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of Iraqi students in Archaeology and Cultural Heritage



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THE INTEGRATION OF INTERNSHIP PROGRAMS WITHIN THE IRAQI EDUCATION SYSTEM



Issue: The critical condition of employability for the Iraqi students after the completion of their educational path, especially in the field of Humanities, hinder the construction of a solid society. In detail, the absence of opportunities to gain practical experience in the job market through internships represents a considerable disadvantage in comparison to European universities, for instance.

Course of action: The Ministry of Higher Education and Scientific Research (MOHERS) is committed to implement the compulsory adoption and integration of internships within the educational path of Iraqi students. For this reason, the creation of a national framework for internships, to be adopted and ratified by Iraqi universities, represents an unprecedented opportunity to create an efficient university-enterprise cooperation. The MOHERS recommends Iraqi universities to frame the internship programs within their operational structure and to give the opportunity for application to all the interested students.

Suggestions: The MOHERS recommends Iraqi universities integrating internship programs within their educational offer to bridge the gap between them and the public and private sector by all means, organising events and workshops to define a cooperation network with national and international companies. The constant expansion of this network is fundamental to offer new opportunities and providing their students with the necessary knowledge to enter the job market.

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