WALADU project Training Program for Junior Researcher

KOÇ UNIVERSITY

FINAL REPORT

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First /Academic activities carried out at the host university

In this training course was obtained lectures, knowledge and experience of scientific and field variety in the field of archaeology and scientific research, the most important experiences gained from this training course can be summarized:

- 1- Professional writing CV and motivational letters for various purposes.
- 2- Preparing and organizing the syllabus for one semester divided by fifteen weeks.
- 3- Introduction to pottery and the possibility of analysis and types and applications in the field of archeology of different ages as well as knowledge of the methods of manufacture in every period.
- 4- Introduction to ceramics, petrography, characteristics and raw materials used in its repair and restoration.
- 5- Learn about the latest teaching and learning methods in () such as interactive test programs and web lectures.
- 6- Utilizing the services of the KOÇ UNIVERSITY Library, which is rich in the latest sources of books and scientific journals, as well as books and electronic research provided by the portal of the Office, which provides access to Hundreds of scientific journals and important publishing houses.
- 7- Practical knowledge of pottery and ceramic analysis using microscope and other modern techniques.
- 8- Knowledge of the most important applications of GIS programs in archeology.
- 9- Intensive lectures on the possibilities and methods of including archaeological and cultural sites on the World Heritage List, as well as learning to fill documents for various grants.
- 10- Learn to write academic research in English and its importance in scientific research and publication in international scientific journals.
- 11- Access to research methods and academic development strategies and operation of students and prepare them for the labor market.
- 12- Access to roads and the possibility of publishing in International journals with impact factor.
- 13- Visit many museums, research centers and sites of archaeological and cultural heritage in Turkey.
- 14- Intensive lectures were given on the Anatolian archeology, the ages and characteristics of each period and its relation to other civilizations.
- 15- It has been identified on the religious heritage of the Byzantine and features the most important Buildings to now, and the relationship of the Byzantine Empire and their environment experienced by the eccentric and the most important advantages.
- 16- The preparation of a syllabus for one semester in the subject of GIS for MBA students In the Department of Archaeology.

Second /my stay at the host university

I have been very rich in the experience of the KOÇ UNIVERSITY since it has been able to provide me with a wide range of services such as public services and distinctive infrastructure, as well as distinguished scientific and administrative services represented by professional and scientific staff who have harnessed all their potential for the success of the training course through continuous follow-up And to be committed to the specific method according to the specified time and through interaction and communication with the participants directly or through other means of communication, On the personal level, this course also stimulated me to further develop my English language to serve the development of the possibilities of scientific research and communication with the developed world through participation in training courses, conferences, symposia and seminars.

Third /Returning to my home country

This course, which is unique and diverse in its scientific and cognitive material, has given me the opportunity to draw up new plans at the personal and academic level at the level of the academic institution in which I work. It is possible to apply most of the course curriculum according to the possibilities available in my country from the development of skills Scientific research and self-development to develop and modernize the scientific curricula and methods of teaching to achieve the maximum benefit to the student scientifically and practically by linking it to the labor market and the skills to qualify and increase the demand for it.

On this basis, it is necessary to continuously develop and update the curricula in accordance with the rapid technological development in archeology and the introduction of technical and practical subjects in parallel with the classical theoretical subjects, as well as to educate students about the effectiveness of their specialization and the necessity of their knowledge of ways to market themselves in the labor market.

The professor must develop his skills and thus develop the student's skills to use modern technology in teaching and learning, such as the use of electronic tests and dissemination of lectures on the Internet.

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Candidate's name:

Moamel Saleem Azeez Merzah

Home University:

University of Kufa

Host University:

University of Koc

Senior or Junior Mobility:

Junior

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1. Academic activities carried out at the host university

Please give a brief description of the academic activities performed at the host university and the knowledge received thanks to the training emphasizing on your performance and the outcomes. The answer should be at least 3000 characters.

Napoleon said if the world was one country I will make Istanbul its capital and I would say if the entire world was one university I will make Koc its capital university. In fact there may be something of an exaggeration in this saying since there are certainly universities that resemble, better and bigger than Koc university of the world. Although I had a previous training opportunity of 70 days in Stone Brok University in Amman under the supervision of the American University, it was in 2004 and the training was not in a university.

This is the first time in my life that I get a book from the library without confining to anyone and get it at any time of the day and on any day of the week. These advanced systems in the management of libraries are not present with regret in the Iraqi universities as we still take a lot of time to get information or book. All of this introduction is a reflection of my successful experience, which I have experienced in Koc university.

In the field of academic activities carried out in the university, it was in general a variety and different, including academic lectures, including visits to laboratories as well as field visits to archaeological sites, visiting museums and attending seminars, all of which were in favor of developing my training capabilities and expanding my awareness. In the field of lectures, for example, the first lecture was how to study the psychology of the student and how to deal with the psychological student and how to encourage the student and training to manage time, etc., which is in the interest of students, which we teach in Iraqi universities also.





And the other important thing that I learned and I was not previously interested in, was the motivation letter and academic writing and the method of writing and attention to them where the lectures were intensive and varied.

I also have to remember Kolt lectures here. They were taught by different and efficient professors, but in principle they are similar to the development centers of professors in Iraq with the difference in the use of technology. Through training at the University of Koc I gained a new idea for the good use of mobile by the student through the use of Mobile applications for students in electronic exams and other applications, Such as the optimal use of the PowerPoint program and its applications in the mobile phone. This is in addition to other electronic applications. In addition to the new teaching methods and experiences gained through lectures (such as dividing students into small groups, the style of intellectual question,.. etc).

One of the important things that I learned in this course is how to get grants.

In the field of cultural heritage, the Iraqi heritage is in constant danger and is in a frightening decline. As specialists, we are in constant need of international support, so the special lectures in the field of grants have been very useful and I will start trying to write a project and get a grant once I return home.

In my field of expertise, many knowledge skills have been acquired. For the first time I discovered that there is a science called ceramic science Petrography, which is an important science for me as the archaeological sites of Iraq is full of huge pottery and various types, which are always need to document.

Knowing how to write the syllabus to divide it into the course and using the modern methods in this subject. In addition to discovering the secrets of writing in English and it is the shortest and best language to write the research.

One of the other things that I have benefited from is the fact that I met Professor Filiz in Ankara, where her lectures were very useful because the lectures were in my specialist.

I would also like to mention the presence of the anthropologist and my visit to the laboratory in Ankara, which is an important experiment for me. This science is urgently needed in Iraq, since many skeletons are extracted from archeological sites, but unfortunately they are not maintained, studied and neglected.

In the tours field and attending seminars and conferences, the program was very good. Professor Çiğdem accompanied us in the city of Konya and visited many Islamic sites and saw many Islamic architecture styles, especially the Seljuk style, and visited many museums. One of these Seljuk buildings was maintained and transformed into the institutional state that concerned of heritage reservation. Also seeing the process of documentation and digital survey of heritage buildings in the city of Konya.

This is in addition to our tour in the Ereğli city and tack a knowledge about the project of Professor Çiğdem and the survey conducted there. In the field of seminars, I attended more than a special symposium in the field of archeology, the most important of which was the symposium held at the Anamid Center on the applications of GIS in Archeology. Here, I have to talk about the center of Anamid and the library which is one of the important centers specialized in archeology and we have had the opportunity to see and work in it. A country such as Iraq - with such a cultural depth - must establish a center that resembles this center.

I also had the opportunity at the Koc university to learn about the heritage of Byzantium and that purview in Iraq is not available

This is the first time that we have had the opportunity to visit the church and the mosque of Hagia Sophia and to learn about such a heritage and the time of Anatolia.





2. Your stay at the host university

Please describe your stay and personal experience at the host university, e.g. interaction with local staff including fellow professors and researchers. <u>The answer</u> should be at least 1000 characters.

The staff and cooperation of the staff is very excellent, especially Mrs. Burcu Sarsılmaz, Mr. Mirt and all the professors and researchers who cooperated with us and gave us various insights as qualified and good professors and we benefited a great deal from them and their style and management time and lectures.

But I have been greatly influenced by Dr. Çiğdem, she has a special style in time management as well as the management of the training course. She is a good follow-up and give us a special attention and we have a beautiful days and benefited from the excellent scientific experience, especially in the field tours that we have in the city of Konya. Where the city has many museums and Islamic mosques very magnificence and beauty is close to the specialty of Islamic monuments as well as our tour in **Ellery** the beautiful city of.

I cannot fail to mention our tour with Professor Filiz in Ankara.

3. Returning to your home country

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In the area of the third axis is the important - what after or what I will do after returning home. First of all, I would like to say that the way I thought differed in my field of work, in terms of time management, preparation of lectures and the use of modern techniques in lectures. Such as the use of special scientific applications on the mobile and try to change the use of bad mobile students to use the best. Despite the existence of all obstacles, as well as the lack of infrastructure that helps in the application of these techniques in Iraq, I will certainly try to apply all that I have learned from this workshop in my working life.

As well as the use of modern methods in teaching and try to reverse them in my lectures.

This is in addition to the attempt to pump the modern information and advanced technologies that I have seen at the Koc University and to inform the students such as the science of petrography.

I hereby certify that all of th	e information I ha	ve provided is complete and t	true.
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I hereby confirm and approv	e the report provi	ded by the grantee.	

Date WALADU SUPERVISOR

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Candidate's name:

Noor Nasser Abdul Wahid Alwaely

Home University:

University of Baghdad

Host University:

Koc University

Senior or Junior Mobility:

Junior Mobility

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1. Academic activities carried out at the host university

Please give a brief description of the academic activities performed at the host university and the knowledge received thanks to the training emphasizing on your performance and the outcomes. The answer should be at least 3000 characters.

The Waladu training program was very inspirational, energizing, bringing lots of ideas, eye-opening with both substantial and in-depth knowledge together with case studies, learning from experience and being fully practice-oriented. Catered to all levels, which was good for those just starting out and those with more experience in Archaeology. Covered fieldwork, laboratory analysis and conservation, artefact studies, and theoretical, synthetic, and analytical work across a range of perspectives.

The Workshops was the best I have ever attended. The venue, materials and facilitation was excellent. Very much liked the approach. Also liked the fact that time management was excellent - sessions and days were not too long, as often happens in these sort of workshops. Well-balanced composition of participants, which contributed to interesting and focused discussions and exchanges in a very positive way. Waladu training was customized to my needs. I'm very pleased with how training dealt with our exceptional circumstances.

Instructors were excellent, combining theory and examples from the field and extracting the valid points from the different contributions from the group. Remarkable training skills, professors always took our answers seriously, never dismissed them as wrong, emphasized good answers, provided useful examples, Really a very good course and a highly enjoyable time. Content and presentation was consistently high quality and engaging. Most importantly, each session provided an excellent review of the challenges and opportunities inherent in each area –





while challenging us to clarify and to find our own answers. I feel that all the techniques used, the methods, the videos/powerpoint were extremely good, and all was willing to discuss individual questions even after the course. The program is great in content and in terms of networking. The instructor's experience and knowledge, along with passion for quality and compliance was a great learning experience and value. The knowledge gained in GIS, archaeological practices, ceramic identification, managing students has been everything I could ask for. It is great experience for those with no experience in archaeology and those with an advanced level.

The course has provided me with the framework and tools to promote Iraqi Cultural Heritage in my future work and to convey this message effectively to a range of actors. Not only did this experience teach me the proper techniques of academic writing as promised, but it also taught me how to learn independently, and perhaps most significantly, the experience taught me the skills that will enable me to continue to develop my writing skills beyond the classroom.

Field trips and museums visits was very rewarding and interactive. Very useful and definitely thought provoking, great, friendly and fun. I really enjoyed the visits to the mosques and churches, It allows you to become very engaged. Dr. Cigdem Maner did an excellent job in making the course and trips enjoyable, while extremely informative and worthwhile. I found the trips highly value added. Dr. Maner kept everyone's attention during trips and her delivery was excellent. Frankly, her good humor was the key to success.

General logistics were faultless. Absolutely stunning setting and excellent insights into the dynamics of teamwork.

2. Your stay at the host university

Please describe your stay and personal experience at the host university, e.g. interaction with local staff including fellow professors and researchers. <u>The answer should be at least 1000 characters</u>.

Koc University isn't all about hitting the books. I was surprised at how many opportunities there are for students to get involved on campus. Koc university's students' center was a great place to start looking. The facilities for research at the Institute are second to none.

The academic experience I had while studying at KU gave me a new perspective. I have gained the skill to study in another language as well as debate, write and express myself in a more western style. KU hosted numerous events on many different aspects of archaeology and is linked to many other heritage institutions, archaeological societies and organizations, providing an outstanding research environment for me. Multicultural immersion is also an advantage living in Istanbul, where everyone seems to have a unique story and a different background. It's the campus family. I believe that KU had a huge impact on me as a person and I learned so much from instructors on an academic level as well as on a personal level. I feel previleged to spend 2 months at such a respected and friendly institution. I do not feel I would have been offered the same high standard of experiences and opportunities elsewhere. Hats off to Koc!





3. Returning to your home country

Please describe how you plan to apply the knowledge and experience acquired during your mobility upon your return to your home country. The answer should be at least 2000 characters.

I've experienced it as a great step in the right direction so I can get started quickly in my work in Baghdad. There are many useful things I am taking home from this training and I am appreciative of this opportunity to learn from such a diverse team. I am inspired to rethink the way I plan and present my work. It has really given me new insight and energy to persevere for cultural heritage in my future work. I recommend this training to all Iraqi staff interested in seeing real progress in our country.

I also enjoyed thoroughly this opportunity to reflect and plan. Made me think critically about things. Waladu has taught me not only to understand archaeology and the past, but contemporary society and my own role as an individual in creating history. Instructors extremely bright, well-informed - great presenters. I'm very happy to have been a part of it and have learned and shared loads. It is an experience that will live long in my memory. I will constantly use these skills in the local conflict we encounter periodically in my work.

Would also like to say thanks for the excellent support I have gotten from Waladu team before departure to Istanbul. Waladu taught me how to stick with a problem and find ways of solving it. I learned how to fight for my rights when I was unfairly treated by my Dean. I felt pressured and patronized and I was about to lose this course. It's just that I could not stand the feeling of surrendering without trying and I've learned to say no. Thank you again (Dr. Cigdem Maner) not only for your deep competence, mental agility, and didactic efficacy in Archeology here in Istanbul, but also for your friendly sympathy, kind availability. I appreciate your help a lot. You got me thinking about situations specific to me, used my current knowledge to impart the course subject. You are the right person at the right place.

Mrs. Burcu Sarsilmaz did a great job on organizing the training course. She is very supportive and helpful. I can't say thanks enough. I'm so grateful I was able to take part in such an awesome experience.

I hereby certify that all of the information I have provided is complete and true.

19/12/2017

Date

Signature of the grantee

I hereby confirm and approve the report provided by the grantee.

Date

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Candidate's name:

Shaymaa Jasim Hussein Albadri

Home University:

University of Qadisiyah

Host University:

Koc University

Senior or Junior Mobility:

Junior

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1. Academic activities carried out at the host university

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As the workshops are one of the means by which to gain experience and information so this workshop was packed with a rigorous scientific program during which it provided knowledge of many information in various scientific fields of knowledge.

As we began the first lectures in archeology with Dr. Cedam

We concluded our two-month workshop with her

With a series of valuable and important lectures on Anatolian civilization and how they affect and affect the surrounding civilizations, and what are the most important archaeological sites dating back to this important historical era.

We also do a number of lectures with a Dr.Cedam

On how to write the correct syllabus to be available to students.

I also do not forget the important scientific field trips that we carried out with the Dr.Cedam

For a variety of museums, mosques, sites and archaeological buildings





both in Konya and Istanbul which gave us a clear idea of how to properly display the effects.

This information was represented by a number of lectures in how to write and how to prepare a PowerPoint simple, clear and comprehensive in his information with the professors Sarah and Megan.

Christina briefed us on how to prepare a comprehensive program for any project the researcher wishes to prepare for the inclusion of a particular city in the world heritage

Or winning a grant to print a particular author and others.

Dr. Murad, Farhat and Zuhel gave us lectures on how to prepare and manage the classroom

And to create the student's academic atmosphere, whether in preparation of the lecture in advance or in the way it is delivered and even in modern ways to perform the examinations electronically.

On our field trip to Ankara we took a group of lectures with a Dr.Filiz Where we were introduced to the emergence of the Ottoman Empire and the most important views that were said about the emergence and ways to expand its borders.

We also visited the Center and the Laboratory of Skeletal Analysis at the University Hacettepe, Dr. Ali spoke to us about how to categorize and analyze these structures

After our lessons with Dr. Filiz, we learned how to classify pottery pieces.

The group of lectures we took with Dr.Selaa on the origin, development and methods of making pottery and ceramics and how to know the type of material In the industry through analysis and testing samples of pottery pieces, It is one of the important lectures in archeology, Which helps the archaeological researcher to know the methods of transmission of archaeological finds.

After our return from Konya we had a series of lectures with Dr. Nikos Byzantine civilization and the emergence and expansion of that civilization ,and varied the paragraphs of those lectures between Byzantine buildings and Byzantine coins and art.

Our lectures concluded with a field trip to the Hagia Sophia Dr. Nikos explained to us more details about this important edifice.

We discussed with Dr. Kristian how to use software, technologies and applications

Modern in archaeological mapping and pathways by GIS.

2. Your stay at the host university

Please describe your stay and personal experience at the host university, e.g.





interaction with local staff including fellow professors and researchers. <u>The answer should be at least 1000 characters.</u>

When I was in Turkey, my experience with the University of Koc was an interesting and successful experience that benefited me scientifically and professionally.

All staff and professors were very welcome. I do not forget my first day at the University of Koc , Where Burcu greeted me at the main gate with a beautiful smile , everyone was happy with our presence and eager to work.

When I saw Koge University and its advanced educational and technical level, I was not surprised to be one of the world's oldest universities, despite its recent establishment.

The Anamd Center also enabled us to identify a group of foreign researchers from different universities around the world, which enabled me to reach out to researchers in the field of specialist flour, namely Ottoman art.

All the teachers and researchers were helping us, and I was communicating with them. Which makes me sad to conclude this workshop, so I hope to come back here again to increase my scientific experience.

3. Returning to your home country

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That in the different reasons of travel to look at the conditions of peoples, it gives us a look at the lives of those peoples, which motivates us to change for the better and benefit from this travel experience in the most form.

How then if the purpose of travel is scientific benefit. During my experience in this workshop I have greatly benefited from my scientific and professional experience. I learned about the scientific level of the University of Koc.

Through this valuable group of lectures, which lasted for two months, this broadened my horizons of scientific knowledge and stimulated me to undertake a series of activities and activities upon my return to my country of Iraq, including

- 1- I will hold lectures for professors and researchers of the Faculty of Archeology on how to prepare the classroom and prepare it scientifically for the student.
- 2- After i saw the ottoman art and since it is considered the specialist of the exact i will work on the writing of research specialists in this regard it is a comparison between Ottoman art in Turkey and Ottoman art in Iraq, A research entitled "Baghdad School of paintings between the





Abbasid and Ottoman Era", and the other search "the journey of Sultan Suleiman the Magnificent between Istanbul and Baghdad" and another research on "the study of buildings scattered in Iraq in the light of pictures of the Ottoman manuscripts" and others

- 3- Coordintion with the Iraq companies manufactured in order to include Iraqi effects on canned posters and the purpose of this increase the love of the Iraqi citizen to the effects of the country.
- 4- I will study the Ottoman period in Iraq in detail as a future work, which I spoke with Dr. Filiz and I greatly welcomed this project, because of the lack of studies that dealt with this era.
- 5- I will be writing a proposal to the presidency of the University of Qadisiyah to buy modern laboratory equipment to benefit from what we learned in the workshop, and to have our students experience laboratory professional.
- 6- I will work with the College and the University to organize lectures for undergraduate students to introduce students to the importance of preserving and preserving the effects.

I hereby certify that all of the informati	on I have provided is complete and true.	
20,12,2017	Shaymaa	
Date	Signature of the grantee	
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