VCU Opportunities for Research Cooperation and Science Diplomacy in the Middle East

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Dr. Samy El- Shall’s lecture will discuss several new approaches to utilize the unique faculty expertise at the College of Humanities and Sciences to enhance and accelerate the international role of VCU in creating strong partnerships in science and technology with the Middle East through the MERC Program. These partnerships can be used to build strategic alliances and effectively forge diplomatic ties. It will be of great benefit to VCU to act as the coordination center of the new MERC initiatives that will benefit from international research and education collaboration with VCU.

Dr. El- Shall is a Professor of Chemistry and Chemical Engineering at VCU. He has published over 230 refereed papers and review chapters, and he holds eight US patents on the synthesis of nanomaterials, nanoalloys, nanoparticle catalysts, graphene, and graphene-supported catalysts. Dr. El- Shall received the Exxon Education Award in 1994 and 1995; the Outstanding Faculty Award of the State Council of Higher Education of Virginia (SCHEV), Virginia’s highest faculty honor in 1999. He was selected as a Jefferson Science Fellow and worked as a Senior Science Advisor at the U.S. Department of State in 2012-2013.

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