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15–16 July 2026



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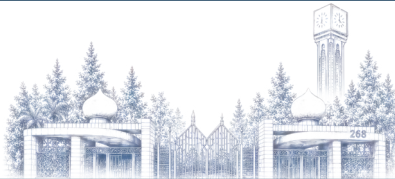
DAY 1

Wednesday, 15 July 2026

11:30–12:30	 Registration and Networking
12:30–13:30	 Opening Ceremony and Session I Opening Ceremony: • Royal Anthem • Recitation from the Holy Quran • Opening Remarks: H.E. Prof. Nathir Obeidat, President of the University of Jordan • Short Video: UJ, From Vision to Legacy Session I: Entrepreneurship and University Spin-offs: Enabling Knowledge Commercialization and Technology-Based Startups in Jordan • Presentation: “Rewiring Education for the Age of AI: Staying Relevant in a World That Won't Stop Changing” — Dr. Omar Hatamleh, Global Thought Leader and UJ Alumnus Panel Discussion • Moderator: Prof. Ashraf Bany Mohammad, School of Business, UJ, Jordan • Panelists: • Mr. Amjad Abdallat, Member of the National Council for Future Technology, Jordan • Mr. Mohammad Almuhtaseb, CEO of the Innovative Startups and SMEs Fund, Jordan • Mr. Mohammad Algharabat, Founder of Open Company, Jordan • Prof. Barbara Rasco, Honorary Professor, School of Agriculture, UJ; Former Dean of the College of Agriculture, Life Sciences and Natural Resources, University of Wyoming, USA
13:30–13:45	 Inauguration of the Science Ventures Foundry (SVF, Powered by UJ)



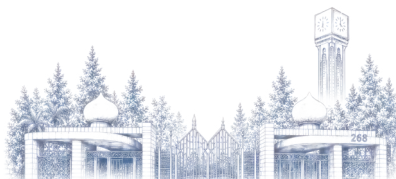
DAY 1 ♦ AFTERNOON PROGRAM Wednesday, 15 July 2026	
13:45–15:00	 Lunch Break (UJ Academy Lobby)
15:00–17:00	Session II: University–Industry R&D Collaboration Translating Research into National Impact
15:00–15:15	• Keynote Address: H.E. Eng. Yarub Qudah, Minister of Industry, Trade and Supply, Jordan
15:15–17:00	Panel Discussion • Moderator: Dr. Reem Alfayez, Director, University of Jordan Innovation and Entrepreneurship Center, UJ, Jordan • Panelists: • Dr. Maen Nsour, CEO of the Arab Potash Company, Jordan • Dr. Wontack “William” Suh, Director, Korea-Jordan Training Institute for Engineering and Technology (KJTiet) Project, Republic of Korea • Ms. Hanina Ben Bernou, Attaché for Green Businesses, Innovation and Connectivity, European Commission — Delegation of the European Union to Jordan • Prof. Murtaza Najabat Ali, Honorary Professor, School of Engineering, UJ; CEO, Revive Medical Technologies Inc.; Professor and Head, Department of Biomedical Engineering, Riphah International University, Pakistan • Prof. Luciano Saso, Honorary Professor, School of Pharmacy, UJ; Professor, Faculty of Pharmacy and Medicine, Sapienza University of Rome, Italy • Prof. Ayman Maaytah, School of Engineering, UJ; General Manager, Wahaj Solar for Investment, Jordan • Q&A
17:00	 End of Day 1



DAY 2

Thursday, 16 July 2026

09:30–11:00	 Session III: Technology-Integrated Education Building Jordan's Deep-Tech Talent Pipeline
09:30–09:40	Opening Presentation: "Future Technology Skills and Workforce Needs", Ms. Carole Elias, Strategy Manager, ProgressSoft Corporation, Jordan
09:40–09:50	 UJX Launch Ceremony UJX is the University of Jordan's gateway to world-class lifelong learning, offering flexible microcredentials, professional certificates, and stackable learning pathways for UJ students and staff, local communities, and learners worldwide. Built on academic excellence and strengthened through strategic local and international partnerships, UJX equips learners with future-ready skills to thrive in a rapidly evolving world. Website: ujx.ju.edu.jo
09:50–11:00	Panel Discussion • Moderator: Dr. Raed Al-Taher, Director, Center for Excellence in Learning and Teaching, UJ, Jordan • Panelists: • Prof. Ziyad Hijazi, Honorary Professor, School of Medicine, UJ; Acting Chair of the Department of Cardiovascular Diseases, Medical Director of International Patient Services, Sidra Medicine, Qatar; President, Pediatric Interventional Cardiovascular Society, USA • Prof. Mohammad Obaidat, Honorary Professor, King Abdullah II School of Information Technology, UJ; Distinguished Professor of Computer Engineering, University of Science and Technology Beijing, China • Prof. Izzat Alsmadi, Honorary Professor, School of Information Technology, UJ–Aqaba; Professor of Computing, Engineering and Mathematical Sciences, Texas A&M University, USA



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Session III — continued

- **Prof. Isam Zabalawi**, Honorary Professor, School of Engineering, UJ; Professor of Engineering; President of Australian University, Kuwait
- **Dr. Alaa Ensheiwat**, CEO, UWallet Jordan; Board Member, DigiSkill Jordan; Manager, National Council for ICT Skills, Jordan
- **Ms. Hana Ibsais**, Chief People and Performance Officer, JORAMCO, Jordan
- **Q&A**

11:00–11:30

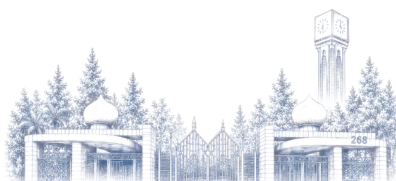


Coffee Break

11:30–13:00

Session IV: Reimagining Academic Programs for the Next Generation

- **Facilitator:** **Dr. Rawan Alheresh**, Associate Professor, School of Rehabilitation Sciences & Institute of Public Health, UJ, Jordan
- **Opening Presentation:** “Redesigning University Academic Programs in the Age of AI,” **Prof. Jangwan “Jang” Ko**, Dean of the College of Education, Sungkyunkwan University, Republic of Korea
- **Key Insights from UJ Honorary Professors:**
 - **Prof. Dallen J. Timothy**, Honorary Professor, School of Archaeology and Tourism, UJ; Professor of Community Resources and Development, Arizona State University, USA
 - **Prof. M. Kabir Hassan**, Honorary Professor, School of Business & School of Sharia, UJ; Professor of Finance, University of New Orleans, USA
 - **Prof. Dimitris N. Tatakis**, Honorary Professor, School of Dentistry, UJ; Professor and Department Head of Periodontics, Texas A&M College of Dentistry, USA
 - **Prof. Joseph Farhat**, Adjunct Professor, School of Business, UJ; Professor of Finance, Central Connecticut State University, USA



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Session IV — continued

- **Dr. Sarah Abu Arqub**, Adjunct Assistant Professor, School of Dentistry, UJ; Clinical Assistant Professor of Dentistry, University of Florida, USA
- **Dr. Usama Nouri**, Founder and Managing Partner, AcceMind, UAE
- **Interactive Discussion**

13:00–14:30



Lunch Break (UJ Academy Lobby)

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14:30–16:30

Session V: Health Biotechnology and the Economy of the Future

- **Facilitator:** Dr. Tareq Alhindi, Associate Professor, School of Science, UJ, Jordan
- **Opening Presentation:** “The Future of Medicine”, **Prof. Ghassan Saed**, Honorary Professor, School of Medicine, UJ; Professor of Obstetrics and Gynecology, Wayne State University School of Medicine, Detroit, Michigan, USA
- **Key Insights from UJ Honorary Professors:**
 - **Prof. Fowzan Alkuraya**, Honorary Professor, School of Medicine, UJ; Professor of Human Genetics, Alfaisal University; Principal Scientist at Genomic Medicine Center of Excellence, King Faisal Specialist Hospital and Research Center, KSA
 - **Prof. Maher Sughayer**, Adjunct Professor, School of Medicine, UJ; Chairman, Department of Pathology, King Hussein Cancer Center; President of the Jordan Society of Pathology, Jordan
 - **Prof. Nabil Alkayed**, Honorary Professor, School of Medicine, UJ; Professor and Director of Research, The Knight Cardiovascular Institute, Oregon Health & Science University, USA
 - **Prof. Maen Abdelrahim**, Honorary Professor, School of Medicine, UJ; Professor of Medicine in GI Oncology, Weill Cornell Medical College; Chief of GI Medical Oncology, Houston Methodist Neal Cancer Center, USA
 - **Prof. Chia Hua Kuo**, Honorary Professor, School of Physical Education and Sport Science, UJ; Professor of Laboratory of Exercise Biochemistry, University of Taipei, Taiwan





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Session V — continued

- **Prof. Salah Alzaiti**, Honorary Professor, School of Nursing, UJ; Professor and Chair, Cardiovascular Science, University of Rochester, USA
- **Prof. Marwan Krunk**, Honorary Professor, King Abdullah II School of Information Technology, UJ; Regents Professor in Electrical and Computer Engineering, University of Arizona, USA
- **Prof. Samer Elbabaa**, Honorary Professor, School of Medicine, UJ; Professor of Neurosurgery, University of Central Florida; President, Orlando Health Children's Neuroscience Institute, Arnold Palmer Hospital for Children, USA
- **Prof. Ayman Soubani**, Honorary Professor, School of Medicine, UJ; Professor of Medicine and Chief, Division of Pulmonary, Critical Care, and Sleep Medicine, Wayne State University, USA
- **Dr. Maher Al-Rawhni**, Adjunct Professor, School of Agriculture, UJ; Doctor of Plant Virology; Director of Foundation Plant Services, University of California, USA
- **Interactive Discussion**

16:30–17:00



Coffee Break

17:00–19:00

Closing Session: Cultivating Minds and Advancing Humanity

Note: *This session will be conducted in Arabic and English*

- **Facilitator:** **Prof. Ahmad Majdoubeh**, Emeritus Professor, School of Foreign Languages, UJ, Jordan
- **Opening Presentation:** **Prof. Radwan Nayef El Sayed Ahmad**, Honorary Professor, School of Arts, UJ; Dean of the School of Graduate Studies and Research, Mohamed Bin Zayed University for Humanities, UAE



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Closing Session continued

- **Key Insights from UJ Honorary Professors:**

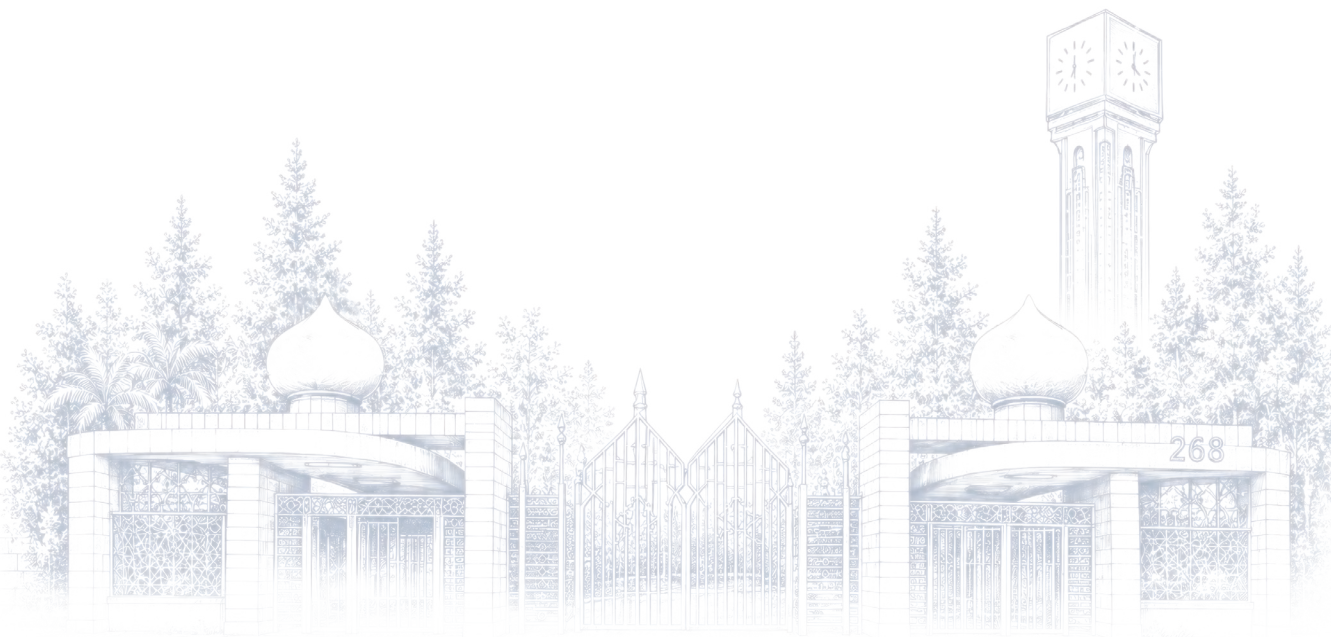
- **Prof. Ghassan Mourad**, Professor of Information Linguistics, Digital Press, Arabic Language Computing, University of Lebanon, Lebanon
- **Prof. Habib Ahmed**, Honorary Professor, School of Sharia, UJ; Professor and Sharjah Chair in Islamic Law & Finance, Durham University Business School, UK
- **Prof. Iqbal Mujtaba**, Honorary Professor, School of Engineering, UJ; Professor of Chemical Engineering, University of Bradford, UK
- **Prof. Oleg Redkin**, Head of the Department of Arabic Philology, Center of Arab and Oriental Studies, Saint Petersburg University, Russia
- **Dr. Yahya Hindi**, Director of Muslim Life, Georgetown University, USA

- **Interactive Discussion**

Closing Remarks

H.E. Prof. Nathir Obeidat,

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