research and technology is based on three key elements: 1) quality-based fundamental research for the production of science and expanding the frontiers of knowledge with the approach of publishing articles in credible domestic and international journals, 2) Demand-driven applied research that can be relevant to industry, problem solving, and community issues, and 3) technological research aimed at producing commercialized products whose results can lead to the establishment of knowledge-based enterprises.

The UOK ranked +301 in the 2018 World Impact Ranking System. In the Nature Index of 2018-19, it stood 10th among Iranian universities and in the ISC 2018-19 ranking, it was named the 32nd among its domestic rivals. In 2018-19, the Scimago Institutions Rankings placed the UOK at 33 nationally and 676 globally. The university also has one of its members among the top 1 percent of world scientists, two members in the top 1 percent of scientists in the Islamic world, and three in the Iranian Federation of Leading Scholars.

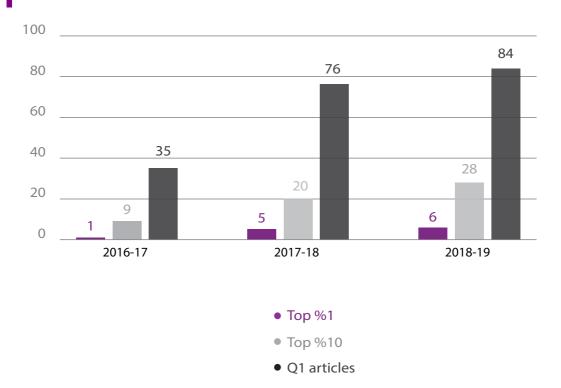
Accordingly, the UOK has held six conferences this year on agricultural research findings in the fields of strawberry, sociology of borderlands, algebra, animal sciences, and smart energy networks. The UOK professors and researchers have also published 697 articles domestically and on international prestigious journals, which is considered as a valuable record when compared to the relatively small number of professors and researchers it is working with. In the field of book publishing, 26 volumes have been released, with 380 scientific papers presented at national and international conferences. Many of the topics discussed at those events have been published in abstracts. One of the UOK's top priorities in recent years has been permit obtaining for domestic journals and the specific fields taught at the university. The number of active journals has now reached 11. In addition to the ambitious research activities, 3,906 book titles were purchased in 2018. Given the limited budget, the figure is viewed as a significant step forward.

The UOK's Key Research Performance Indices

No.	Key Indices	2018
1	(Number of Published International Articles (JCR, Scopus, WOS	
2	(Number of Cited International Articles (JCR, Scopus, WOS	10
3	Number of ISC Articles	340
4	Number of Scholars with Cited Articles among 1% Scholars of the Islamic World	2
5	Number of Scholars with Cited Articles among 1% Scholars of the World	1
6	Number of Articles Published on top 10% World Journals	28
7	(University Bandwidth (MB	300
8	Number of the International Conferences at the University	
9	Number of the National Conferences at the University	
10	Number of the Accepted Articles in International Conferences	142
11	Number of the Accepted Articles in National Conferences	238
12	Number of the Books Written in Persian by the Faculty Members or Published by the University's Press	14
13	Number of the Books Translated by the Faculty Members or Published by the University's Press	5
14	Number of the published Non-Persian Books	7
15	Number of the Start-Up Weekend Events Held in the Fields of Agriculture, Livestock and Poultry	2

Educational and research institutes in every field seek to publish articles in the world's top, renowned and specialized journals. Accordingly, a significant percentage of the articles published by the UOK's scientific community appeared in high-ranking and prestigious journals. The following table presents the publishing progress, which is seen in 6 university articles appearing in the world's leading journals and among the top one percent, 28 articles in the top 10 percent, and 84 articles in quarter-1 journals.

Number of Leading Articles



Companies Sponsored by UOK at the Center for the Growth of Technology-Producing Units:

Incubators are institutions set up to nurture small tech-businesses so that the fledgling units in the field of technology can successfully enter the market. The main purpose of setting up Incubators of Technological Units is to provide various types of physical, scientific, educational, financial, legal and consulting support to individuals and groups who are planning to launch a business and commercialize a technology. They have new, innovation-based businesses that can overcome the barriers facing the development and commercialization of the technology in question before entering the market. Incubators, with the necessary support and initial services play an effective role in the growth and ultimately the success rate of these units.

As a result, the University Incubator provides office and laboratory space with a variety of support services (scientific-educational, consulting, networking, legal, financial) for technology cores and newly-established companies. These centers are commonly established alongside a research or university center capable of providing such services to such companies, and are part of a research and academic center. Having initially received the approval in principle from the vice-presidency of the Ministry of Science in 2008, the UOK launched the formal operation of its technology-producing units in 2010.

List of Companies Sponsored by Incubator

No.	Company	Activity	Stage
1	Mohandessi Jame Houshmand (Energy (Mahya	System Optimization and Energy Management	Incubation
2	Mehrdad Nirou Padidar	Restructuring Vertical Axis Turbines with Movable Blades	Incubation
3	Rimand Sharif Data Processor	Developing Positioning and Navigation Systems	Incubation
4	Vista-Riant Data-Processor	Designing Educational Software for Children	Incubation
5	Aland Ertebat Jivar	Software Designing	Incubation
6	Bazyaft-Fanavaran Sabz Makan	Infrastructure	Incubation
7	Kaveh Book Garden	Designing Website and Software for Online Shopping of First and Second-Hand Books and Pamphlets	Incubation
8	Bayan Gouya Asra	Braille Keyboard Stickers for the Blind and Visual- ly-Impaired	Incubation
9	Jing-e Porgol-Avan	Hydroponic Cultivation	Incubation
10	Satia Jin Rojbash	Production of Sweet and Sour Doyneh (Local (Kurdish Cuisine	Incubation
11	MCT Mechatronics Technology	New Hydraulic Retarder for Trucks	Pre-incubation
12	Kimia of Kurdistan	Composition of Ionic Liquids	Pre-incubation
13	Arman-Darou Salamat	Hair Loss Treatment	Pre-incubation
14	Kurdistan Kimia Zhin Sabz	Producing Color Powder from Walnut Bark	Pre-incubation
15	Cocograph	Providing Media Content	Pre-incubation
16	Sna Data	Web Market	Pre-incubation
17	Tiam Daneshafzar	Developing Reliable Management System	Pre-incubation



Companies Located in Kurdistan Science and Technology Park Sponsored by UOK:

Many policymakers identify technology parks as part of thoughtful and coordinated strategy for national or regional development. Although each city or country may have different reasons for setting up parks. The primary purpose of a technology park is generally to boost the number of small and medium-sized enterprises to operate within an economic environment. These companies are referred to as private sector backers to help with economic diversity.

The UOK Science and Technology Park started operating in early 2013. The vision of the park is to become an essential substructure and one of the most attractive workplaces in the region for the presence of internal and external science-based units over a five-year period for technology development in Kurdistan province. Currently, 300 units of technology are being absorbed. Park-based units are divided into three categories: technology-based companies, engineering services, and R&D units.

UOK Cooperation with Kurdistan Science and Technology Park:

- Cooperation with faculty members to evaluate technological plans
- Cooperation with faculty members to assess an invention
- · Utilizing the facilities and substructure of UOK such as laboratories, workshops, meeting rooms and gyms
- Holding joint events such as Agriculture Startup, Water Startup and Tourism Startup
- Holding training courses ordered by the park
- Consultancy in tax, accounting, market and commercialization
- Assistance to technology units from faculty members as instructors and mentors
- Technology tours and student visits to Science and Technology Park

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Companies Located in Science and Technology Park of Kurdistan

No.	Company	Activity
1	Gardoon Gas Industries	Mechanics
2	Dadeh-Negar Engineering Company	Information and Communication Technology and Computer Software
3	Shin-Aran of Kurdistan	Agriculture
4	Pak Azma Zist of Kurdistan	Laboratory Services
5	Rayan Afzar Pajouh	Information and Communication Technology and Computer Software
6	Electronic Exchanges of West	Information and Communication Technology and Computer Software
7	Novin Pardazan Zhiro	Information and Communication Technology and Computer Software
8	Pour Sam Data Processing	Information and Communication Technology and Computer Software
9	Kavoush Houshmand Kara	Electronics
10	Shayan Idea Sana Fanavar	Service Occupations
11	Banta Pardaz Pouyan	Information and Communication Technology and Computer Software
12	Ahoura	Information and Communication Technology and Computer Software
13	Ostadan (Kar-Afarin Café)	Service Occupations
14	Arya Mad-e Gharb	Service Occupations
15	Erfan Bargh-e Gharb	Electronics
16	Amayesh Pars Entrepreneurship	Consulting and Mentoring Services
17	Research and Development Unit of Mehrpouyesh Avallan	Research and Development
18	Research and Development Unit of Pak-Ara Dairy Company	Research and Development
19	Research and Development Unit of Niroo-Savan Ma'd Comapany	Research and Development
20	Pishro-e Fann-e Kavosh Zhinda	Intellectual, Spiritual, Industrial and Commercial Services
21	Danesh Bonyan Darou Ma'd	Research and Development
22	Sabok Louleh Novin	Research and Development
23	Behin-Rahbord Aras	Consulting and Mentoring Services
24	Sana Pardaz Communication	Marketing Services
25	Planning and Producing Works	Commercialization Services
26	Kimia Azmon Pajouh Fartak	Laboratory Services

Science and Technology Park of Incubator Companies Sponsored by UOK

No.	Company	Activity
1	Haya Data Processing	Information and Communication Technology and Computer Software
2	Saze Ohon PAya	Advanced Equipment of Laboratory, Manufacturing, and Production
3	Intelligent Control of Kara	Computer Hardware, Power, Electronics, Control and Telecommunications
4	Parto Taban Danesh	Medical Equipment, Tools and Other Supplies
5	Negarin Honar Zagros Company	Other Advanced Products (Soft Technologies, Cultural Identity Makers and (Other Related Equipment
6	Yekta Idea Sanat Simineh	Computer Hardware, Power, Electronics, Control and Telecommunications
7	Fanni Mohandesi Pad	Computer Hardware, Power, Electronics, Control and Telecommunications
8	Zar Dast of Kurdistan	(Other Advanced Products (Agriculture, Animal Husbandry and Medicinal Plants
9	Green Spring of Kurdistan	(Other Advanced Products (Agriculture, Animal Husbandry and Medicinal Plants
10	Nano Zist Pajouhan Zagros	(Nanotechnology (Products and Materials
11	Jouri Mang	Information and Communication Technology and Computer Software
12	Kimia Boumi Sazan	Advanced Oil, Gas, Petrochemical and Filtration Equipment and Materials
13	Data Analyzer of Hina	Information and Communication Technology and Computer Software
14	Data Analyzer of Abidar	Information and Communication Technology and Computer Software
15	Kahroba Control Gostar	Computer Hardware, Power, Electronics, Control and Telecommunications
16	Green Energy of Kurdistan	Advanced Equipment of Laboratory, Manufacturing, and Production
17	Zhivan Tab Asia	Medical Equipment, Tools and Other Supplies
18	Tavan Saf Sina Gharb	Advanced Equipment of Laboratory, Manufacturing, and Production
19	Mana Communication of Kareh	Information and Communication Technology and Computer Software
20	Poulad Khodro Shayan	Advanced Lab Equipment, Manufacturing, and Production
21	Zhivar Pariz of Kurdistan	Advanced Oil, Gas, Petrochemical and Filtration Equipment and Materials
22	Kurdistan Cloud Computing Development Company	Information and Communication Technology and Computer Software
23	Tak Almas Mandegar Danesh	Computer Hardware, Power, Electronics, Control and Telecommunications
24	Tirouzh West	Information and Communication Technology and Computer Software

Science and Technology Park of Incubator Companies Sponsored by UOK

No.	Company	Activity
25	Donyaye Kouchak Chabok Sam Developers	Information and Communication Technology and Computer Software
26	Kelid Tasvir Moteharrek	Other Advanced Products (Soft Technologies, Cultural Identity Makers and (Other Related Equipment
27	Rose Honey Production	Advanced Equipment of Laboratory, Manufacturing, and Production
28	Noavaran Rayanesh Amn	Information and Communication Technology and Computer Software
29	Pishro Zist Darman Pakan	Advanced Medicines
30	Arosak Moteharek Heja Arshia ((Heja Motion	Advanced Equipment of Laboratory, Manufacturing, and Production
31	Avang Negare Media	Other Advanced Products (Soft Technologies, Cultural Identity Makers and (Other Related Equipment
32	Sorina Borna Tech Ideas	Information and Communication Technology and Computer Software
33	Data Processing and Software Managing of Agan Zagros	Information and Communication Technology and Computer Software
34	Bavar System of Abidar	Information and Communication Technology and Computer Software
35	Kejva Rayane Kurdistan Taban	Information and Communication Technology and Computer Software
36	Media Tajhiz Shimi	Advanced Oil, Gas, Petrochemical and Filtration Equipment and Materials
37	Energy Saze Karino	Advanced Equipment of Laboratory, Manufacturing, and Production
38	Yekta Energy Sabz Kardo	New Energies
39	Noyan Roja	Other Advanced Products (Building and Housing, Road and Rail Construc- (tion, and Marine Technologies
40	Avin Kesht-o Sanat Abidar	(Other Advanced Products (Agriculture, Animal Husbandry and Medicinal Plants
41	Sanyar Fanavaran Maya	Information and Communication Technology and Computer Software
42	SAre Fanavaran Farday-e Abidar	Information and Communication Technology and Computer Software
43	Ide Agrin Location Finder	Information and Communication Technology and Computer Software
44	Raymon Fanafzar	Information and Communication Technology and Computer Software
45	Jarfa Shabake Sane	Information and Communication Technology and Computer Software
46	Rayan Pardaz Houshmand	Information and Communication Technology and Computer Software
47	Bazi Sazan Mehr Ofogh Homa	Other Advanced Products (Soft Technologies, Cultural Identity Makers and (Other Related Equipment
48	Pouya Rayanesh Atlas Raymand	Information and Communication Technology and Computer Software

Science and Technology Park of Incubator Companies Sponsored by UOK

No.	Company	Activity
49	Salamat Tajhiz Fanavar Nouri	Advanced Equipment of Laboratory, Manufacturing, and Production
50	Bonyan Danesh Darou Mad	Medical Equipment, Tools and Other Supplies
51	Andishe Nik Dadmehr Arvand	Other Advanced Products (Soft Technologies, Cultural Identity Makers and (Other Related Equipment
52	Arvin Pardis Avijeh Zakros	Information and Communication Technology and Computer Software
53	Rayaneh Negar Abidar of Kurdistan	Information and Communication Technology and Computer Software
54	Atashkadeh Houram Gharb	Information and Communication Technology and Computer Software
55	Mahboud Nouavaran Ideas	Information and Communication Technology and Computer Software
56	Pargar Data Process Analyzers	Information and Communication Technology and Computer Software
57	Ava Andish Roj Zagros	Information and Communication Technology and Computer Software
58	Bazyaft Sanat Koud Sabz Kurdistan	(Other Advanced Products (Agriculture, Animal Husbandry and Medicinal Plants
59	Jiran Danesh Pajouhan Fanavar	(Other Advanced Products (Agriculture, Animal Husbandry and Medicinal Plants
60	Glaris Sefr-o-Yek Communications	Information and Communication Technology and Computer Software

Entrepreneurship and Center for Relation with Industries:

The UOK Entrepreneurship Center was established in 04-2003 to implement the Karad Code (Entrepreneurship Development Plan for Iranian Universities) approved by the Ministry of Science and Research and Technology to expand the culture of entrepreneurship. Much of the center's activities focus on providing training and promotion courses requested by students, professors, or governmental and non-governmental organizations, inviting experts to conduct specialized educational and promotional seminars, and establishing links between entrepreneurs and organizations. As of September 2009, entrepreneurship groups were set up in departments and put on the agenda of the Entrepreneurship Center and faculties for new initiatives such as the Entrepreneurship -3credit courses, as well as sponsoring entrepreneurial theses for graduate students, mentoring and guiding other entrepreneurial ideas to grow richer by involving faculty members and students.

Due to the importance of interaction between the UOK and scientific and industrial centers, cooperation has been established in the framework of agreements with related organizations and companies. These interactions include project definitions, training and internship courses to better prepare and empower students.

Organizations and Companies Cooperating with UOK under Signed MoUs

No.	Organization/Institution	Location
1	Institute of Shakhes-Pajouh	Isfahan Province
2	Kurdistan Industrial Zones Company	Kurdistan Province
3	llam Gas Refinery	llam Province
4	Imam Khomeini Petrol Company of Shazand	Markazi Province
5	Kurdistan Power Distribution Company	Kurdistan Province
6	Kurdistan Shefa Company	Kurdistan Province
7	Kurdistan Gas Company	Kurdistan Province
8	Iran's Technical and Vocational Training Organization	MoU is signed at the level of country, but the place of execution is Kurdistan
9	Iran Construction Engineering Organization (IRCEO) of Kurdistan	Kurdistan Province
10	Pakara Company	Kurdistan Province
11	Barez Tire Factory	Kurdistan Province
12	Kurdistan Petrochemical Company	Kurdistan Province
13	Iranian Industry and Mining Home Training Center of Kurdistan	Kurdistan Province
14	Omid Financial Center	Kurdistan Province



Socio-Cultural Indices:

Universities are viewed as centers for the elite community of any society. Through nurturing these elites and guiding them into the society, universities enable the necessary changes to be made in accordance with priory-defined goals.

Today, in addition to its educational and research functions, the UOK has undertaken new tasks in the cultural and social fields, including the role of awareness raising and socialization. In other words, although the university strives to produce knowledge and educate professionals for future employment in the community, these norms, values, and beliefs must be internalized by students in a way that is appropriate to their future work environment.

In view of the social context of the community, students, regardless of their field of study, may need a set of skills and abilities such as collecting, organizing and analyzing information as well as planning and adjusting abilities, and improving cultural understanding, teamwork, technology usability, foreign language skills and the ability to communicate and exchange information. The cultural and social activities at universities, in their proper form, because of their specific characteristics, would provide the appropriate context for cultural and social development and consequently the comprehensive progress for the individual, the university and society.

Considering the aforementioned functions and the special place of universities in the development of any country and given the importance of culture and the undeniable role of social and extracurricular activities as informal training in attracting the gifted youth, developing capabilities and tools for improving learning conditions and enhancing experiences of the usefulness of academics highlight the importance of cultural and social activities in guiding students.

Numbers of Active Associations and Journals in 2018

No.	Туре	Number
1	Student Scientific Associations	67
2	Authorized Student Journals	134
3	Cultural and Social Clubs	24
4	Islamic Organizations	3



Numbers of Cultural and Social Programs and Activities in 2018

No.	Programs Implemented by	Numbers of Programs
1	Student Scientific Associations	424
2	Student Organizations	74
3	Cultural and Social Clubs	133
4	Student Journals	56
5	Festivals and Conferences	94
6	Student Debates	15
7	Pilgrimage Camps, Sightseeing and Book Fairs	27
8	Total number of cultural and educational programs	845

Number of Cultural Awards in 2018

No.	Title	Level
1	First place – Hooneh Journal in the 11th Titr Festival	National
2	Appreciation – Ronahi Journal in Harakat National Festival	National
3	Appreciation –Vortex Journal in Harakat National Festival	National
4	Selected by Entrepreneurship Club in Entrepreneurship Section	National
5	Selected by Tourism Club in Tourism Section	National
6	Selected by Theatre Club in the Premier Idea Section	National







Student Indices:

In each training center, student welfare is an important element sometimes interpreted as a privilege and considered as an index of quality of service. The UOK is required by law to implement the provision of welfare mechanisms using its state-allocated budget resources, and in this respect, it provides students with certain facilities such as student residences, student loans, boarding, as well as sports and leisure facilities.

In the current situation, regarding the limited resources and special conditions of universities, many government training centers are usually reluctant to even offer these facilities and inevitably accept special conditions. The UOK, despite the budgetary constraints and the expansion of its educational and research centers, has been able to offer many services in the field and even, in some cases, has exceeded its designated limitation, which is a significant score in terms of student well-being.

Student Accommodation:

In 2018, the university granted dormitory permits to 100 percent of those applying for student accommodation. A total of 2,577 female students and 2,079 male students have been allowed to reside in the dormitories, a marked growth compared to 2017.

Another student dormitory is now in the process of construction to improve the welfare services of the university, which is also seeking to provide suitable accommodation for married applicants.

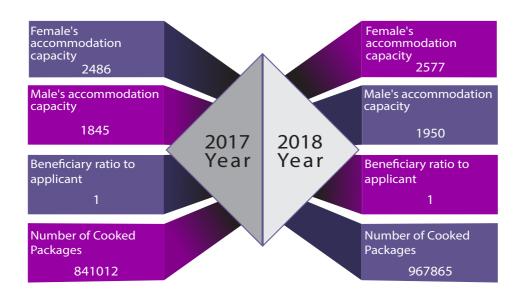
Student Food:

The UOK is currently equipped with two self-service halls, each with their own segregated sections for female and male students. In all student dorms, dinner is served regularly. In 2017, the UOK self-service recorded having served 841,020 packages, a figure that reached 1,160,845 in 2018, marking a 25% jump.

Data on Student Loans

Year	Number of Cooked Packages	Number of Wasted Packages
2017	841012	-
2018	1160854	-

Data on Student Dorms





Student Loan:

Ā fund called Student Welfare Fund has been established by the UOK to help boost the less financially-capable students. The welfare fund is supplied by government assistance, bank loans, income from investment excess funds, donations from individuals and legal entities, funds reproduced from debtors' repayments, and renting out of government-owned dormitories.

The UOK is one of the universities offering student loan services in line with its large student population. Accordingly, in 2018, an amount of 55,811,038,900 Rials in loans was allocated to 7,958 applicants. The figure shows that all applicants meeting the qualifications have been granted the loan. In addition, the UOK Professors' Cooperative Fund offers gratuitous loans to a large number of financially weak but qualified students every half year.

Meanwhile, the UOK currently has 18 blind students who are provided with free provisions including accommodation, food, counseling and sports facilities.

Data on Student Loans

Year	Number of Loan Receiving Students	Total Value of Paid Loans (IRR)
2017	8271	77570357400
2018	8124	55811038900

Data on Student Gratuitous Loans

Year	Number of Loan Receiving Students	Total Value of Paid Loans (IRR)
2018	150	40000000



The UOK's Health and Counseling Center

The Student Counseling Center is one of the academic units created to promote health and increase the level of happiness and problem solving for students. As peace and a safety feeling are basic human needs for success in educational, psychological and social contexts, the Counseling Center strives to facilitate and enhance the UOK students' social and psychological maturity. In fact, the Counseling Center is seeking to tackle mental and social problems and illnesses, treating psychological issues, and enhancing self-awareness and faith in personal capabilities.

Services Provided by the UOK Health and Counseling Center

No.	Major	Year	Number of Clients	Number of Sessions
4	Psychoanalysis	2018	519	876
1		2017	989	2972
2	Constitution	2018	2052	2698
2	Consultation	2017	1776	4886
3		2018	138	173
	Social Working	2017	482	703
4	Davidsiatus.	2018	186	381
4	Psychiatry	2017	251	512
5	Psychometrics	2018	107	111
		2017	233	249
	Referred to Workshops	2018	2860	131
6		2017	3324	208

UOK Health and Counseling Center's Honors

Year	Honor
2016-17	Top Counseling Center in Iran
2017-18	Exemplary Counseling Center in Iran

Since the 2018 academic year, the Center's Health Unit has been activated, and physician, midwifery and environmental health professionals have been added to the health sector and with the dedicated spaces provided. The services offered by the unit during the academic year are as follows:

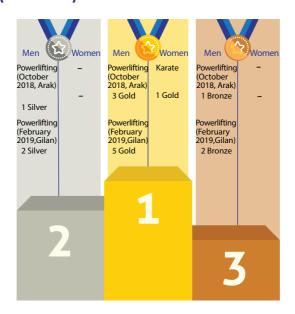
- 2,000 clients checked up by physicians
- 1400 clients checked up by midwives
- 18 visits to dormitories
- 2 visits to beauty salons
- 4 samplings, inspections and visits to the university bakeries
- 8 visits to university cafeterias
- 2 cases of water sampling from university water distribution network and delivery from water lab
- 1 visit to the university kindergarten

Sports Programs:

Number of Medals Grabbed by Students in the 14th Sport Olympiad (Shiraz University, (August 2018



Number of the Medals Grabbed by Students in the National Sport Competitions (2018-19)







Statistics and Developmental Indices:

One of the key challenges facing higher education in the present era is coordinating financial, physical and human resources of the universities and institutes of higher education and optimizing the available capabilities for the purpose of higher productivity. Therefore, to achieve this goal, it is important to plan and evaluate the continuous activities and programs of different departments and areas of the university. On the other hand, since a task approach in management systems destroys the flexibility and dynamics of the organization, it is necessary to pursue a process that focuses on output and an effective outcome from all aspects of academic management. Accordingly, the university's strategic plan in administrative and financial sectors is in line with the following key points:

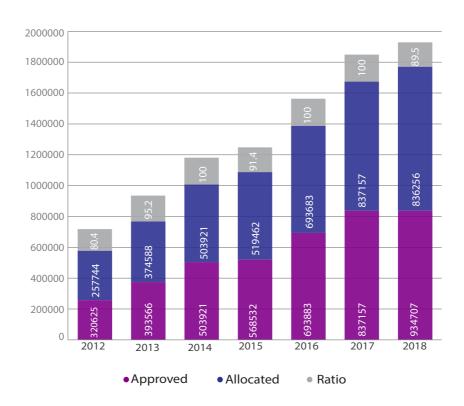
- 1) Improving the quality and empowerment of the university's human resources through targeted training and on-the-job courses
- 2) Organizing human resources, improving organizational structure, and enhancing staff motivation and
- 3) Purposeful maintenance and development of physical spaces and improvement of the inter-university transportation fleet
- 4) Documenting, monitoring and improving activities and processes and developing electronic systems
- 5) Increasing organizational health and transparency, managing resources and diversifying revenue sources and attracting good partnerships and developing green management practices.

For any institution, especially governmental agencies, despite of the duties they are responsible for, financial issues are highly sensitive and influential in their business processes. Because of the dependence of government institutions, including universities in Iran, on government resources in terms of the amount of funding required and the budget allocated, many of the issues and indices of university development depend on this. In this regard, in recent years the University of Kurdistan, despite the additional revenues it has received, still relies heavily on the government budget.

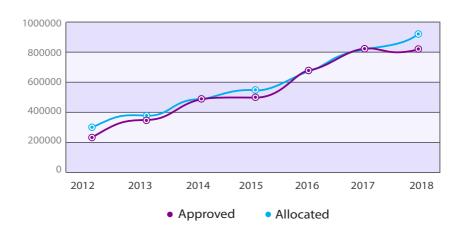
As it can be seen in the tables and diagrams below, the university approved budget was 934707 million IRR in 2018, which, despite an increase of approximately 140,000 million IRR compared to 2017, since it was not completely unallocated, the allocated budget is almost equal to the amount allocated in 2017.

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University Expenditure (Million IRR)

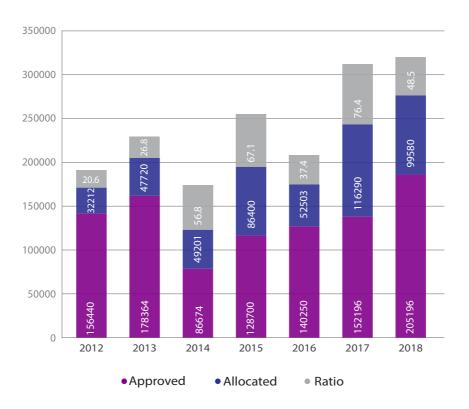


Expenditure status in recent 7 years (Million IRR)



In the process of expanding newly established universities, the inclusion of activities and assignments that take a lot of time and management power, are key factors that have to do with physical development. In Iran, most mother universities are located in the provincial capitals, which is a major problem for high-cost construction and acquisition of assets. The UOK has made significant progress in the past two years in the area of approved creditors, but as shown in the following table, the amount of credit allocation of capital assets indicates a ratio of 76 percent for the year 2017 and 48 percent for the year 2018, which still marks some progress compared to previous years.

The Amount of the Credit of the University Capital Assets (Million IRR)



Graph on UOK approved and allocated capital assets in 2012-2018 (Million rials)



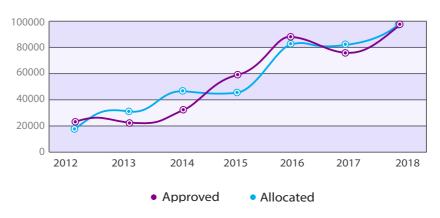
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Diversification mechanisms for sustainable income sources and reducing the full dependence of universities on state budget have been among the policies of the Ministry of Commerce in recent years. Therefore, it is necessary for universities, based on the ministry's macroeconomic policies, to explore the strengths and weaknesses, adopt appropriate strategies to improve the performance of their current processes, while enhancing private-sector partnerships and expanding constructive interactions with other institutions and agencies. Executing and optimizing the opportunities and advantages should also focus on attracting benefactors as well as useful assets. In addition, there should be targeted comprehensive programs to expand applied research and increase the quantitative and qualitative research contracts and development of university relations with the society and industry and to create an environment where the university plays an effective social role. The following table and chart present the amount of approved and proved university-specific revenues in the past years:

University Dedicated Incomes (Million IRR)

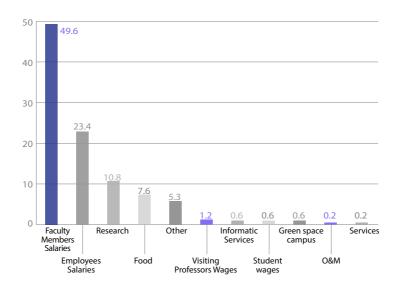


The Amount of Dedicated University Income over the Past Y Years in Million IRR



As mentioned earlier, the provision of specialized staffing services in university development and management and promotion of resources by employing the most efficient management systems and methods, and making good use of the central role of human resources in achieving the overall goals of the university, are the most important responsibilities of the university in developmental matters. Therefore, the UOK, in line with the general policies of the Ministry of Commerce, while implementing and trying to strengthen and consolidate the accrual accounting system and the ongoing oversight of the handling of bills, documents and financial reports, has established an operational or performance-based budgeting system. It is also on the UOK's agenda to be pursued by the end of 2020. Therefore, it is necessary to estimate the cost of activities based on the definition of current plans and activities of the university and the cost centers on micro and macro scales. The table below shows the percentage of university expenses divided by cost centers in 2018.

percentage of university expenses divided by cost centers in 2018





The administrative and financial vice-chancellorship, as one of UOK's five vice-chancellorships on the university organizational chart, has the largest human resources, playing a leading role in promoting service and supporting the university's current processes. Among the most important factors that play a strategic part in achieving the university's goals set by the strategic plan are efficient, specialized and motivated human resources in various job positions. The following tables and charts show the distribution of staff divided by the type of employment, qualification and gender in 2018-19

Distribution of Staff Divided by Type of Employment and Degree in 2017-18

	PhD	MA/MSc	BA/BSc and Below	Total
Permanent	3	44	56	103
Contract-based	0	8	20	28
Temporary	1	29	57	87
Corporate	0	6	242	248
Total	4	87	375	466

Chart of Staff Divided by Degree

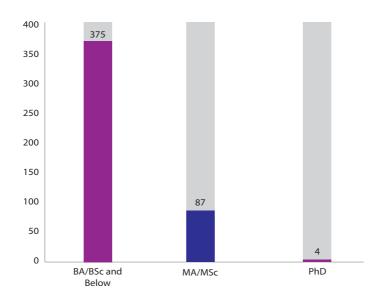
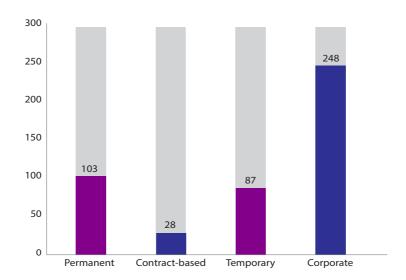


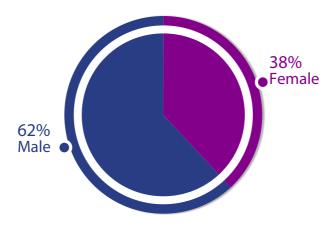
Chart of Staff Divided by Type of Employment



Distribution of Staff (Contract-based, Temporary and Permanent) Divided by Gender and Degree

	PhD	MA/MSc BA/BSc and Below		
Female	1	22	60	83
Male	3	59	73	135
Total	4	81	133	218

Distribution of Staff (Contract-based, Temporary and Permanent) Divided by Gender



In implementing the provisions of the Staff Recruitment Code, the UOK has been conducting short-term training courses in the fields of occupation, specialty, public and management for its permanent, contract-based and temporary staff in an effort to boost their competence, skills, and abilities.

Educational Workshops Held by the University Divided by the Permanent, Contract-based and Temporary Staff

Type of Workshop	Number of Workshops	Total Hours	Number of Participants	
Occupational	22	214	52	518
General	24	240	458	4177
Administrative	23	218	272	2376
Total	69	672	782	7071

Budget and Inventory:

In universities and research and educational centers, allocating funds to different departments in a balanced and proportionate way is always one of their most important concerns since lack of proper equity and equilibrium in the allocation of resources, in addition to causing problems and impeding quantitative and qualitative upgrades for each of the concerned sectors, will lead to an uneven growth of system components. Therefore, providing a suitable and optimal budget for different parts of the system is a necessity, and balancing these sectors with respect to the optimal allocation of funds is a more important need. In this regard, the UOK, as a newly established and developing university, always attaches great importance to the various departments of the university both in terms of optimal cost and balancing these resources, and has always exercised high sensitivity for its realization. In the current year, as it can be seen, over 1,000 billion rials has been approved for all activities and departments of the university, about 85% of which has already been allocated. But since the UOK is new in terms of development and substructure and allocates a significant portion of its funds each year to its internal growth, much effort is being made to develop the substructures. Other important issues in budget allocation are cultural, educational and research topics. The following table exhibits the status of the 2018 spending budget at different UOK departments.

UOK Budget in Different Sections Divided by the Approved and Assigned Amount in 2018 (in Million IRR)

Year	2018			
Sections	Approved budget	Assigned budget		
Educational	672467	633198		
Research	108286	66875		
Student	118432	85591		
Cultural	21523	17755		
Civil	70156	70196		

Nowadays, competition in the national and international arena requires bold decisions of managers and the acceptance of responsibility for those decisions. Under such circumstances, gaining financial independence and reducing dependence on state budget minimizes the risk of such decisions. The UOK has also devoted one of its most important academic strategies, both at the micro and macro levels to financial independence along with a security margin that guarantees the power to compete in different fields.

In recent years, there has been a considerable increase in dedicated revenues through education and research. Special attention has been paid to the admission of international students, the promotion of academic diplomacy, the launch of virtual education, organizing congresses, scientific conferences, seminars and workshops as well as awarding research contracts, publications, etc. The following table shows the specific revenues in 2018 divided by sector.

University's Income in Different Sectors in 2018 (in Million IRR)

Year Sections	2018
Income of the faculties and affiliated centers	50340
Research centers, business incubator entrepreneurship and publications	15316
Student	19602
Developmental, etc.	7121

Civil Statistics and Indices:

A key index included in any university's developmental assessment has to do with the civil factor. The UOK is one of the biggest universities in Iran in terms of centrality of departments, physical spaces, available areas and the student population. The university has a total area of 173.575 hectares, of which 94.5 hectares is on the central campus, while the rest is on satellite campus (sponsored by the university). Despite its limited funding, over the last two decades, the university has been making continuous efforts toward building and expand its spaces and increasing construction projects, with new departments, research centers, sports welfare and complexes, and other necessary spaces. The process continued in 2018 and many efforts continue to be made in this regard. In short, as shown in the table below, there is also an area of 36098 square for projects already constructed or under construction, including the Faculty of Natural Resources with an area of 4850 square meters and a 25-classroom building with an area of 4025 square meters. The student dormitory covers an area of 6427 square meters for male students, a dormitory of 5,000 square meters for female students, a central library of 4900 square meters, and the entrance and dining room of the female students' dormitory complex in 699 square meters. It is expected that through the provision of physical spaces and meeting the standards, the UOK will in the coming year be able to spend the allocated costs on development of the civil spaces and other developmental indices to witness both qualitative and quantitative enrichment in all sectors.

Main campus map



University Campuses:

No.	Title	Space (hectare)
1	Main campus	5/94
2	Satellite campuses	795/78
3	Saqqez campus	0/2
4	Qorveh campus	78/5
5	Bijar campus	18/3
6	Baneh campus	8/0
7	Dehgolan campus	7/55
8	Doushan campus	7/10
9	Separate dormitory campuses	635/0
10	Parvin E'tesami dormitory campus	28/0
11	Rental spaces (near to airport)	28

National Projects Under Construction or Feasibility Study

No.	Title of project	Area (quarter meters)	Percentage of progression
1	Faculty of Natural Resources	4850	94
2	25-member class	4025	90
3	Athletic Club Number 4	1697	94
4	Student Dormitory for International Students	3052	89
5	Student Dormitory for male students	3375	63
6	Student Dormitory for female students (Bonyad-e 15 Khordad)	5000	45
7	Central Library	4900	6
8	Faculty of Mines and Industries in Qorveh	5000	52
9	Faculty of Natural Resources and Agriculture	3500	28
10	Reading Room and Self-Service	699	51
	Total	36098	



International Activities:

Today, with the massive boom of knowledge and the development of international views and thinking at universities, one of the most important areas of scientific progress for any educational institution is the expansion of international activities. This communication consists of a wide range of fields from knowledge management to student and professor exchanges in various fields of science. In this regard, the UOK, in the present circumstances and despite the existing limitations, has taken giant steps in the field of international activities. As a result, in recent years, the provision of academic facilities for students of neighboring countries has been among top priorities for leading universities. Based on the evaluation of universities in international scientific activities, the UOK was ranked as the top among Iran's mother universities in 2017. In 2018, along with six other universities, the UOK was recognized as a university on the right path to success. The university's international activities are not only focused on the mentioned areas, but also include joint projects in the form of international plans, professor-student exchange programs, international seminars, workshops and joint conferences, and so etc. in what follows, further explanation on the importance of these activities will be given.

International Students:

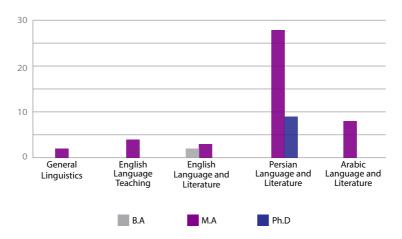
One of the UOK's strategic plans is to attract international students. In recent years, the growing activities of the university, such as enhancing scientific communication with other academic centers abroad, conducting joint projects, holding international seminars and conferences, and signing international MoUs aimed at introducing its potentials in the region and the global level have attracted more and more students, mostly from neighboring countries. The international admission program was officially launched in 2015-16 starting with the entry of 8 students. There are 287 international students studying at the UOK mostly from Iraq, Afghanistan and Syria. The UOK plans to continue the process of admitting international students in the coming years and to attract students of different nationalities. The data on the international students is presented on the basis of different indices below.

Data on International Students Divided by Academic Level and Gender

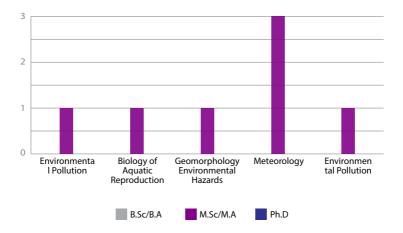
Numbers of Stud	•	Numbers of Students Divided by Academic Level			Total Number
Male	Female	BA/BSc	MA/MSc	PhD	207
248	39	12	257	18	287

Numbers of International Students Divided by Faculty

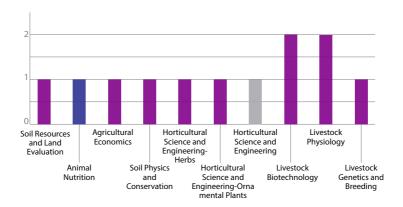
Faculty of Foreign Languages and Literatures



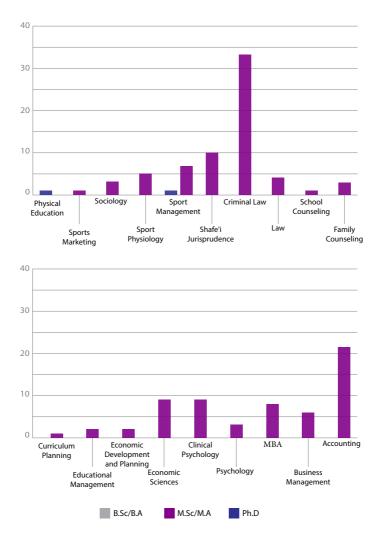
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Faculty of Agriculture

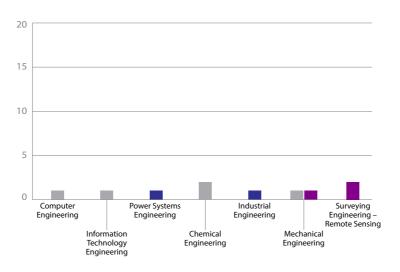


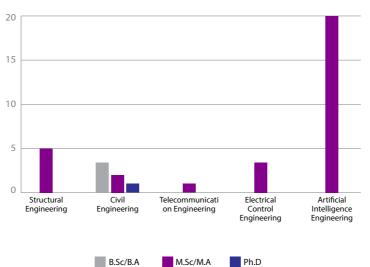
Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences



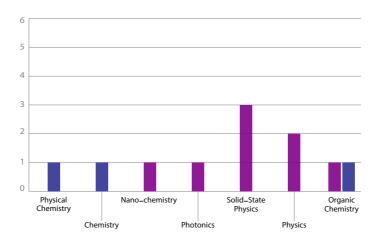


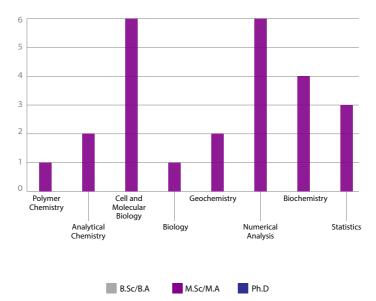
Faculty of Engineering





Faculty of Sciences





Numbers of Foreign Graduates

Total Number of Graduates	Numbers of Graduate	es Divided by Gender
iotal number of Graduates	Female	Male
17	2	15

Student / Professor / Staff exchange programs:

In order to enhance international cooperation and exchange scientific experiences with other prestigious universities and institutes around the world, the UOK has been particularly pursuing international student, professor, and staff exchange programs in 2017. Sponsored by various European grants such as Erasmus Plus, the UOK has also invested on one-week study opportunities for faculty and staff members to present or benefit from a specialized subject in a workshop at the destination university. Students can also study for one or two semesters at the other party university. In 2018, 14 students from the UOK were dispatched to European universities as part of the program.

Statistics of UOK Exchange Programs in 2018

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Type of exchange	No.	Origin	Origin	Destination	Destination University	Duration	Level o	-	Gender	
Program		Country	University	Country			BA N	ΛA	F	M
	7	Iran	University of Kurdistan	Spain	University of Jaen	5 months	3	4	6	1
Student	3	Iran	University of Kurdistan	France	ICD International Business School Paris	3 months	2	1	0	3
	4	Iran	University of Kurdistan	Austria	FH Joanneum University of Applied Sciences	5 months	0	4	2	2
	2	Iran	University of Kurdistan	France	ICD International Business School Paris		Education Science		0	2
Professor	1	France	ICD Interna- tional Business School Paris	Iran	University of Kurdistan	1 month	Manage ment an Marketir	ıd	1	0
	1	Austria	FH Joanneum University of Applied Sciences	Iran	University of Kurdistan		Electrica Engineeri		0	1
Staff	2	Iran	University of Kurdistan	Spain	University of Jaen	1 month	Internatio Relation		0	2



International Projects:

Among Iranian universities, the UOK is one of the leading scientific institutions in attracting international grants. UOK professors and staff constantly collaborate with different universities around the world on various subjects. The following table describes the projects in detail.

Data on International Projects and Grants

Title of the financial supporting program	Title of project	Duration of project	Amount of grant	Form of grant	Project Partners
Erasmus+ KA107- Capacity Building program	Internationalization of postgraduate stud- ies in Iran	3 years (2015-18)	million 1 Euros	Assisting development of International cooperation, organizing conferences, seminars, and educational workshops	University of Kurdistan In association with 3 European universities (Alicante university, FH Joanneum, Glasgow Caledonian University), and 5 Iranian Universities (Allameh Tabatabaei, Shiraz, Shahid Chamran, Sistan and Balouchestan and Ferdowsi University)
Fund for supporting researchers and China's academy of science	Applicability of the novel joint ap- proaches in artificial intelligence for evalu- ating flood sensitivity in different areas and climates through GIS and Remote Assess- ing (Iran and China)	3 years	1800000000 IRR	Executing joint research projects	Dr. Hemin Shahabi (Assistant professor of Geomorphology at Faculty of Natural Resources)
The Swiss universities Development and Cooperation Network (SUDAC) programme	COFER MOOLs: Massive Open Online Laboratories	2 years	1200000 Swiss francs	Granting four complexes of laboratories of solar panels and providing internet access for laboratories of the universities of EPFL and HES-SO of Switzerland	Dr. Qobad Shafiee (Assistant Professor, Department of Electrical Engineering)—in associa- tion with the universities of EPFL and HES- SO of Switzerland and Nigerian universities

Data on International Projects and Grants

Title of the financial supporting program	Title of project	Duration of project	Amount of grant	Form of grant	Project Partners
MEXT Grant-in-Aid for Scientific Re- search on Innovative Areas (Research in a proposed research area) 2018-22	The mutual develop- ment and friction be- tween water, soil and cities in ancient west Asia and the origin of urban mines	5 years (2018-23)	27716000 Japanese yens	Executing joint research projects	Dr. Hossein Azizi (Professor of Department of Geology- Petrology, Faculty of Engineering)
British Academy	Strengthening Urban Engagement of Uni- versities in Asia and Africa (SUEUAA)	1 year	299000 Pound	8000 pounds as a travel and accommodation cost for work- shops	Dr. Nematollah Azizi, Ms. Lamia Hashemi, Dr. Parviz Kafcheh, Ali Amani, Dr. Amjad Ze- bar-Dast—In cooperation with the University of Glasgow (England), University of Johannes- burg (South Africa), Uni- versity of Dar El-Salaam (Tanzania), University of Zimbabwe, University of Duhok (Iraq) and Normal University of Philippine
Global Challenges Research Fund-Scottish Fund- ing Council (UK)	Workers by Self-Design: Digital Literacies and Women's Changing Roles in Unstable Environments	6 months	29029 Pound	Travel and accommodation costs for two workshop sessions	Ms. Lamia Hashemi, Sayed Mohammad Taher Hossaini, and Dr. Farzad Eskandari—In coopera- tion with University of Glasgow and Normal University of Philippine

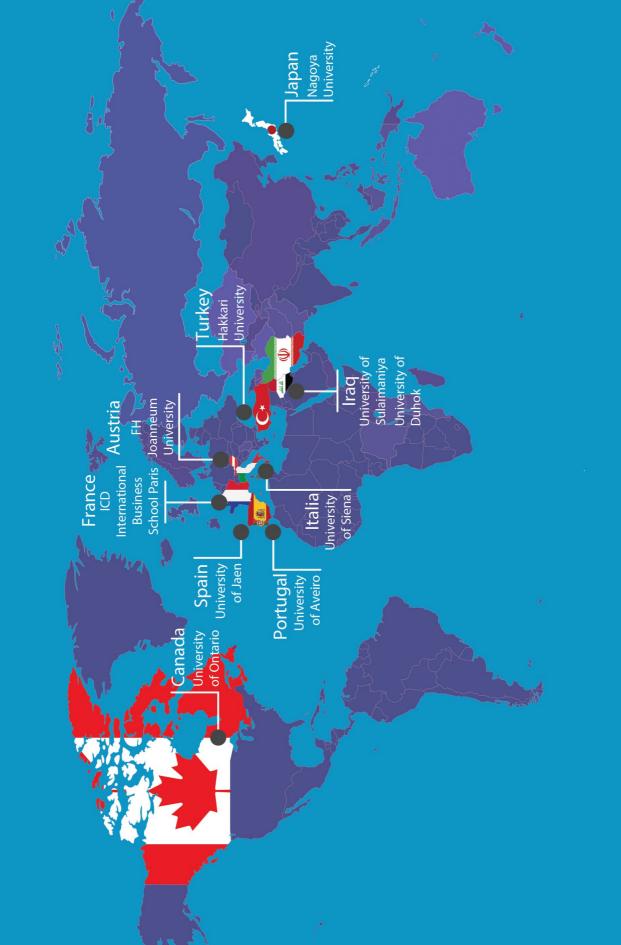
MoUs (Memorandum of Understanding):

Memorandums of Understanding enable the establishment and strengthening of the educational and research connections of the UOK with other world universities. The university's stated goals are to reach agreements in several areas, including promoting scientific-research communication, transferring scientific-educational experiences, conducting joint projects, holding seminars, courses and workshops, as well as expanding and facilitating the student/professor/staff exchange program. The table below provides the list of the signed MoUs in 2018 with the specific details.

List of the Signed MoUs in 2018

No.	Country	Faculty or Department of the Signee	UOK Faculty or Department	Signing Date
1	Iraq	Cihan University of Sulaimaniya	University of Kurdistan	March 2018
2	Iraq	University of Duhok	University of Kurdistan	February 2019
3	Turkey	Hakkari University	University of Kurdistan	October 2018
4	France	ICD International Business School Paris	University of Kurdistan	September 2018
5	Japan	Materials and Systems Institute of Nagoya University	Faculty Engineering	July 2018
6	Canada	University of Ontario Institute of Technology (UOIT)	University of Kurdistan	July 2018
7	Italia	University of Siena	University of Kurdistan	November 2018
8	Portugal	University of Aveiro	University of Kurdistan	January 2019







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