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Dear Dr. Hamarash:

This letter is written to express support for the proposed joint Ph.D. supervision program between Salahaddin University and the University of Florida (UF). The particular project entitled "Design and Analysis of Tensegrity Mechanisms" will be assigned to Professor Carl Crane who will act as the graduate supervisor for the Ph.D. student. He will also act as host during the student's one year period of enrollment here at UF. Further, our Department agrees to provide necessary access to the UF library and other needed laboratories and facilities during the period of this program. In addition, the Achievement Award is available provided the program requirements are met by the joint PhD program. The AA program provides a discounted tuition rate for the first 30 student credit hours.

I look forward to initiating this interaction between our universities. I believe that it will be productive and beneficial to all involved in the program.

Sincerely,



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