

## Membership in International Organizations

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Some of advantages of membership of Alzahra University, as a university exclusively for women, in international university associations are:

1. Presenting women higher education in the Islamic Republic of Iran
2. Taking advantage of available opportunities and facilities for enhancing universal higher education
3. Cooperating in regional and international projects
4. Attending higher education conferences and symposiums (attended by member university chancellors and higher education directors from around the world)
5. Exchanging professional journals, books, and textbooks

Alzahra University is a member of two international organizations:

Federation of Universities of Islamic World (FUIW)

International Association of Universities (IAU)

Name of Organization	Affiliation	Year of Membership	Acronym	Website
Federation of Universities of Islamic World (FUIW)	Islamic Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (ISESCO)	2000	FUIM	<a href="http://www.fuiw.org">www.fuiw.org</a>
International Association of Universities (IAU)	The United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO)	2001	IAU	<a href="http://www.iau.org">www.iau.org</a>

## **International Memberships**

Since 2001, Alzahra University has been a member of International Association of Universities (IAU). This association is the most accredited UNESCO-based association of higher education. It aims at directing and coordinating higher education institutes in different countries, expanding facilities, enhancing the causes of higher education, and taking full advantage of software services in higher education across the world.

One of the services offered by IAU to its members is attending conferences on higher education and research about global and regional issues. Participation of the members in these conferences can help the chancellors to get familiar with latest achievements and challenges in higher education across the world. Listening to speeches and reports, studying offered journals and books, conversing with other members, and meeting higher education scholars and theoreticians from other countries can keep our universities' officials informed of latest information and prepare the ground for nativizing higher education strategies in our country. For more information, visit IAU website: <http://www.iau-aiu.net>.

Federation of the Universities of the Islamic World (FUIW), as one of the organizations affiliated with Organization of Islamic Cooperation (OIC), plays an influential role in deepening relations among Islamic countries and propagating scientific-research cooperation among the member universities. This issue is also considered as one of the main guidelines of Organization of Islamic Cooperation. Cooperation among various Islamic countries is organized by FUIW and directed according to various scientific fields of study. Alzahra University has been a member of Federation of the Universities of the Islamic World since 2000 and through its active participation in its general and higher education conferences—held annually in different countries and attended by member university chancellors and professional bodies—represents one of the main universities of the world in Muslim women higher education. For more information, visit FUIW website: [www.fuiw.org](http://www.fuiw.org).