



From the President's Desk



Dear Members of the [University of Duhok](#) Community, I am pleased to welcome you to the inaugural issue of the University of Duhok Newsletter, a platform through which we will share our achievements, celebrate our people, and remain connected as one academic community.

As we conclude another successful academic year, I would like to express my sincere appreciation to our students, faculty, staff, and partners whose dedication and hard work made this year's achievements possible.

This year has been one of progress and purpose. Together, we have strengthened our academic programs, advanced research and community engagement, and taken significant steps toward institutional accreditation through the [Kurdistan Accrediting Association for Education \(KAAE\)](#). This journey reflects our collective commitment to quality, continuous improvement, and excellence in everything we do.

As we look ahead, we remain guided by the [University of Duhok's vision](#): to be a leading university recognized for excellence in education, research, innovation, and service to society. Achieving this vision requires ambition, collaboration, and a shared sense of responsibility.

As we prepare for the new academic year, let us move forward with confidence and continue building a university that inspires, innovates, and serves.

With my sincere appreciation and best wishes,

"Together, we shape the future through education, research, and service."

Asst. Prof. Dr. Dawood Sulaiman Atrushi
President, University of Duhok

KAAE Visit Marks a Major Step in UOD's Accreditation Journey



The University of Duhok achieved a significant milestone in its pursuit of institutional accreditation and academic excellence by hosting a high-level delegation from the [Kurdistan Accrediting Association for Education \(KAAE\)](#), reinforcing its commitment to quality assurance, continuous improvement, and international standards in higher education. The delegation, led by KAAE President Dr. [Boushra Rahal Alameh](#) and Dr. [Dilan Majid Rostam](#), Director of the Commission for Higher Education, visited the university on 9 June 2026 and was welcomed by UOD President Dr. [Dawood Sulaiman Atrushi](#).

As a key participant in KAAE's accreditation pathway, UOD showcased its progress in meeting the Foundational Criteria for Eligibility (FCE), the first stage of the accreditation process. Discussions highlighted the

university's achievements in governance, quality assurance, research development, and digital transformation.

The delegation also met with academic staff and student representatives, emphasizing that accreditation is a shared institutional endeavor. These discussions reflected UOD's growing culture of quality, transparency, and evidence-based improvement.

Guided by the [UOD Strategic Plan 2023–2038](#), this milestone further strengthens the university's vision of becoming a leading institution recognized for excellence in education, research, innovation, and community engagement.

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UOD Professor's Book Becomes Best-Selling Title at ECE 2026

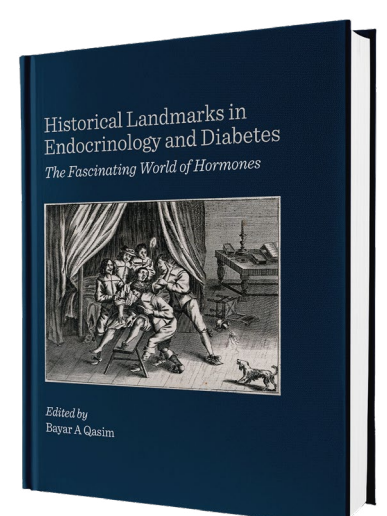


Published by [Cambridge Scholars Publishing](#) in the United Kingdom, the 410-page volume was edited by Professor [Bayar A. Qasim](#) in collaboration with ten colleagues from UOD's College of Medicine and academic partners from the [Royal College of Physicians](#) of Edinburgh, Scotland.

The book explores landmark discoveries in endocrinology and diabetes, combining scientific scholarship, historical insight, and educational storytelling. It highlights major advances in areas such as neuro-endocrinology, thyroid disorders, adrenal diseases, reproductive endocrinology, and diabetes mellitus.

This achievement reflects the growing international presence of UOD scholars and highlights the university's commitment to academic excellence, research impact, and global collaboration.

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Family Disintegration

By [Dler Khairaldin Hussin](#) | Department of Plastic Arts

Exploring how the growing influence of social media and external societal pressures can weaken family bonds.

Third Festival of the College of Fine Arts, 2026.

UOD Welcomes Agricultural College Deans from Across Iraq



The University of Duhok welcomed more than 40 deans and representatives of Colleges of Agriculture from universities across Iraq and the Kurdistan Region on 17–18 June 2026.

Hosted by [UOD's College of Agricultural Engineering Sciences](#), the two-day gathering brought together academic leaders for scientific exchange, field-based learning, and institutional dialogue. The program included visits to key agricultural and cultural sites in Duhok, including [KH Agricultural Company](#) in Bamrze, where delegates explored advanced potato production systems, modern cold-storage facilities, and the Jotyar French fries manufacturing plant.

The delegation also visited the historic Barzan region, including the Memorial of the Immortals and the Barzani

National Memorial. The visit highlighted values of coexistence, peace, and national understanding, adding an important cultural dimension to the academic program.

On the second day, participants met at the University of Duhok Convention Center to discuss the future of agricultural education, scientific research, and cooperation among Iraqi universities. Presentations showcased UOD's academic achievements, international partnerships, and collaborative projects.

The gathering concluded with recommendations to strengthen cooperation through staff exchange, joint scientific events, workshops, and mutual institutional visits.

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A Laboratory Serving Kurdistan and Iraq: The Story of UOD's Nanotechnology Research Facility

A funding opportunity announced through the University of Duhok in 2018 led to the establishment of one of the Kurdistan Region's most advanced nanotechnology research facilities. Competing against more than 450 proposals from across the developing countries, Dr. [Suhad A. Yaseen](#) of the [Department of Chemistry, College of Science](#), secured a grant through the [Partnerships for Enhanced Engagement in Research \(PEER\)](#) program, becoming one of only 27 selected researchers.

Working alongside the late Dr. Ibtisam Abdulmajeed Saeed, from the [Department of Physics](#) as Co-Principal Investigator, Dr. Suhad, the Principal Investigator, established the Nanomaterials and Nanotechnology Research Laboratory, equipped with advanced instruments supported by the U.S. National Academies of Sciences and USAID, alongside the college. The laboratory houses one of Iraq's few [electrospinning](#)

[systems](#), a cutting-edge technology used to produce nanofibers for applications in environmental remediation, water treatment, biomedical research, and advanced materials science.

Since its establishment, the laboratory has supported dozens of researchers from the University of Duhok and across Iraq, strengthening scientific research, academic collaboration, and innovation in the region.



Photo of the Month: "Mother University" Hosts Generations of Academic Leaders

In a unique gathering that brought together generations of academic leaders who have contributed to shaping higher education in Duhok and the Kurdistan Region, the University of Duhok hosted a special reception on 4 June 2026 under the supervision of UOD President Dr. [Dawood Sulaiman Atrushi](#). The event celebrated the region's academic legacy and created an opportunity for current and former university leaders to reflect on past achievements and future aspirations.

Among the distinguished guests were Dr. [Asmat Mohammed Khalid](#), Founder and First President of the University of Duhok; Honorable Farhad Amin Atrushi, Deputy Speaker of the Iraqi Parliament; Dr.

Sabah Ibrahim Wais, Advisor to the Ministry of Higher Education and Scientific Research; Dr. [Diyar A. Saeed](#), President of the University of Zakho; Dr. [Lazgin Abdi Jameel](#) and Dr. [Nadhim Sulaiman Abdulaziz](#), former Presidents of the University of Zakho; Dr. [Abdulwahab Khalid Mosa](#), former President of Nawroz University; alongside current and former members of the [University of Duhok Council](#).

More than a gathering, the occasion served as a tribute to the individuals whose vision, leadership, and dedication have helped shape the academic landscape of the region and inspire future generations.



Iraqi Embassy Welcomes UOD Law Delegation on the Sidelines of International Moot Court Competition

During their participation in the prestigious 13th IBA International Criminal Court (ICC) Moot Court Competition in The Hague, a delegation of students and faculty members from the University of Duhok's College of Law was officially welcomed by the Embassy of the Republic of Iraq in the Netherlands. The embassy commended UOD's representation of Iraq and highlighted the university's commitment to international engagement, student excellence, and preparing future legal professionals. [Read more..](#)

Advancing Healing, Justice, and Survivor Support

The University of Duhok commemorated the International Day for the Elimination of Sexual Violence in Conflict through a high-level event focused on the legacy of the Yazidi genocide and pathways toward recovery and justice. The event highlighted the university's ongoing contributions through the Institute of the Center for Gender Equality Studies and the Psychotherapy and Psychotraumatology (IPP). [Read more..](#)

UOD Futsal Team Crowned Kurdistan Region Champions

The University of Duhok futsal team claimed the Kurdistan Region Universities Futsal Championship title after a thrilling 6–4 victory over the University of Sulaymaniyah in the final held in Erbil on 28 June 2026. Competing against teams from 22 universities, the UOD team delivered an outstanding performance, securing a historic achievement and reaffirming the university's tradition of sporting excellence. [Read more..](#)

KII Commends UOD Faculty Innovation and Research Excellence

During a visit to the Colleges of Engineering and Agricultural Engineering Sciences, Dr. Azad Najar, Executive Director of the Kurdistan Innovation Institute (KII), who accompanied UOD President Dr. Dawood Sulaiman Atrushi, praised the innovative projects developed by UOD faculty members and affirmed KII's support for advancing applied research and innovation.

Enhancing Sustainability and Urban Resilience

To mark World Environment Day, the College of City and Regional Planning showcased student projects, research, and sustainability initiatives focused on climate resilience and environmental protection, reflecting UOD's commitment to sustainable development and green campus practices. [Read more..](#)

Across the Colleges: UOD Celebrates the Class of 2025-2026

From May to June 2026, the University of Duhok celebrated the Class of 2025- 2026 through a series of graduation photo sessions across its 19 colleges, honoring the achievements and aspirations of a new generation of graduates prepared to contribute to society and their professional fields.

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