



# PhD For Iraq Conference

28 June 2012

**The 2<sup>st</sup> Conference for Collaboration with UK & Irish Universities**

**Embassy of the Republic of Iraq – London**

**Cultural Attaché**



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**The Iraqi Cultural Attaché – London**

# About the Iraqi Cultural Attaché - London

- The Iraqi Cultural Attaché is a department of the Scholarship & Cultural Relations Directorate in the Iraqi Ministry of High Education and Scientific Research (MOHESR). It is also part of the Iraqi Diplomatic mission in U.K.
- The Iraqi Cultural Attaché looks after the Iraqi students studying in the U.K. and Irish universities whom are sponsored by MOHESR.
- The Attaché is responsible for the **verification** of all certificates issued by U.K. and Ireland Education bodies.

# About the Iraqi Cultural Attaché - London

- The Old Attaché Building in Queens Gate, London SW7



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- The New Attaché Building in Earl's Court, London SW5



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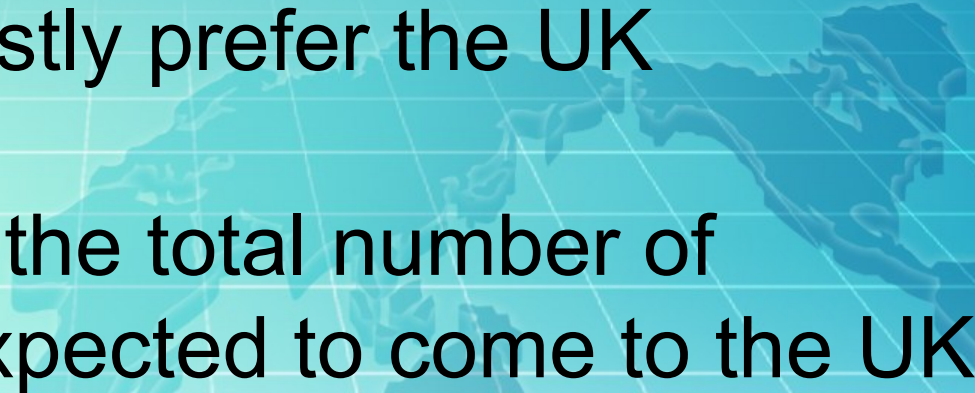
- From establishment until 1990
- The long history between Iraq and the UK
- 1000's of Iraqi students have studied in UK Universities over the last few decades, including Iraqi Officials, such as:
  - Former Prime Minister
  - Ministers of Higher Education, in Baghdad and Kurdish region
  - Former Attaché Counsellors
- The Attaché was closed from 1990 until 2006

# About the Iraqi Cultural Attaché - London

- The Attaché was re-opened in 2006 with responsibility of more than 1000 students
- The first Counsellor was arrived in Feb 2006
- The first student arrived in May 2007 in UCL

Degree	Number
<b>BSc</b>	<b>27</b>
<b>MSc</b>	<b>265</b>
<b>PhD</b>	<b>756</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>1048</b>

# The New PhD Scholarship Scheme – Phase 2

- More than 4000 PhD scholarships full-sponsored by MOHESR
  - Iraqi students mostly prefer the UK
  - More than half of the total number of scholarships is expected to come to the UK
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# The Impact on the UK Economy

- Average 1 month student salary = £1,350
- English + Academic = 50 months
- Total Spending = £1,350 x 50 months ≈ **£70,000**
- Fees for English & Academic ≈ **£50,000**  
for 4 years
- **Total per 1 Student** ≈ £70,000 + £50,000 = **£120,000**
- **Total per 500 Students** = £120,000 x 500 students

**£60 Million**

# The Criteria of Selecting UK Universities

1. Top 25 Universities in the Ranking (based on Research) using the → The Complete University Guide logo features a red checkmark with a graduation cap icon inside the top curve. To the right of the checkmark, the text reads "THE COMPLETE UNIVERSITY GUIDE" in blue, with "INDEPENDENT • TRUSTED" in red below it.
2. Outside London
3. At least 4 disciplines in the Top Ranking
4. Students Experience with the University
5. Attaché Experience with the University

**Result = 55 Universities**

# UK Universities Attending Our 1<sup>st</sup> Conference

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1. Aberystwyth University
  2. Aston University
  3. Bangor University
  4. Bedfordshire University
  5. Bradford University
  6. Brighton University
  7. Bristol University
  8. Cardiff University
  9. Dundee University
  10. Durham University
  11. East Anglia University
  12. Essex University
  13. Exeter University
  14. Glasgow University
  15. Heriot-Watt University
  16. Keele University
  17. Kent University
  18. Lancaster University
  19. Leeds University
  20. Leicester University
  21. Liverpool John Moores University
  22. Liverpool University
  23. Loughborough University
  24. Manchester Metropolitan University
  25. Newcastle University
  26. Northumbria University
  27. Nottingham Trent University
  28. Nottingham University
  29. Oxford Brookes University
  30. Portsmouth University
  31. Reading University
  32. Robert Gordon University
  33. Royal Holloway
  34. Sheffield University
  35. Southampton University
  36. St Andrews University
  37. Stirling University
  38. Strathclyde University
  39. Sunderland University
  40. Surrey University
  41. Swansea University
  42. Warwick University
  43. York University

# UK & Irish Universities Attending Our 2<sup>nd</sup> Conference

#	University
1	Aberystwyth University
2	Birmingham University
3	Dundee University
4	Hertfordshire University
5	Liverpool University
6	Robert Gordon University
7	Sussex University
8	Swansea University
9	Royal College of Surgeons in Ireland
10	University College Dublin
11	University of Limerick
12	International Higher Education Unit – UK
13	Irish Universities Association – on behalf of: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• National University of Ireland Maynooth</li><li>• National University of Galway</li><li>• Trinity College Dublin</li><li>• University College Cork</li></ul>

# Processing the Information Form

- Student's Personal details
- Language background
- Academic background:
  - BSc
  - MSc
- Proposed **PhD** project
- **May Applications = 474**
- Universities will receive **June Applications** in July



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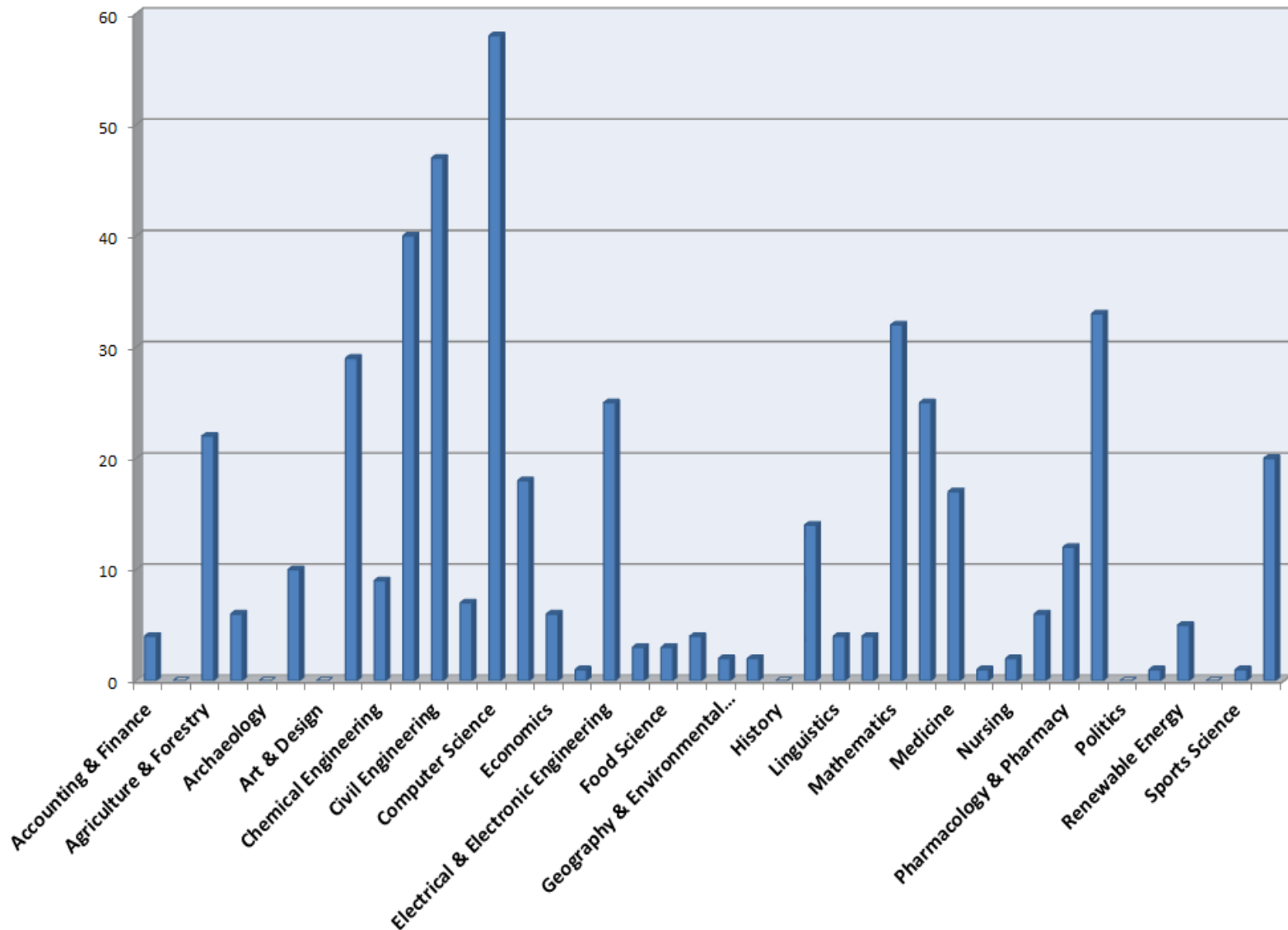
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Surname:	اللقب:
Place & Date of Birth:	مكان وتاريخ الميلاد:
Telephone No.:	رقم الهاتف:
Email:	البريد الإلكتروني:
Nominated by:	الجهة المرشح من قبلها:
Occupation:	الوظيفة:
Academic skills & period:	الخبرة الأكاديمية ومدتها:
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Date of Language Test:	تاريخ امتحان اللغة:
شهادة البكالوريوس	
University of:	اسم الجامعة:
College Name:	اسم الكلية:
Department Name:	القسم:
Subject & Title of final year project:	موضوع وعنوان مشروع التخرج:
Date of Graduation:	تاريخ التخرج:
Average:	معدل التخرج:
Graduation Order:	تسلسل التخرج:
شهادة الماجستير	
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Department Name:	القسم:
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Specific Speciality:	التخصص الدقيق:
Subject & Title of Dissertation:	موضوع وعنوان رسالة الماجستير:
Date of Graduation:	تاريخ التخرج:
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Graduation order:	تسلسل التخرج:
شهادة الدكتوراه التي سيتم الإبتعاث عليها	
General Speciality:	التخصص العام:
Specific Speciality:	التخصص الدقيق:
Suggested Subject of Thesis:	موضوع الأطروحة المقترح:
Suggested Title of Thesis:	عنوان الأطروحة المقترح:

ملاحظة هامة: الرجاء عند الاستمارة بملء كامل (ظني شكل وورد file) وإعادتها إلى الملاعبة الثقافية عبر تنقل على البريد الإلكتروني التالي: offer@iraqiculturalattache.org.uk

# Disciplines Required

1. Accounting & Finance
  2. Aeronautical & Manufacturing Engineering
  3. Agriculture & Forestry
  4. Anatomy & Physiology
  5. Archaeology
  6. Architecture
  7. Art & Design
  8. Biological Sciences
  9. Chemical Engineering
  10. Chemistry
  11. Civil Engineering
  12. Communication & Media Studies
  13. Computer Science
  14. Dentistry
  15. Economics
  16. Education
  17. Electrical & Electronic Engineering
  18. English
  19. Food Science
  20. General Engineering
  21. Geography & Environmental Science
  22. Geology
  23. History
  24. Law
  25. Linguistics
  26. Materials Technology / Engineering
  27. Mathematics
  28. Mechanical Engineering
  29. Medicine
  30. Nuclear Energy
  31. Nursing
  32. Other Medicine
  33. Pharmacology & Pharmacy
  34. Physics & Astronomy
  35. Politics
  36. Psychology
  37. Renewable Energy
  38. Sociology
  39. Sports Science
  40. Veterinary Medicine
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# May 2012 Applicants vs Disciplines

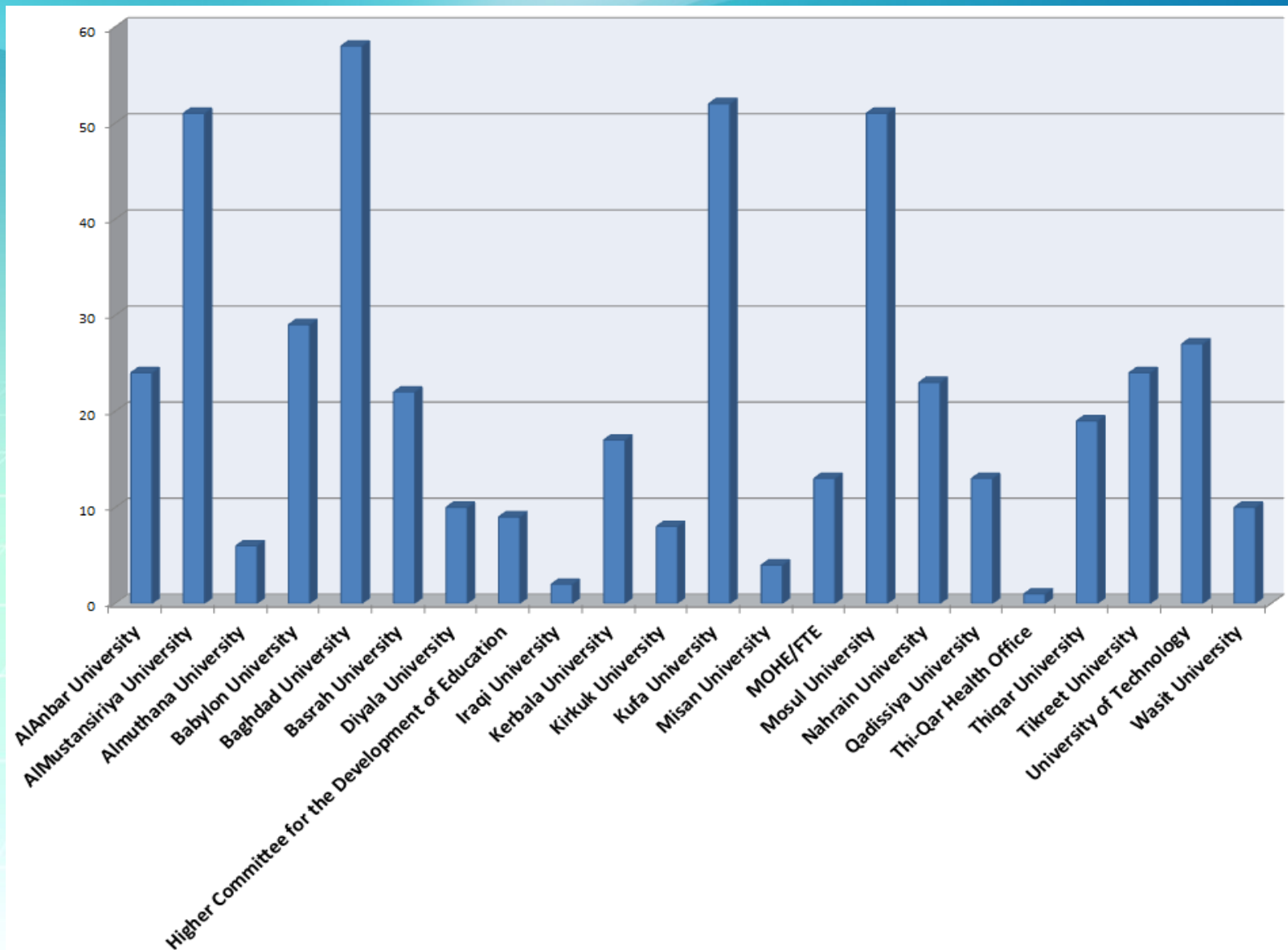


# Iraqi Universities

1. Al-Anbar University
2. Al-Mustansiriya University
3. Al-Muthana University
4. Babylon University
5. Baghdad University
6. Basrah University
7. Diyala University
8. Higher Committee for the Development of Education
9. Iraqi University
10. Kerbala University
11. Kirkuk University
12. Kufa University
13. Misan University
14. MOHE/FTE
15. Mosul University
16. Nahrain University
17. Qadissiya University
18. Thi-Qar Health Office
19. Thiqar University
20. Tikreet University
21. University of Technology
22. Wasit University



# May 2012 Applicants from Iraqi Universities



# Processing the Information Form

- CD for each invited University contains the details of the nominated students according to the disciplines



# Processing the Information Form

- Live Sample of the delivered CD data



# What to do Next?

1. University to appoint a **Coordinator**
2. Designated Email for the coordinator:

**UK**

iraq\_applications@youruniversityname.ac.uk

**Irish**

iraq\_applications@youruniversityname.ie

3. Replying to Attaché for **May Applications** by [Friday 13 July 2012](#)

# The English Course

- Preferably in the same university
- Course type:
  - Preparing to IELTS exam
  - Academic English Course
  - Pre-sessional Course
- **No General English**
- Time frame is max 1 year, with max budget \$10,000

# The Ideal Required Final PhD Offer

1. Required Degree: **PhD**
2. Stating the minimum English Language requirement
3. Minimum & Maximum study period
4. The total study period includes (**Research, Lab work, Writing up, Submission, Viva**) not exceed **3 years**
5. Extension (if required):
  - up to 1 year
  - completely free or writing up fees
6. The Total Fees must be one figure only, including (**Tuition Fess + Bench Fees**)
7. The study fees must be fixed during the whole study period

# General Comments about the PhD Study


- Letter of Enrolment
- Abstract within first 4 months
- Progress Report – twice a year
- Leaves to visit Iraq
- Attaché Extension regulations
- Discipline cannot be changed during the study unless permitted by the Iraqi University
- Student is eligible for 2 months salary after viva

# General Comments about the PhD Study

- PhD should not be replaced by MPhil
- Meeting with supervisor at least twice every month.
- Supervisors must have at least a PhD to supervise our PhD students
- Student is not permitted to take any leave during the English language course
- Annual leave of 1 month for the student



# Competition Tips

1. **Project relevant to Iraq**
  2. **“First-Come, First-Served”**
  3. **Good communication with the student and Attaché**
  4. **Discount**
  5. **Write up fees**
  6. **“Surprise me!” 😊**
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Thank you  
for  
your attention



# Q & A

