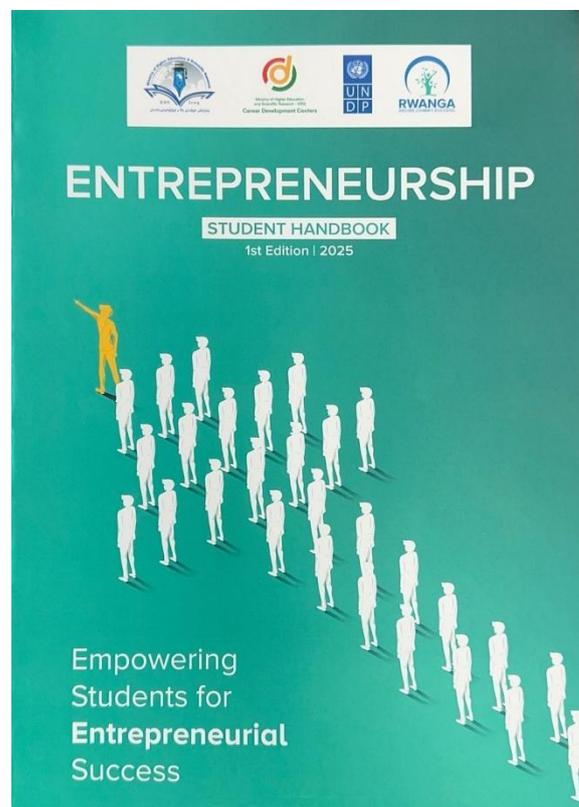
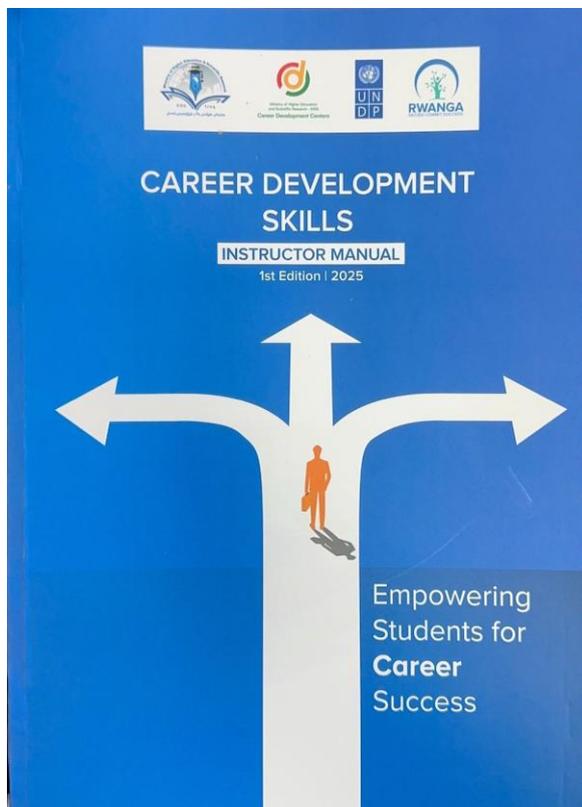


# The work and activities of the Career Development Center at Knowledge University in Erbil



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## Job Fair

### Director of the Center for Job Opportunities

### Knowledge University in Erbil

The Job Opportunity Development Center at Knowledge University in Erbil (<https://www.knu.edu.iq> ) was established in collaboration with Kurdistan Regional University by the Ministry of Higher Education and Scientific Research. The main goal of the Career Development Center at Knowledge University is to seek job opportunities both within and outside the Kurdistan Region for the benefit of our university. The Career Development Center at Knowledge University was established before any other private university in the Kurdistan Region, and Knowledge University is the only private university with a center that is unmatched in its work among all public and non-governmental universities. Below is the staff of CDC.

Name	Position
Assistant. Prof. Dr. Marwan Aziz Mohammed	Director of CDC
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Mr. Hawkar Abubakr Othman	Coordinator of CDC

## **What is CDC?**

A Career Development Center (CDC) is an office, often within a university or organization, that provides resources and support to help individuals transition from education to the workforce, develop essential professional skills, and find successful employment by offering services like career counseling, resume building, interview prep, internship placement, and job search strategies, bridging the gap between academic learning and employer needs.

## Why CDC is important?

Career Development Centers (CDCs) are vital because they bridge the gap between academic learning and the job market, equipping students and graduates with essential skills, resources, and connections to successfully launch and advance their careers through resume help, interview practice, networking, and industry links, ultimately boosting employability and reducing unemployment. They provide personalized guidance for career exploration, skill-building (like soft skills, leadership), and job placement, helping individuals transition into fulfilling professional roles and achieve long-term career goals.



CDC at Knowledge University

## **The Mission of CDC in Knowledge University in Erbil:**

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The mission of the Career Development Center (CDC) is to assist KNU students and alumni in developing, evaluating, and implementing career plans through career exploration, skill development, and experiential learning opportunities. We strive to foster a supportive environment that empowers individuals to achieve their professional goals.



## **The Vision of CDC:**

The Career Development Center (CDC) envisions a community where all students are equipped with the knowledge, skills, and confidence to pursue meaningful and fulfilling careers. We aim to be a leading resource in cultivating a culture of lifelong learning and career success, contributing to the continued growth and prosperity of our students, alumni, and broader society.

## **The main Objective of (CDC):**

The main objective of a Career Development Center (CDC) is to empower students and graduates to achieve fulfilling careers by bridging the gap between academics and the job market, providing essential skills (like resume writing, interviewing), facilitating industry connections (internships, networking), and





## 2- The Second Job Opportunity

The second job fair was held at Knowledge University on November 26, 2024, in the presence of the Consul General of the United States of America and representatives from local and foreign companies.

Organized by students from the University of Knowledge, the exhibition is an excellent platform to bridge the gap between students and the job market. The exhibition aims to connect people and provide opportunities to explore business ventures in various fields such as technology, professional development, health, and industry. The main goal of organizing this exhibition was to gain insight into students' future careers, and it achieved significant success both locally and internationally.



With the participation of 230 companies from various sectors such as technology, healthcare, finance, engineering, and more, students had the opportunity to submit their resumes and interact directly with the founders. These graduates are a valuable resource for job seekers to submit their resumes and discuss career opportunities.

In addition, the Career Development Center organized personalized training courses for students to better prepare them for their future careers. These courses focused on professional skills, industry standards, and practical experience. Students gained real-world experience, were provided with the necessary equipment, and received instruction from professionals.

By taking these courses, students developed the skills to advance professionally through practical applications, improving important technical knowledge and problem-solving abilities.

It is worth mentioning that 230 companies took part, 12,000 people attended the fair, 100 free courses were offered, and 400 job opportunities were generated.

The Career Development Center at Knowledge University regularly organizes courses, workshops, and seminars to empower and prepare graduates to find job opportunities both inside and outside the Kurdistan Region.



### 3- Third Job Opportunity

Knowledge University held its third job fair, organized by the Job Development Center (CDC) in collaboration with the Kurdish-German Friendship Association, Next Corporation, and SoCal Foundation, on the campus of Knowledge University on Wednesday, October 29, 2025.

JOB FAIR 2025



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Career Development Center - 29/Oct/2025





It is worth noting that 240 companies took part, 15,000 people attended the exhibition, and over 500 job and training opportunities were created.

### **The first innovation for engineering projects.:**

The College of Engineering held its annual festival, during which Mr. Dashti Haji Najmuddin - Chairman of the Board of Trustees, and Prof. Dr. Ahmad Anwar Dzai - President of the University of Knowledge, along with the Dean, Department Heads, and faculty members, presented a wide range of student projects and innovations from both the Petroleum Engineering and Computer Engineering departments. These projects were evaluated by a scientific committee, and at

the end of the festival, the successful projects were awarded the University Shield of Honor.



## The Second innovation for engineering projects IEEP.:

On Sunday, April 20, 2025, the first Innovation Exhibition for Engineering Projects was successfully held, featuring more than 150 engineering projects from various universities in the Kurdistan Region.



The event took place under the supervision of Prof. Marwan Aziz, Dean of the Faculty of Engineering. The exhibition was attended by prominent figures including Omed Khoshnaw, Governor of Erbil, Dashti Haji Najmaddin, Chairman of the Board of Trustees, and Prof. Dr. Ahmad Anwar Dzai, President of Nouj University.



The College of Engineering at Knowledge University, in collaboration with Zain Company and 51Labs, will hold a workshop titled "Tech in Business" under the slogan "Women in Tech." This project is supported by Zain Company to empower women and increase their familiarity with various fields of technology.

**Date: Wednesday, October 15, 2025**



## 1-2 Activities

The (UAE) Company (Sprint Oil and Gas Service) conducted an assessment of the students from the Department of Petroleum Engineering at the University of Knowledge to select the top four candidates and send them to Dubai in the United Arab Emirates for a 60-day training program. It is worth noting that all expenses for the candidates will be covered by the company, and upon completion and their return, they will become employees of the company.



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The final day of a vocational training course called "Installation of Karotishki Solar Energy System" was held by the College of Engineering at the University of Knowledge and was conducted by an internationally accredited trainer, Mauloud Saleh Hamad.



During the courses, the College of Computer Engineering (CSE) held the first day of a training course for the participants, led by the Dean of the College (PID Marwan Aziz Mohammad), titled 'Cybersecurity', free of charge.



## Participation in the Career Development Center for at the Knowledge University

The training workshop for trainers on how to teach entrepreneurship programs was held on August 3, 2025, with the presence of representatives from the Ministry of Higher Education and the Director of Job (CDC) in ministries and universities. The three-day training workshop for university trainers in the Kurdistan Region on how to teach entrepreneurship programs began on August 3 and concluded on August 5, thanks to the international trainer Dr. Rebean Al-Silefanee.



# Knowledge University Welcomes Arab Students for Training Exchange Program

Within the framework of a memorandum of understanding signed in April 2025 between Knowledge University and a number of universities in Arab countries in Tripoli, Libya, as part of the Thirtieth Arab Forum for Training Exchange between Arab Universities, on Saturday, July 19, 2025, a Knowledge University delegation consisting of Prof. Dr. Ahmed Dezaye (President of the University), Asst. Prof. Dr. Marwan Aziz (Dean of the College of Engineering), and Dr. Nashwan Adnan (Director of Quality Assurance) welcomed students from Salahaddin University and Tishk International University – Erbil.

The delegation received a group of Arab students from Egypt, Palestine, and Yemen to participate in a training exchange program, aiming to enhance academic collaboration and practical learning experiences between the universities.



## **Future Plan**

The Career Development Center's future plan focuses on enhancing students' employability and entrepreneurial capacity through structured academic integration and capacity building. The Center aims to adapt and modernize the internship and entrepreneurship curricula to better align with labor market demands and emerging economic trends. A selected group of university staff will be trained as Trainers of Trainees' (ToT) to ensure sustainability, quality delivery, and institutional ownership of career development programs. In addition, at least two hours per week will be formally dedicated within the curriculum to career development, entrepreneurship, and practical employability skills. The Center will actively encourage students to develop entrepreneurial thinking, soft skill and understand the fundamentals of establishing small businesses, and engage with innovation-driven initiatives, while strengthening bridges between the university and the job market through partnerships, internships, and industry-led activities.