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International Strategy of the Year

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Submission	<p>Recently, King Faisal University has developed its international strategy 2020-2024, which maximizes the contribution of international academic staff who represent at least half of academic staff.</p> <p>Overseas staff work across almost all disciplines, and come from over 40 countries. The strategy integrates international academic staff with Saudi staff, creating a wider academic community to enhance the profile of KFU and its internationalization.</p> <p>This wider academic community has become a key asset of KFU and the bridge for international collaboration with academic institutions globally. The contribution of this community was significant in all functions of KFU during the first year of the strategy.</p> <p>However, the most significant outcome was related to scientific research. For example, the research collaboration with researchers from 76 countries yielded an increase in scientific production in the Scopus database by 61% compared to 2019, and 130% compared to 2018. This significant increase is expected to continue.</p>